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TREE LAFAYETTE ANNUAL MEETING

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Duke Energy Foundation Supports Tree Lafayette Projects

Tree Lafayette is pleased to announce that we are the recipient of a very generous grant from the Duke Energy Foundation. This grant will help fund our fall tree planting (of over 100 trees along various streets of Lafayette) and fund our 2020 Arbor Day celebration on May 2, 2020, when we will plant over 60 trees along Shenandoah Drive.

Thank you, Duke Energy Foundation, and thank you, local Duke Energy manager Mr. Dan Rhodes for your support and community spirit. We are very grateful! ◆

All Tree Lafayette friends, neighbors and volunteers...Mark your calendar for the May 2, 2020 Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Planting!



Our **Fall Tree Identification Walk** attracted a good crowd of attendees on Wednesday evening, October 9th. Greg Shaner led the tour around the Tippecanoe County Public Library as students and adults enjoyed learning about 17 different tree species. •

A Word from Our Executive Director >>>

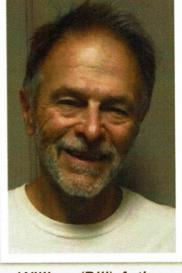
Lafayette, a Tree City USA

We anticipate 2020 will be the 28th consecutive year that Lafayette has been awarded a "Tree City USA" designation by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is a tribute to our city leadership and staff, and to our community members, all of whom value trees in our urban landscape.

Tree Lafayette plays a role in this award, in that we hold our annual Arbor Day celebration in the spring, and our yearly budget of about \$60K allows us to plant typically 300 trees annually and educate our community's youth and adults about trees.

We could not carry out our mission without membership support and foundation grants. In the latter category, helping to fund our activity this year has been major grants from Tipmont Envirowatts, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (in the form of a Community & Urban Forestry grant), the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, and Lafayette Life Foundation. And we just received notice of a very significant grant, the largest in our history, from the Duke Energy Foundation, that will help fund our fall planting of over 100 trees and entirely fund our Arbor Day 2020 celebration. We thank these community partners, so vital to keeping our environment green.

But even the largest trees in our city were once small saplings. The point being, every bit of support we receive is significant. If you have not renewed your membership with us this year, please consider doing so. With all of us helping Mayor Roswarski, City Forester Tim Detzner, and our dedicated city staff, we can ensure Lafayette will continue to be a Tree City USA for years to come.



William (Bill) Arthur

Tree Lafayette
Executive Director

Thanks to all.

Bill Arthur,

Executive Director Tree Lafayette

Help Tree Lafayette prune and water our street trees!

Did you know that *Tree Lafayette* volunteers prune City of Lafayette street trees, or that our volunteer's water newly planted trees through their third year after planting? Would you like to be a volunteer that can drive down a city street and say, "I helped prune the trees on this street?" We can help you achieve that sense of community and satisfaction as a volunteer for *Tree Lafayette*.

Volunteers prune and water trees every Wednesday morning from 8:15 am until 11 am during the growing season. *Watering Wednesday's* happen when Lafayette has received less than one inch of rain for the week.

On the first Saturday morning of each month, volunteers also prune street trees from 9 am until 12 noon. Our volunteers are usually active pruning and watering trees from early May through mid-November each year.

Through September in 2019, our volunteers have pruned 990 city street trees, watered 2,341 trees, and mulched 665 trees. To keep up our good work, we always welcome new volunteers! Our experienced volunteers are helped by Lafayette's City Forester, Tim Detzner, to train new volunteers.

Many thanks to our volunteers who help as often as they can. In no particular order, kudos go out to Larry Rose, Arlan Stavenheim, John Slaven, Greg Shaner, Sam Biederstedt, Rich McDaniel, Bob Massey, John McGraw, Shirley Sterling, Gene Kroeschen, Pat Rosebrock, Bill Arthur, Barry Bruce, and special thanks to our City Forester, Tim Detzner.

If you are interested in helping prune, water, and care for our city street trees, and helping Tree Lafayette maintain our status as a *Tree City USA*, please contact Larry Rose at <u>larry@treelafayette.org</u>, or call 765-449-7908. ◆



...A HIT WITH LOCAL RUNNERS!

A BIG *Thank You* goes out to those who helped make this year's run a success... Bellinger's Professional Grounds,

Horizon Bank.

McCov Law Firm, and

Security Federal Savings Bank

for your generous financial sponsorship...

Glorify Creations

for the wonderful graphic design work...

The Franklin Finish

for your professional services with managing the race... and to all the runners, walkers and volunteers... We appreciate you!

For all runner's times, visit www.franklinfinish.com for results.



All runners placing first in their age group received custom Tree Lafavette awards.



Volunteers and runners experienced great weather for this year's race.



Congratulations to top male and female runners for this year's race!

Gerry Van Horn with a time of 17:11.3 Miranda Belcher with a time of 18:12.0



Even Tree Lafayette Treasurer, Mickey Penrod, joined in on the fun.

You are cordially invited to the Tree Lafayette Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Chad Evans, WLFI Chief Meteorologist

Lafayette Country Club 1500 S 9th St, Lafayette, IN 47905

11:30-1:00 pm

Attendees • \$30 (Payable at the door)

Please RSVP no later than Nov. 6th by emailing your reservation to info@TreeLafayette.org.

"Fall Splendor"

I love the fall, for all its flavor, and all its splendor.

Oh, it is nice to stop and to listen to the wind, as it bristles through the trees and the leaves.

It is nice to stop and listen, and then to watch the sun glisten, and cast its golden shadows of the fall.

With great anticipation, and fascination, I await the changing of colors, a miracle of nature that never loses its allure, always inviting you to pause and see more.

The colors never last long enough before the stillness of winter sets in, but the nature of miracles is short lived.

Jen Streisand September 2017

ANNUAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Tree Lafayette is making an impact in area schools

This year Tree Lafayette attended 19 classes with over 740 students in local third grade classrooms. Committee chairwoman, Laura Sietsma, created a presentation which connects students with "Planet Earth" and what the effects of our everyday living are having on our atmosphere. Planting trees is a solution to lower the CO₂ impacts. For every 40 students we then plant a tree on the school grounds. We thank our donors and supporters. •

Our Vision

Tree Lafayette's vision is a green and beautiful urban landscape in our community.

Our Mission

Tree Lafayette promotes a healthy community by providing education, leadership, and inspiration in planting and caring for trees.

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