

## Tree Lafayette Gathers for Annual Meeting



Tree Lafayette members and local volunteers come together to plant trees in Mill Creek Neighborhood and aren't slowed down by a little rain! (photo by Tree Lafayette)

Tree Lafayette will be holding its annual meeting on November 12th, at 11:30 a.m., at the Lafayette Country Club, located at 1500 S. 9th Street.

The theme for this year's meeting will be a review of our exciting and well-received 3rd grade education program. The review is entitled, "You're Never too Old for Dr. Seuss." Developed by our education committee and presented by Laura Wright, chairperson of the education committee.

The 3rd grade program is a great example of the community work that Tree Lafayette does. Our

mission isn't just about planting trees! Education about trees and the benefits they provide for the people of Lafayette will always be one of our primary focuses. Awards will also be presented at the meeting to volunteer of the year, preservation of the year, and certificates will be given out in appreciation of various donors and volunteers. New officers will also be elected to the board. Retiring from the board will be Jonathan Fisher and Sam Biederstedt. Both served for six years. Great fellows!

Reservations for the meeting must be made by Nov. 5th. If you haven't already received one, reply cards can be downloaded from our website, treelafayette.org.

Please remember that it is \$15.00 per attendee for lunch.

The annual meeting is where we take stock of the previous year and plan for the next one.

We at Tree Lafayette plan to be here for many years to come, and we need the support of people like you! So come down to the meeting, volunteer, see what we're up to, and if you can... help! We're working to shape a better Lafayette for trees

## Plantings Draw Volunteers

Tree Lafayette planted 28 trees in Bridgewater Court in Lafayette. We had 28 volunteers, one for every tree!

Our volunteers were a true cross-section of the Greater Lafayette area. Private citizens, arboreal professionals, Purdue students and a precocious toddler! There was even a canine volunteer by the name of Olivia, a therapy dog owned by

Denise Coogan. The types of trees we planted were: Swamp Oak, Red Oak, Red Maple, Armstrong Maple and Tulip Poplar. Tree Lafayette also created an urban wood lot in the common area of the Millcreek Apartments. Twenty Five trees were planted.

Tree Lafayette is always looking for more volunteers. It's a great activity for families, kids and for people looking to do community service.



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## Partners: Working Lafayette Parks & Recreation

### Volunteers and Government Working Together

Tree Lafayette has a long history of cooperation with the City of Lafayette and their Parks and Recreation department. We believe that our partnership with them enhances the efforts of both organizations to plant and care for trees in Lafayette.

We want our members and volunteers to be aware of some of the programs and steps that the Parks and Recreation department has taken to cultivate and protect the Lafayette urban forest.

Parks & Rec is where you would go for tree lists, approved shade trees and other tree ordinances. Did you know there is a prohibited tree list? There is! Not only will they tell which trees are prohibited, but they'll also tell you why. They also provide an alternate small tree list, which is extremely useful if you would like to plant the right tree in the right place.

They also have the City of Lafayette Street Tree Inventory. That is the ultimate stat-sheet for tree species, numbers, open planting spaces and trees that need to be removed.

Parks & Rec is also involved with researching how valuable trees are to our ecosystem. Working with the Lafayette Tree Advisory Committee, they have created the Tippecanoe County Big Tree Registry. They search for the biggest trees in the county. They hope to get people involved with preserving trees and make them more aware of their benefits. For example, did you know that over a 50-year period, a tree will generate \$31,250 worth of oxygen, \$62,000 worth of air pollution control and recycle \$37,500 worth of water?

There is also the wonderful Tree of Life memorial program. It is a great way to memorialize a loved one or to celebrate them. You can donate to have a tree planted in one of Lafayette's parks and an engraved leaf/branch/acorn will be placed on the "Tree of Life" sculpture in the Columbian Park Administrative Building. Find out more about this program and others at [www.lafayette.in.gov/parks](http://www.lafayette.in.gov/parks).

That is another great thing about Tree Lafayette. When you work with us, you're helping Lafayette Parks & Rec because we work closely with them. Being aware of what Parks & Rec is doing also puts you in a better position to help us.

There are more and more people and groups working to beautify Lafayette with green spaces!



Belinda Kiger (center), Urban Forest Manager and advisor to Tree Lafayette. Accepting an award for the outstanding work of Lafayette's Parks & Rec from the Indiana Urban Forestry Council.

**Consider donating to the Tree Lafayette Endowment. The Endowment exist to replace trees that have been damaged . Send a check to The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette, 1114 E. State Street, Lafayette, IN 47905-1219**

### Planting and Promoting a Healthy Community

Contribute to all our futures,

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