



New York Street in a 2011 planting in the Ellsworth-Romig Neighborhood, where plantings have reduced crime.

# Our Urban Forest

## Trees ‘Win Over’ Neighborhoods

### Trees Decrease Crime

In addition to their scientific benefits, such as decreasing overflow of water, providing more shade, reducing carbon dioxide in the air and improving air quality, it seems trees have social scientific benefits as well.

Planting trees help develop what is called “environmental design,” which means a more controlled and ordered neighborhood environ-

ment. A more ordered landscape in this way has been shown to bring people together more, and thus, reduce crime. The aesthetics of a tree-lined street, as opposed to a street with fewer trees and shrubs, will be a deterrent to vandals.

“Trees serve as crime-fighters,” writes Extension Horticulture Educator Larry Caplan, in his 2012 article entitled, “Trees are Crime-Fighting Super Heroes:

“Not by chasing down bad guys or

dropping a limb on evil-doers, but their very presence seems to help reduce certain types of criminal activity.”

The theory holds true for the Ellsworth-Romig neighborhood, where Tree Lafayette has coordinated several plantings with the neighborhood association.

“Since we started planting in 2010, our neighborhood crime has gone down,” says Gail Brock, Tree Lafayette president, and president, Ellsworth– Romig Neighborhood Association.

### Tree Lafayette Annual Meeting is Coming Up!

When we are not planting, we still celebrate trees. Join us for one such celebration—our Annual Meeting, when we get together for fellowship and food, and the latest and greatest news from Tree Lafayette.

The location is the Purdue Room at SGT. Preston’s of the North Bar and Restaurant, 6 North 2nd St. in Lafayette. Please park in the garage. Time is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

During the meeting, Aren Flint, urban forester with the Davey Resource Group of Ohio, will present a comprehensive summary of the four phases of the Lafayette Tree Inventory done by the City of Lafayette, in consultation with Tree Lafayette urban forestry advisor Belinda Kiger.

To make reservations, please contact Tree Lafayette Vice President Rob Pahl, at [pahlrc@gmail.com](mailto:pahlrc@gmail.com), or you can pay at the door. Cost is \$13.00 per person.

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**Annual Meeting**  
**November 13**  
**11:30 am.**



## 20 Years and 67 Trees: The Clockwork Perfection of Arbor Day

### By Joe Fowler, Tree Lafayette

One Hundred Thirty volunteers came out on May 4 to help us plant trees on Arbor Day. It was a cold and windy morning on the South side of Brady Lane between Sagamore Parkway and Concord Road, but the volunteers and Tree Lafayette members enjoyed the rugged conditions. We acknowledged our 20 years as an organization.

Similar to last year, many families were present: school children and their parents. Also in attendance were new Tree Lafayette supporters in addition to the familiar ones.

Tree Lafayette President Gail Brock observed, "I enjoyed the laughter and enthusiasm of all of our volunteers."

Another large part of Arbor Day was honoring Tree Lafayette Founder Arlan Stavnheim. The event was dedicated to him, and in her comments Brock compared him to different types of trees. "Like a cactus, Arlan is a 'stickler' for details," she said.

There were also remarks by Lafayette Mayor Tony Roswarski, and other dignitaries. Larry Rose, Tree Lafayette executive director and former president was present to provide perspective and expertise.

Matt Green, Arbor Day project manager said it best.

"We're looking at our next generation of planters."

### Recycling is Our Theme for Earth Day

Two Frontier Elm trees were planted at Sixth and Alabama Streets for Tree Lafayette Earth Day on April 19, 2013. In keeping with the theme of downtown business, Laura Wright, chairperson of the Tree Lafayette Education Committee, made a presentation on the value of recycling. Jim Bronchik of the Oscar Winski Co., a metals recycling group in Lafayette, spoke to the attendees about the company's new recycling endeavors, including electronics (computers, TVs, cell phones).

### Tree Lafayette Continues Strong Presence in LSC

Third graders in LSC are getting "hands on" experience with tree plantings as part of Tree Lafayette's education program. Education committee members do indoor presentations and outdoor tree plantings with the students. The third graders responded to our evaluations about the program and indicated they liked the planting part of the program the most. For more information, contact Tree Lafayette president Gail Brock.

**We have planted 85 trees as of summer 2013 in Lafayette.**

**Fall plantings are planned including at LSC schools.**



A group photo of all the volunteers, supporters, and Tree Lafayette members on Arbor Day, 2013. We thank our many corporate supporters, and every individual for their contributions and valuable time and efforts to make Lafayette a more beautiful place.

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**Consider Donating to the Tree Lafayette Endowment. The Endowment is specifically to replace trees that have been damaged. Send a check to The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, 1114 E. State St., Lafayette, IN 47905**  
**Write "Tree Lafayette Endowment" in the check memo line.**

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