

SIA Awards Local Environmentalists

Two outstanding members of the West Lafayette Go Greener Commission, Lindsey Payne and Heather Gall-Preisendanz, were recognized by SIA for their significant environmental contributions to the community. Both women exemplify the spirit of environmental stewardship in their professional and personal lives. SIA gave each award winner \$500 to donate to non-profits of their choice.



Art on the Wabash | A juried local artists' fair

Experience art up close and personal at Art on the Wabash on Sunday, September 15 from 10 am – 4 pm at Tapawingo Park. Discover the inspirations behind the unique artwork by speaking with the artists, an opportunity not always available in larger venues. Items are for sale.



Returning artists, Mike Altman and Kirstin Eismín (Cincinnati, OH), will join the regional artists whose works were selected to represent the 15-county juried fair. Food from the Parthenon and Greyhouse Coffee, wine from Whyte Horse Winery, and live music from local performers complete the picture perfect day.

Jeff Boswell

Mike Altman

Art is the only way to run away without leaving home.

Twyla Tharp

Starry Night Festival

Enjoy a fun autumn evening under the stars with music, art, and hands-on activities designed to inspire creativity and community while promoting literacy awareness. The free festival, sponsored by Campus House, attracts both students and

long-time residents alike. Starry Night is held near Greyhouse Coffee on South Street and Northwestern Avenue on Saturday, September 21 from 7 pm – midnight. See www.starrynightfestival.com for the event's schedule.

.1K

Come take part in a race everyone can finish Saturday, September 21, 11:30 am check-in and 1 pm start at Rubia Flower Market. Walk, run, hop or do it all backwards to the finishline at Nine Irish Brothers (just steps away). Proceeds benefits the YWCA of Greater Lafayette Women's Cancer Program. Register at: www.ywcalafayette.org/point1k

Purdue Boilermaker Half-Marathon and 5K

There's still time to train and register for the 2nd annual race to be held Saturday, October 19 at Purdue. The new route includes more campus and West Lafayette roads this year, and a runner's Expo on Friday, October 18 at Four Points by Sheraton from noon – 8 pm. For complete route and registration information for the event, visit www.purduehalf.com.

City News

NEW HIRES

Ashley Ancil
Wastewater Treatment Utility | P-T Lab Technician

Corban Murphy
Wastewater Treatment Utility | Facility Operator

William "Buck" Scott
Wastewater Treatment Utility | Facility Operator

Bess Witcosky

Parks and Recreation Department | Morton Community Center Director

Bradley Young

Parks and Recreation Department | Maintenance Technician II

RETIREMENTS

Brenda Lorenz

Parks and Recreation Department | Morton Community Center Director

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Committed to Going Greener



Let's Go Event Calendar

Wednesdays in the Wild

Wednesdays | Lilly Nature Center
www.wl.in.gov/parks

Beers Across the Wabash

Saturday | August 24 | 1 – 5 pm
Myers Pedestrian Bridge

Uptown Jazz and Blues Festival

Saturday | August 24 | 5 pm – midnight
Downtown Lafayette

Global Fest

Saturday | August 31 | 10 am – 9 pm
Morton Community Center

Mosey Down Main Street

Saturday | August 31 | 6 pm – midnight
Downtown Lafayette

Art on the Wabash a local artists' fair

Sunday | September 15 | 10 am – 4 pm
Tapawingo Park

.1K

Saturday | September 21 | Check-in 11:30 AM | Start time 1 pm
Rubia Flower Market parking lot

Starry Night Arts and Music Festival

Saturday | September 21 | 7 pm – midnight | South Street & Northwestern
www.starrynightfestival.com

Feast of the Hunters' Moon

Saturday | October 5 | 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday | October 6 | 9 am – 4 pm
Fort Ouiatenon

Purdue Boilermaker Half-Marathon and 5K

Saturday | October 19 |
Ross-Ade Stadium
www.purduehalf.com

City Hall Closed

September 2 | Labor Day
November 11 | Veterans' Day
November 28-29 | Thanksgiving
December 24-25 | Christmas
January 1 | New Year's Day

Drug Drop-Off

Thursdays | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
September 12 | October 10
November 14 | December 12
West Lafayette Police Station

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WEST LAFAYETTE

CONNECTION



Mayor John Dennis at construction of US 231

Time for a Cool Change

Mayor John Dennis

The timing couldn't be better. In fact, we have "the perfect storm" for economic development. We have in West Lafayette what few other communities can offer: a healthy and modern infrastructure, thanks to the diligent efforts of our city departments; a world-class university which attracts the best and brightest faculty and students; and a premier research park that gives legs to cutting-edge ideas destined to impact the future. These key elements, along with our willingness to invest in new businesses in an idea economy, cultivate a fertile environment for growth.

Our planned annexation – primarily taking in Purdue University and land owned by Purdue Research Foundation – will transform our community. We can offer resources and opportunities to attract innovative thinkers and businesses to our City and retain Purdue graduates whose education and training make them an invaluable workforce. The bottom line is that annexation, which focuses on smart growth and strong partnerships, can grow our economy by keeping and creating high-tech jobs. If you build it, they will come.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement, and success have no meaning." We are poised for progress, but a thoughtful one. We heard the concerns of citizens and revised the initial annexation plan, and will continue to listen to your concerns as we proceed. Change in the status quo may be unsettling for some, but as John Wooden of Purdue fame stated, "We can have no progress without change, whether it be basketball or anything else."

You can feel the excitement in the air. We've never had so much going on with all the construction projects running at full tilt, coupled with the return of the Purdue students. I'm looking forward to meeting them at Meet and Greet and Boiler Gold Rush to personally welcome them to our City. I have faith that with all the win-win features of the annexation and the positive implications for our future - this will truly be a cool change for West Lafayette.



Bike Safety is a Two-Way Street

In an effort to encourage safer bicycling throughout the city, a new ordinance was passed requiring that a motor vehicle may only pass a bicyclist when there is a safe distance to do so, with a clearance of no less than three (3) feet between the bicycle and the vehicle. Although bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as a car, the use of bike lanes is recommended for maximum safety for all concerned. Safety and courtesy on the road will get you where you want to go!

Conversation with the Mayor

What prompted you to pursue this annexation plan?

As one of the most densely populated cities in Indiana, we simply are running out of room. As stewards of our community and its future, we must responsibly manage our future growth and economic development opportunities to help ensure West Lafayette's continued success. Information has been shared, opinions expressed, voices heard and actions taken, all designed to maximize results to achieve strategic growth and beneficial opportunities for the entire community and the State of Indiana.

Are there annexation goals?

Forward-thinking ones! We want to:

- promote private investment on the west side that fits the personality of the community
- help redefine Indiana's economy by capturing the intellectual capital found at Purdue and Purdue Research Foundation and give those ideas room to grow
- transform Indiana to an idea economy where 21st century careers are born by transferring innovative technology from ideas to products and services
- retain great minds found at Purdue University by providing them room to expand, thereby enhancing West Lafayette's attractiveness as a home for Purdue graduates and entrepreneurs
- provide a distinct gateway via US 231 to West Lafayette and Purdue University for significant growth opportunities.

What are the benefits of annexation?

West Lafayette, Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation are one extraordinary community. Through the close relationship of our three entities, we are linking

our efforts to create dynamic growth with the bigger state goal of bringing and keeping more high tech jobs here.

We want to elevate the local, regional, national and international brand of the City, Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation, including improved identity along I-65 where more than 20 million people pass the current Exit 178 each year and see the misnomer "Purdue Stadium."

Having a state highway – US 231 – as a brand new gateway leading folks directly into West Lafayette and to Purdue University and PRF is a critical component of our plans. We believe an internationally-renowned university and a unique research park filled with creative entrepreneurs located in a progressive, high quality-of-life community surrounded by all types of positive economic development opportunities is an unbeatable combination.

As annexation plans move forward, what do you want West Lafayette residents to know?

Annexation is first and foremost a community-driven initiative. We formed our plans with the benefit of our entire community in mind, including the neighborhoods originally involved. Citizen voice and democracy in action are paramount in our process. In outlining our initial plans, we heard from a contingent of residents who did not want their neighborhoods annexed.

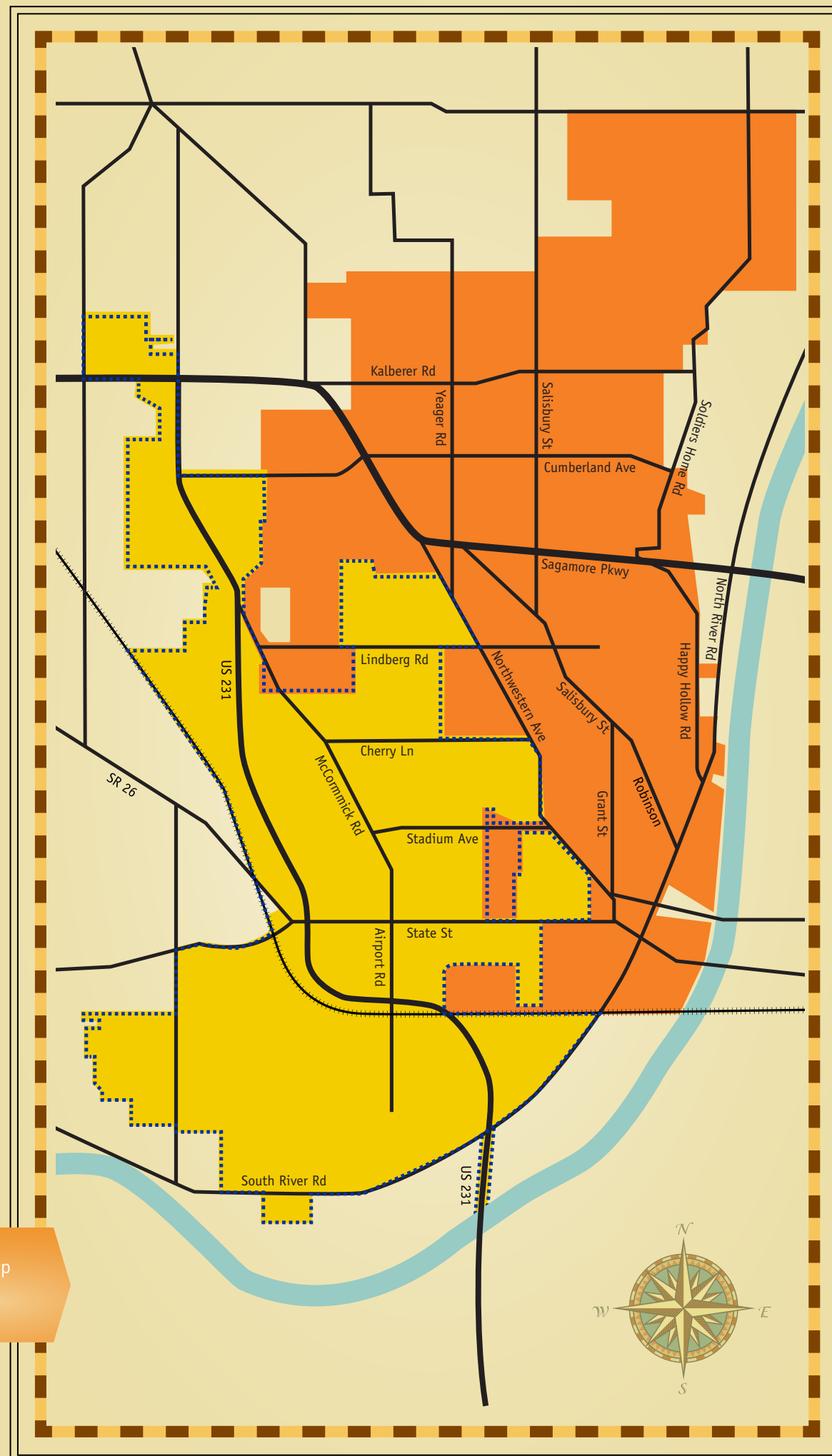
As promised, we listened to our constituents and acted accordingly. In June, I requested our City Council to approve a revised annexation map and ordinance amendment eliminating almost all of the previously included neighborhoods. In early July, our Councilors voted unanimously to approve the revised map and amendment. This step allows us now to focus solely on the US 231 Corridor as the key ingredient in our community's economic development future.

paggers, news releases, links to interviews, the existing fiscal plan and a tax calculator

- Mayor Dennis and Development Director Chandler Poole were interviewed on local and statewide media outlets including the Journal & Courier, WLFJ, the Purdue Exponent, WBAA, Inside INdiana Business, and WFYI News
- meetings and numerous conversations were held between City officials and neighbors
- based on affected residents' feedback, the ordinance was amended and a revised map was approved by the City Council July 1, removing all but one neighborhood.

What's Next

- a revised fiscal plan is being created based on the amended annexation area
- a public hearing notice will be sent via certified mail to remaining property owners in the reconfigured area at least 60 days prior to the public hearing date (TBD)
- second reading of the annexation ordinance will be held during a future Council meeting
- ordinance may be adopted at least 30 days but not more than 60 days following the public hearing
- once the adopted ordinance is published, a 90-day remonstrance period begins and if no remonstrance is filed, the annexation takes effect in 2014.



LEGEND

- West Lafayette Corp
- Annexation Area

What's Happened So Far

- ordinance was introduced to adopt a fiscal plan and annex the US 231 Corridor at the May 20 City Council meeting; ordinance passed on first reading so annexation discussions could continue
- US 231 Corridor Annexation Fiscal Plan was created outlining projected expenses and revenues of initial annexation plans
- various communication tools were shared including a section on the City's Web site dedicated to annexation: www.westlafayette.in.gov/annexation listing a map of the proposed annexation area, informational one-

Engineering Updates

Thanks for your patience with this year's construction projects. You'll like the improvements! Here's what's next:

Northwestern Avenue improvements include the installation of storm sewers and curbs between Lindberg and Yeager Roads. The sidewalk on the east side of the road will be constructed before the trail on the west side is built. Landscaping for the raised medians will be installed in September.

Sidewalk and curb improvements were made along both Lutz Avenue and Maple Street this summer with CDBG funds.

Future Salisbury Street improvements between Rainbow and Sagamore Parkway are currently being prepared, with the construction phase planned for the summer of 2014.

Happy Hollow Road improvements stretching between River Road and Soldiers Home Road will be an ongoing project from the summer of 2014 to the fall of 2015.

Cumberland Avenue Phase III is in the survey process for the third and final stage of the project, with construction slated for 2015.

Pending stormwater user fees will be in effect in January of 2014. The user fee will be charged to all property owners, both residential and non-residential. Residential property will be charged \$8/month; non-residential charges will depend on the amount of impervious areas. For questions regarding the fee, please feel free to call the Engineering Department, [765] 775-5130.



A good neighbor is a fellow who smiles at you over the back fence, but doesn't climb over it.
Arthur Baer

Don't Trash Your Grass

Grass clippings are no longer accepted in trash pickup, according to the newly revised trash fee ordinance; however, leaf collection will still be available in October.



In addition to yard waste, the monthly fee of \$16 includes weekly curbside pickup of trash, unwanted furniture or other large items weighing less than 45 pounds, and recycling. Use your new 48-gallon cart for convenient pickup of mixed recyclables to help lighten the landfill load.

Hello Neighbor!

Purdue Meet and Greet is coming to the near-campus neighborhoods of New Chauncey, Hills and Dales, and Northwestern Heights on Tuesday evening, August 27.

This outreach of the Community Partnership Team welcomes students to the community, informs them of their rights and responsibilities, and provides helpful tips and information on how to be a good neighbor, including the popular, "How to Host a Party Without Getting Busted" refrigerator magnet.

The Community Partnership Team includes university administrators, students, and police who regularly partner with city staff and citizens on a variety of collaborative programs and projects in West Lafayette. Volunteers are welcome to join the meet and greet team. Meet in the atrium of Armstrong Hall at 5:30 pm.



Out on a Limb

Do you have ash trees on your property? If they are city street trees that are dying due to emerald ash borer, call Greenspace Administrator Bev Shaw at 775-5161. To learn more about EAB, see www.extension.entm.purdue.edu/EAB/. Donations to the WL Tree Fund are greatly appreciated to help replace city trees!