



Mill Creek Neighborhood

2010 Planting Update

New trees breathe life and beauty into a neighborhood street, and Tree Lafayette is proud to report a total of 151 trees planted in at least three different Lafayette neighborhoods during the first half of 2010. They include the Mill Creek neighborhood, where 55 trees were planted; 24 trees in Crosspoint on Amelia Avenue, and 58 along Creasy Lane. Planting will continue this year on Oct. 23, when 16

more trees are expected to go up in Ellsworth-Romig neighborhood on Oregon Street.

Since 1993, Tree Lafayette has planted 1,217 trees in neighborhoods, and 85 shrubs.

The environmental benefits of trees are many, including the elimination of carbon dioxide, and absorption from precipitation.

New trees also increase property values in neighborhoods and add beauty to a street.

And when trees are planted, it brings neighbors together.

“Generally, the neighborhood association provides a portion of the cost of the planting, and Tree Lafayette will pay the balance,” says Larry Rose, Tree Lafayette president. The associations can raise the money through corporate donations, neighbor-

hood fundraisers, and by individual contributions.

Some consistent corporate donors that have supported the efforts of Tree Lafayette in neighborhoods include Tipmont REMC Environmental Services, LLC, Evonik Degussa Corp., the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, The Lafayette Life Insurance Co., Wal-Mart Supercenter, State Farm Insurance Co., Pinnacle Wealth Partners, Old National Bank, Alcoa, WLFI-TV, and Subaru of Indiana Automotive, Inc.

Once the trees are planted, property owners are primarily responsible for the tree’s care, but Tree Lafayette will help educate citizens on what to do.

If you are interested in planting trees in your neighborhood, contact Larry Rose at larry@treelafayette.org.

Coming Soon: 2010 Annual Meeting

The Tree Lafayette board of directors eagerly awaits its 2010 annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Lafayette-City Centre, 515 South St. in downtown Lafayette. Members of Tree Lafayette, donors, and interested individuals are invited to attend the luncheon.

In addition to meeting like-minded supporters of tree planting, the event will provide an educational experience with a PowerPoint presentation by the Tree Lafayette

education committee, similar to a presentation given at the Thomas Miller Elementary School in April 2010.

During its annual meeting, the board of directors recognizes individuals and organizations, including a preservation award for saving trees, and a volunteer of the year award. Several local dignitaries are expected to attend.

Board members will also be elected for the upcoming three-year term, ending in 2013: Rob Pahl, Denise Coogan, and Keith Shaw. Reservations are accepted. Lunch is \$16.50.

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Arbor Day in Lafayette and at Miller Elementary

Tree Lafayette Celebrates Arbor Day 2010

Tree Lafayette and over 100 volunteers came together for an Arbor Day celebration on April 24, 2010 to plant 58 trees along Creasy Lane in Lafayette.

Volunteers, dignitaries, and representatives of Tree Lafayette gathered in the Menards parking lot on South Creasy Lane.

During the event, Mayor Tony Roswarski read a proclamation that proclaimed Lafayette is a Tree City, which is a program sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation that recognizes urban communities for their efforts in tree planting.

Corporate contributors such as the Tipmont REMC EnviroWatts program and Caterpillar made the event possible. The City of Lafayette and the Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette also provided funding.

More than 15 different volunteer groups and non-profit organizations participated in the tree planting, many for the first time, and Tree Lafayette would like to thank them for their diligent efforts to make Lafayette a more beautiful, and environmentally sound place to live. All of the volunteers received a sapling and a t-shirt.

Denise Coogan, chairperson of Tree Lafayette's marketing committee, said the day went very well.

"We had a nice turnout, and it seemed that the trees were planted better this year than ever before."

School Presentation at Miller Elementary

The education committee of Tree Lafayette gave a presentation at Thomas Miller Elementary School in Lafayette on April 30, 2010 in honor of Arbor Day locally and nationally.

Suzie Philyaw, a teacher at Miller elementary and a member of the Tree Lafayette education committee, was instrumental in organizing and teaching the lesson.

During the event, students learned some of the reasons why trees are so important to the environment. They watched a PowerPoint presentation, and after the lesson, were given writing exercises.

When the indoor lesson was completed, students, teachers, and representatives of Tree Lafayette went outside for a tree planting on the school's grounds.

Tree Lafayette is planning to do similar presentations at other Lafayette schools, so that students can learn about trees in an urban setting—beginning in elementary school.

City of Lafayette and Tree Lafayette do Inventory

The City of Lafayette and Tree Lafayette are working together to "inventory" or study a maximum of 5,000 trees around downtown Lafayette this fall. The Davey Tree Expert Co., of Kent, Ohio, has been hired to do the inventory, which will include recording each tree's height, diameter, species, and location.

This is the first time that the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Community & Urban Forestry provided funding for such a study, says Rob Pahl, Tree Lafayette vice president.



Third grade students and teachers gathered on the grounds of the Thomas Miller Elementary School in Lafayette for a tree planting after a lesson about the importance of trees in an urban setting.

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