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WEST LAFAYETTE TREE FRIENDS PARTNER with ARBOR CHASE HOA



On August 18th and 25th, the Tree Friends joined residents of Arbor Chase for a few hours to prune the many young trees within the neighborhood. Due to the above average rainfall West Lafayette has experienced this summer, tree growth has exploded throughout the community, especially our young trees. Though this is a good problem to have, proper pruning is needed while young to train these trees for better form and health. Often, limbs have shoots rising to the center of the growing tree, which can overlap and grow into other limbs, clogging air flow, blocking sunlight, and weakening the structure of the tree. Performing pruning techniques, such as crown thinning, can help remove limbs that grow inward and other limbs that weaken a tree's structure. We also prune the lower limbs to allow for better vehicle and pedestrian passage, keeping limbs out of the road and sidewalks. The goal will be to continue to monitor the trees in

Arbor Chase and prune until the limbs are 15-20 feet above the roads and sidewalks. Want to join in on the fun? No pruning experience? No problem; we can show you the ropes. For more information, feel free to contact Bryce Patz, Neighborhood Vitality, at bpatz@wl.in.gov or 765-775-5170.



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TRIBUTE TREES ARE GROWING

The West Lafayette Tree Friends' Tribute Tree program began in 2015 as a service to the community (see <https://wltreefriends.org/tribute-trees/>), helping people recognize friends and loved ones by donating a Tribute Tree in their honor. Since that time, twenty six tribute trees have been planted in West Lafayette to memorialize a loved one, to thank a person for his or her contributions to an organization, or just to say we love you. Elms, Oaks, Sycamores, Sweet Gums, Bald Cypress, and other trees now grace our city's streets and trails, carrying memories for our donors and enriching our city's environment and landscape. Small Tulip Tree leaf plaques also are hung in many of these tribute trees with personal and poignant messages that have been crafted by the donors. The plaque shown here is attached to my mother's tribute tree and I often look at it when passing by. If you have an occasion where you would like to honor a person, or group, think about planting a tribute tree. They are a beautiful and enduring gesture, help our urban forest flourish, and contribute in many ways to the well-being of our city. Just click on the link above to get all the information you need.



TREE TRIAL on KALBERER

Thanks in part to the generosity of the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, starting in 2013, Tree Friends began planting different tree cultivars of trees to see which might be suited to the climate and soil of this area. With the continuing loss of ash trees throughout the area, there is a need to have a more diverse group of trees that will do well in our part of the state. Trees are planted along the south side of Kalberer Road from the entrance to the Parks parking lot (by the community garden) to west of Yeager Road by the Purdue Research Park. Each tree has an information tag attached to provide people with identification. Today, there are 38 trees currently "on trial" as we begin to take seasonal measurements to better monitor how these cultivars are performing in tough urban conditions. There are also plans to construct a kiosk with more detailed information about the trees in the coming months. For more information, contact the Tree Friends on Facebook, or email at city@wltreefriends.org.



'Little Volunteer' Tulip Tree

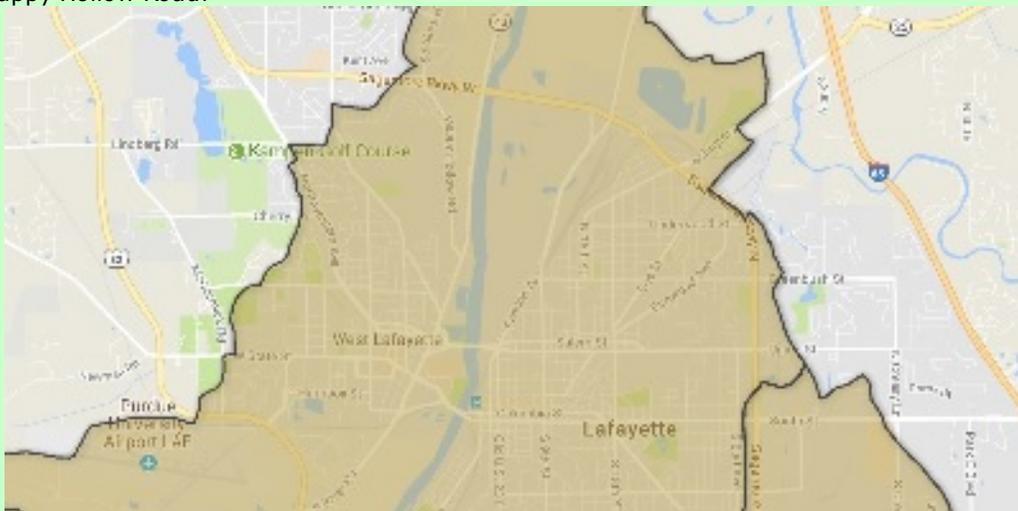


'Appalachian Red' Redbud

OPERATION RELIEF Tree Replacement Program

Each spring and fall, the West Lafayette Tree Friends and the City of West Lafayette partner up to plant trees within the city's right-of-way, often to replace the hundreds of ash trees that have been removed due to the emerald ash borer. This fall will be a little different, as we will be planting along the reconstructed Happy Hollow Road, a roadway within the Wabash River watershed, as part of a grant awarded by the Wabash River Enhancement Cooperation earlier this year. What is unique about this planting is that we aim to highlight the importance of trees with stormwater retention, especially with the above average rainfall we have received this year.

Historically, Happy Hollow Road has faced many environmental challenges due to its topography, such as erosion issues. With the recent roadway improvements, a new trail with a tree lawn has been installed running from Chippewa Street to Happy Hollow Park. Adding trees within the new tree lawn can greatly aid in the battle of erosion along Happy Hollow Road by reducing the amount of stormwater runoff from entering nearby waterways. According to the National Tree Benefit Calculator, one deciduous tree at 2" in diameter can store up to 45 gallons of rainwater and provide overall added value of \$7.00 to the community. One evergreen tree at 2" in diameter intercepts 76 gallons of rainwater and provides an approximate value of \$11.00 to the community. Immediately, this project will conserve 4,220 gallons of stormwater runoff and add a grand total of \$640.00 of added value to the community. Be on the lookout this fall for our hard-working trees on Happy Hollow Road!



EMERGENCY TREE (E T) SQUAD UPDATE

About six years ago, WLTF recognized a need for a quick response for unexpected tree damage to W L street trees throughout the year, in addition to the spring and fall prunnings. Thus was born the E T Squad, a volunteer community service. Within one to two days after damage to the street tree is reported, repair pruning can be completed. Contact Bryce Patz, W L Neighborhood Vitality for more information: bpatz@wl.in.gov or 765-775-5170.

Meet Two Tree Friends, Jane and Frank Kovach

Jane Kovach and her husband, Frank, have lived in West Lafayette for 26 years. Jane is retired from Purdue and Frank is a Merck Laboratory retiree. They joined Tree Friends about two months ago and have actively pruned in Arbor Chase and other sites. The couple does not enjoy gardening as much as they enjoy pruning trees. Jane prefers pruning over garden weeding because once you "finish pruning you do not have to return to the shrub or bush for a long interval; but, those weeds require more frequent sweat and toil." For more information about pruning and joining West Lafayette Tree Friends contact city@wltreefriends.org.



Other events of interest

Tuesday, 10/10/17 - West Lafayette Tree Friends monthly meeting, WL Public Library.
All are welcome

FYI - Indiana Division of Forestry Spring tree Seedling Orders: ordering Begins Oct. 2 for spring 2018, on line, by mail, by phone, or fax. For order form go to <http://www.inforestry.com>.
Phone: 812-358-3621
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Address: 2782 W. CR 540 S., Vallonia, IN 47281

NEVER SAY THERE IS NOTHING BEAUTIFUL IN THE WORLD ANYMORE. THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU WONDER IN THE SHAPE OF A TREE, THE TREMBLING OF A LEAF.
Albert Schweitzer



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