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## ARBOR DAY 2018



To celebrate Arbor Day WLTF and the City planted eight new trees on Lindbergh Road in W L. Twenty students and their teachers from Burgett's Learning Center were eager helpers. Mayor John Dennis read a proclamation encouraging "the appreciation, protection, renewal and sound management of our woodlands and urban settings, not only for our own benefit but for the benefit of future generations." He urged the children to remember the tree they helped to plant and watch it grow as they, too, are growing.



West Lafayette has been designated a Tree City USA for 27 years by the Arbor Day Foundation.



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## PLANTING A TREE?

Arbor Day is not only for planting street trees. Consider planting one or more trees where you live. The City of West Lafayette has published a *Tree Manual and Guide to the West Lafayette Landscape Ordinance*. This was reviewed in the March 2018 *Urban Leaves* edition, but is definitely worth featuring again. It contains a lot of practical information accompanied by illustrations, and lists of recommended trees for specific locations. You can find it at the WL Tree Friends website by clicking [here](#).

# TREE MANUAL

AND GUIDE TO THE  
WEST LAFAYETTE LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE



CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE

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## MEET A TREE FRIEND



Linda Eales joined the WL Tree Friends a couple of years ago and has become a very active member. She is also engaged in the broader West Lafayette community, serving on numerous boards. As Associate Curator of the Frank Lloyd Wright residence, Samara, in West Lafayette, she also manages the arboretum (another local treasure) on the property.

With the WL Tree Friends, Linda said her favorite activities are the pruning and watering days - caring for the trees recently planted. She is particularly fond of the knitted or crocheted "tree sweaters" that are attached to young trees in the WL

Village area each winter. The sweaters call attention to the trees, and the tags attached to the sweaters discourage vandalism, often in quite humorous ways. Thank you, Linda, for your contributions to the Tree Friends!

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## BLUE SPRUCES ARE AT RISK

Colorado blue spruces are a favorite in landscaping because of their beautiful color and shape. However, many such spruces in



Indiana are getting sick and dying because the climate and soils in Indiana are very different from their native habitat. This disease, known as needle cast disease is a fungal condition that results in the shedding of needles. Coniferous, or cone-bearing trees, are then at great risk because they cannot produce a second growth of needles after their initial spring growth.



For more on this topic, [click here](#) for an article from Purdue's Landscape Report.

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## TREE FRIENDS AT THE WL FARMERS MARKET

The City of West Lafayette has a booth at each Farmers Market with different City departments staffing the booth from week to week. This offers residents the opportunity to learn about different departments and to ask questions.

The Tree Friends function to assist the Green Space Administrator, Bryce Patz, in planting, pruning, and protecting the street trees. We will be at the WL City booth this year on May 16, July 18, and October 17.

Stop by to meet some Tree Friends, learn what's going on with trees in your community, and ask questions.



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## DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A major function 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 see the list of donors since November 2017 as well as the

list from November 2016 through October 2017, [click here](#). You may also make a donation from that site.

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

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## THANK YOU TO ANONYMOUS DONORS

WL Tree Friends were again invited to participate in the Earth Day Recycling Event sponsored by Russell Company and Reliable Insurance on Saturday, April 28. Community residents were able to drop off electronics, medications, and papers to be shredded. They were also invited to donate to the WL Tree Friends, and the donations totaled \$609.00!

Thank you to the donors and to Russell Company and Reliable Insurance!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The weekly WL Farmers Market continues on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 - 7:00 in Cumberland Park off North Salisbury Street through October.

May 16 - Visit the WL Tree Friends booth at the WL Farmers Market.

May 19 - Mind BOGging Event. A Family Nature Exploration Event at the Celery Bog Nature Area. Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Free.

June 12 - WL Tree Friends meeting. At noon, upstairs in the WL Public Library. Everyone is welcome.

June 23 - Art in Bloom in Hills and Dales, West Lafayette. From 10:00 to 2:00. Enjoy the gardens and the work of local artists. Free.

July 10 - WL Tree Friends meeting. At noon, upstairs in the WL Public Library. Everyone is welcome.

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