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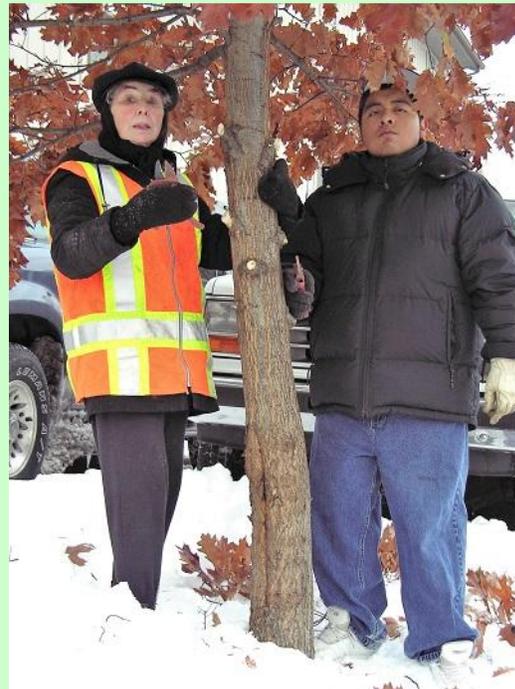
Tree News You Can Use

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INAUGURAL LILLICH LECTURE

The Climate of Change

Helen Lillich, founder of the West Lafayette Tree Friends and known as "The Tree Lady," was a passionate advocate for the importance of trees for healthy and vibrant communities. From rounding up volunteers to campaigning in city hall, Lillich used her passion to create a "climate of change." This year, the West Lafayette Tree Friends honor her legacy by hosting the first Lillich Lecture Series, which will tackle the issue of climate change. How has our changing climate affected tree stewardship in our community? Are only some tree species affected by climate change? What tree species should stewards and the green industry be using for a more sustainable future? Join us on **Wednesday, January 31, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** at the Lilly Nature Center for great discussion on these questions, for lunch/refreshments, and more!



For more information on the speakers, [click here](#).
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DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

One of the major functions of the WL Tree Friends is raising funds to assist the City in planting, pruning, and protecting the urban forest, specifically the street trees. Funds are also received to sponsor Tribute Trees, trees planted in honor of or in memory of individuals. Our fund-raising

year begins in November and runs through the following October.

To donate and/or see a list of donors go to the [Donate page](#) on our web site.

THANK YOU to all of you who contribute so greatly to the beauty and environmental stability of our community!

TREE SWEATERS PROTECT YOUNG TREES

Once again, for the fourth year, WL Tree Friends wrapped young street trees near Purdue campus with colorful knit or crochet sweaters and humorous tags, urging passers-by to value and respect the young trees. Happily, considerable reduction in broken trunks and branches has resulted.



CHANGING OF THE CHAIRS



Bill Evers-Chair
2016-2017

WL Tree Friends offer a hearty Thank You to Bill Evers, outgoing Chair, for excellent leadership of our volunteer group. His guidance and direction in the past two years have been invaluable, and we look forward to his continued involvement as we plant, prune, and protect the WL urban forest.

Taking the helm as Chair in 2018 is Steve Green, a longtime volunteer and valued member of WLTF as well as the community. Steve was the recipient of West Lafayette Volunteer Recognition Award in 2016. We look forward to his leadership and wry sense of humor.



Steve Green-Chair 2018-
2019

WE MISS YOU, JOHN MACDONALD AND ROGER SHAW

John MacDonald, Professor Emeritus of Entomology at Purdue and a very active Tree Friend, died in December 2017. During his outstanding career at Purdue, spanning 1976-2003, he received an Appreciation Award from the Tippecanoe County Board of Health for his work in mosquito control. He also taught a variety of courses at the Lilly Nature Center for Wednesdays in the Wild and worked at Capitol Reef National Park giving Ranger talks and doing water quality research.



John was a member of the WL Park Board from 2010 to 2017. He joined the WL Tree Friends in 2009, was an avid pruner, and teamed with Don Wood on the emergency Tree Squad (ET). Those two "kindred spirits" worked with good humor and high energy to deal with tree emergencies in many WL neighborhoods. In 2013 they were named Outstanding Community

Volunteers by WL Mayor John Dennis.



Don Wood and John MacDonal



Beverly and Roger Shaw

When he moved to West Lafayette, he loved pruning trees with the Tree Friends, singing with the Bach Chorale, playing tuba with the Lafayette Citizen's Band, and playing cello with family and friends. He was particularly pleased to volunteer with the WL Parks Department felling trees or clearing snags of trees downed in storms in our parks, especially in Happy Hollow. Pretty good work for an 80-year-old! He passed away in December and will be missed.

Roger Shaw, father of our prior Greenspace Administrator, Bev Shaw, was pretty much required to become a Tree Friend when he moved to West Lafayette two years ago! He was happy to do so, however, since he spent a lifetime loving the outdoors. A physicist, he spent much of his career in the St. Louis area. He retired at the age of 60 to Fraser, Colorado, where he immediately became involved in the area's land trust, wilderness group, barbershop chorale, and more. With a penchant for logic, (he felt exercise should be productive, not just time on a treadmill) and with ten acres of lodgepole pines, he spent twenty years in Colorado felling trees, especially with the arrival of the pine bark beetle.



JUST SAYING - VOLUNTEERS MATTER!

Volunteer hours for 2017 from WL Tree Friends totaled 871. That's a value of over \$20,000 to the City of West Lafayette according to State volunteer guidelines!

Upcoming Events

The inaugural Lillich Lecture - January 31 at the Lilly Nature Center from 11:00 - 2:00. To sign up, [click here](#).

WL Tree Friends meeting February 13 - at noon in the West Lafayette Public Library. Everyone welcome!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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