

OUR MISSION

**TREE LAFAYETTE
PROMOTES A HEALTHY
COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING
EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP
AND INSPIRATION IN
PLANTING AND CARING FOR
TREES.**



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ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Although our outdoor activities are temporarily curtailed during the winter months, our planning efforts are in high gear as we prepare for the upcoming growing season. At this time, however, it is appropriate to pause the planning and say thank you to all of our supporters and volunteers, our partners and friends, and our committee and board members. You are the people that make Tree Lafayette possible, and keep our urban landscape green and healthy. The projects would not be planned, nor would the trees be purchased, planted and pruned, without your help and many volunteers working together.

In the next few pages we pay tribute, and celebrate another very successful year of “..providing education, leadership and inspiration in the planting and caring for trees.”

Thank you, one and all, for your support of Tree Lafayette, and for your passion for a green environment. What we do is backed by you, a very generous community, for which we are extremely grateful.

Bill Arthur, Executive Director



Students at Miller elementary planted two trees on their grounds this past fall.

Tree Lafayette made 17 classroom presentations and planted 13 trees at ten area elementary schools in 2019.

Operations Support

Individual Donors	
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Businesses, Organizations, and Foundations

Restricted Grants and Support

Duke Energy Foundation	Fairfield Township
Tipmont REMC EnviroWatts	Lafayette Life Foundation, Inc.
Subaru of Indiana Automotive	City of Lafayette
Indiana DNR Community & Urban Forestry	Lafayette West Lafayette Urban Forest Endowment
Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette	Wabash River Enhancement Corporation
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Unrestricted Grants and Support

Arbor Care	Security Federal Savings Bank
Arni's	State Farm Companies Foundation
Bob RohrmanToyota	Henry Poor Lumber Company
Ludo Fact USA LLC	The Mitchell Agency, Inc.
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Purdue Federal Credit Union	Warehouse of Lafayette LLC
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Old National Bank	Szechuan Garden
Risk Family Foundation	Walmart SR26
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Homeowners & Neighborhood Associations

Mill Creek Homeowners Association	Highland Park Neighborhood Association
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Tree Lafayette Endowment *in Honor of Larry L. Rose*

Mr. & Mrs. Norbert A. & Carolyn S. Fisher	Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Coralie Shaner
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Memorials

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur & Beverly Hancock, in memory and honor of Sonya Margerum.	
Mr. & Mrs. Lon Heide, in memory of Cole C. Heide.	
Mr. Daniel Shaw, in memory of Keith Shaw.	
Mr. Ralph G. Smith, in memory of Barbara and Susie Smith.	
Mr. & Mrs. Gary W. and Barbara G. Tyner, in memory of Keith Shaw.	
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Tree Lafayette Income & Expense Statement 2019				
Operations				
Opening Balance 1/1/2019		\$30,542.92		
<u>Income</u>			<u>Expense</u>	
Support	13,349.75		Development	100.61
Grants_Restricted	60,756.00		Tree	57,980.65
Grants_Unrestricted	7,899.43		Education	1,472.00
Interest	36.32		Marketing	12,224.66
Misc_Income	2,954.05		Governance	3,013.79
Total Income	84,995.55		Total Expense	74,791.71
Closing Balance 12/31/2019		\$40,746.76		

The Tree Lafayette Endowment *in Honor of Larry L. Rose* is held by the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette. At the end of the 3rd quarter of 2019 (most recent update) it had value of \$161,622. The yield from our endowment is used by Tree Lafayette to maintain the trees we plant and to replace damaged or diseased trees.

Our operations financial position at the end of 2019 was, and still is, very healthy. Almost half of our year ending balance is earmarked for our Arbor Day 2020 planting, funded by a very sizeable grant from the Duke Energy Foundation (our largest grant ever!). Thank you Dan Rhodes and Duke Energy.

At our **Annual Meeting on November 13th, 2019**, we honored the following supporters and award winners:

5 Year Donors

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| Senator Ron Alting | Joanne Fortune | Tom & Susan Freeman |
| Wilbur & Beverly Hancock | Mickey Penrod | David & Laura Sietsma |
| Gene Kroeschen | James & Liz Solberg | Old National Bank |
| Highland Park Neighborhood Association | Lafayette West Lafayette Urban Forest Endowment | |

10 Year Donors

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| Emil Venere & Jenifer Streisand | Elaine Bold | Donal & Kristen Carlston |
| Purdue Federal Credit Union | Evonik Corporation, Tippecanoe Laboratories | |

Volunteers of the Year: Bob Massey and John McGraw, for their great help in watering during the summer months, and pruning in the fall.

Environmentalist of the Year: Lafayette Renew, for their dedication to preventing pollution in our waterways.

Preservationist of the Year: City of Lafayette, for saving the trees on Beck Lane near Edgelea School.

President's Award: Chad Evans, for his dedication to growing native oak trees and other species. (And we thank Chad for his wonderful presentation at our annual meeting.)



L to R, Parks & Rec Mike Parry, City Forester Tim Detzner, ReNew's Angie Andrews, Mayor Tony Roswarski

Committees – Tree Lafayette’s committees are the working arms of the organization. A recap of our committee 2019 activity follows.



The **Education Committee** had an active year, making a total of 17 classroom presentations in ten local Elementary schools to over 700 3rd graders, about the value of trees in our environment. The school children energetically planted 13 trees on their school grounds (with the help of the Tree Committee). Also, Education held two adult seminars, in the spring on “how to plant a tree” and in the fall, a tree identification walk, and promoted trees and environmental awareness at Riverfest. Thank

you committee chair Laura Sietsma, and members Mickey Penrod, Greg Shaner, Larry Rose, and Sam Biederstedt, and we thank education sponsors Lafayette Life and Tipmont REMC Envirowatts.

Our **Marketing Committee**, chaired by Ingrid Rounds Hardy, was instrumental in another successful Arbor Day, produced our spring and fall newsletters, actively promoted Tree Lafayette at various public events and volunteer callouts, and held our Woodland Trail Run/Walk in Murdock Park in the fall. Active committee members included Ingrid, Marti Sackett, Mike Perry, Alex Hancock, Megan Vlssering, Gene Kroeschen, Jeri Massey and Larry Rose.



Woodland Trail Run Runners!



It was a very successful year for our **Development Committee**, collecting major grants and support from the Duke Energy Foundation (photo left), Tipmont REMC Envirowatts, Subaru Indiana of America, the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, Indiana DNR Community and Urban Forestry, Fairfield Township, the Lafayette Life Foundation and the Risk Family Foundation. We thank these and all our sponsors, and committee members Mickey Penrod, Larry Rose, Bill Arthur and Tim Lacey.

The **Tree Committee** was, once again, very active, planning our major tree plantings, including Earth Day, Arbor Day, the Maplewood Heights project, SIA Tree Planting at Firehouse #9 (photo right), spring and fall in-fill (replacement) plantings, as well as watering, pruning, staking and mulching. In all, close to 5,000 trees were serviced in 2019. This energetic committee, chaired by Larry Rose, includes John Slaven, Sam Biederstedt, Bill Skrobutt, Gene Kroeschen, Rich McDaniel, Pat Rosebrock, Arlan Stavnheim, Tim Detzner, Shirley Sterling, Greg Shaner and Eric Summerfield. Additional volunteers include Jenelle Rotar, Barry Bruce, Nick May, Bruce Bresnahan, and John McGraw. Thank you all!



Save the Dates!!

Earth Day, April 22nd, 2020, Seventh St between Lingle Terrace and Kossuth, 19 trees to plant!

Arbor Day, May 2nd, 2020, Shenandoah Drive, near Rome Drive, 63 trees to plant.

Volunteers needed for both events. For details and registration, go to www.treelafayette.org.

Our Team, Our Partners

Our successes in 2019 would not have been possible without major support from: the Duke Energy Foundation; Tipmont REMC; Subaru Indiana of America; the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Community and Urban Forestry assistance grant; and the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette.

The City of Lafayette covers our insurance expenses, and we thank Mayor Roswarski and his staff, along with the citizens of Lafayette, for this support. Speaking of the City, we work closely with the Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department, and we send out special thanks to Mike Perry, Garrett Gaskings, Quentin Smith, Dana Rhodes and the entire department for their support. Lastly, The

Lafayette City Forester, Tim Detzner, is a vital part of our team, and we thank Tim for his dedication to our community and for our partnering opportunities.

In closing, to the left we list our board of directors, donors of their time and talent on a regular basis towards improving the quality of Tree Lafayette and carrying out our mission. Stepping off our board at the end of 2019 were Ingrid Rounds Hardy and Mickey Penrod. We thank them for their dedicated service!

If being on a committee or joining our dedicated working board interests you, we would love to discuss with you opportunities to serve. Contact us at info@treelafayette.org.

**2020 Tree Lafayette
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