

Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association

News and opportunities for Neighborhoods and Residents of the Lafayette Urban Enterprise Zone.

In the ZONE

3rd Annual Neighborhood Summit: Building Communities



Bob Kriebel addresses participants during the keynote

“Every neighborhood has a history,” local historian Robert Kriebel said as he opened the 3rd Annual Neighborhood Summit March 31, 2001, at Jefferson High School. Learning, preserving and continuing that history are all part of “Building Communities,” the theme for this year’s gathering, which drew members from neighborhood associations and other residents.

Kriebel’s lively tales of Greater Lafayette in its early day’s and the town’s railroad ties set the tone for a day devoted to nurturing neighborhood roots.

“Bob entertained us with stories of famous people and the development of Lafayette,” said Phyllis Hunt, president of the Historic Centennial Neighborhood Association, who attended the summit. She was one of dozens attending, eager to see the community develop strong grass roots organizations to work with city officials, establish community partners and communicate what they envision for their neighborhood and city.

Summit workshops covered topics such as getting the media to cover your events, recruiting and retaining volunteers and viewing your neighborhood as an asset. Hands-on, practical sessions, such as plastering, drywalling and treating and painting wood surfaces were also on the agenda.

Barb Tully, communication officer of the Hanna Neighborhood Association, said attending her first neighborhood summit helped her target the needs of her group and recognize and appreciate different types of volunteerism.

“Besides providing a venue for neighborhood groups to get technical assistance, participants benefited from networking with each other,” said Va’Linda McBride, Neighborhood Program Coordinator. “The level of idea exchange was particularly exciting.”

The summit also provided an opportunity for youth to be recognized for their efforts to better neighborhoods. Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards were presented to five teens: Emily Bunder and Chloe Woodson of New Chauncey Neighborhood Association; Justine Payne of Historic Jefferson Neighborhood Association; and Amanda Williams and Katherine Shafer of Hedgewood Neighborhood Association.



Participants in the Recruit and Retain Volunteers seminar

The summit was hosted by the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, Wabash Valley Trust for Historic Preservation, Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission, Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services and Lafayette Urban Enterprise Association. The event was sponsored by 84 Lumber, Bank One, Fifth Third Bank, the Lafayette Journal and Courier, Lafayette Bank & Trust, Lafayette Savings Bank and Union Planters



Kathy Mayer, Professional Writing, 'Publicity Tricks & Tools' Seminar

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Learn Practical Leadership Skills...*Sign up for Leadership Lafayette!*

Would you like to become involved in the community? Are you unsure of services in Greater Lafayette? Then Leadership Lafayette is for you. Robert Carpenter, graduate of Leadership Lafayette and president of the Ellsworth/Romig Neighborhood Association said, "Leadership Lafayette, offers hands-on and practical leadership experience. It is the best way to find out about services and opportunities available in the Greater Lafayette Area." If you would like more information on Leadership Lafayette, please attend the Open House on May 15, 2001 at Riehle Plaza from 3:15pm to 7:00pm. The application for Leadership Lafayette is available on-line at: www.wcic.org/LeadershipLafayette/ or by calling 772-9115.

Hanna Neighborhood Association--Barb Tully, Communications Officer

Take A Walk with H.N.A.--Look we have a motto, a logo and a brochure. Now it is time to start having fun. The Safety Committee is organizing a Bike Safety class on June 16, 2001, along with the help of Officer Baker of the Lafayette Police Department, if you are interested in helping with fliers, course layout, volunteering in any capacity, please contact Perry Brown at 742-0383.

In addition, Hanna Neighborhood Association would like to thank Abby Jones and Purdue University for their help in designing our neighborhood newsletter, look for its premier in summer 2001. The Hanna Neighborhood Association is a happening group, that has diversified interests and wants your input and needs your support. General meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Hanna Community Center, even if you can't make it to the meeting, please volunteer for a subcommittee so we may reach our goals.



Safety Committee--Perry Brown
Neighborhood Liaison Committee--Patricia Altepeter
Maintenance/Beautification Committee--Jim Altepeter and Derek Tully
Neighborhood Development Committee--Jan Cortner

Centennial Neighborhood--Phyllis Hunt, President

HCN participated in Lafayette Clean Sweep and LUEA engineered matching 11 volunteers with HCN residents to help do a thorough trash pick-up in the neighborhood. The volunteers were brothers of Delta Upsilon Fraternity at Purdue University. They were friendly and eager to help. It was fun for us to have the opportunity to associate with this group of students and introduce them to the virtues of living in an historic neighborhood.



News Flash! Two more North Fifth Street Rowhouses have been purchased. Five of the six Rowhouses are now owner-occupied, or soon will be. With the coming of good weather, Len Wilson, Shook Agency realtor in charge of the sale of the North Fifth Street Brownstones, indicates increased interest in these properties which are a combination of an owner-occupied townhouse and a garden apartment rental.

At the request of Imagination Station, HCN is supporting their efforts to obtain funding for an attention-grabbing, transportation-based, exterior exhibit to call attention to the museum. Imagination Station is a greater Lafayette, and beyond, educational asset which, fortunately, is located in the Historic Centennial Neighborhood. Implementation of the Station's plan will also have the favorable coincidence of calling attention to the neighborhood in which it resides.

Ellsworth/Romig Neighborhood Association--Bob Carpenter President

The Ellsworth/Romig Neighborhood Association participated in a lively manner at the "Last Train" celebration in their neighborhood. A crowd of about 100 people were on site at the RR crossing at Lingle and Romig Streets, decorating the signal posts, other tacking balloons to the track and the third group holding a banner across the tracks for the engine to burst. To add to the festivities a bagpiper played for the crowd waiting for the train, then struck-up "Auld Lang Syne" as the train left the intersection. A cloud of confetti floated over the train, as did a number of streamers tossed from the crowd.

Volunteers from Purdue Alpha Phi Omega (APO) service fraternity joined residents for a couple of hours of trash pickup, mainly in the Ellsworth district. Residents noted there was less refuse than in previous years, which could be a sign that people are more aware and careful about the looks of the area.

ERNA (Ellsworth Romig Neighborhood Association) has plans for a bulb planting event throughout the neighborhood in October. At this time exploration as to sources and varieties are in progress by members of the Project Committee.

Along with the Wabash Valley Trust for Historic Preservation, Lafayette Neighborhood Housing Services and ERNA will be participating in the study and design of a proposed restoration of an historic house at 261 So. 6th Street, a structure that has been targeted for demolition by the Habitat for Humanity. Staff of Habitat is also involved in this evaluation and hoped for restoration. Eventually, the house will be sold to an owner occupant.



Resident at the Lingle and Romig Crossing

Clean Sweep

Spring Is Here...And a sign of its arrival is the Annual Clean Sweep sponsored by the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. On April 7th, 2001 residents, volunteers and Purdue Students cleaned the Greater Lafayette area. Participants dressed in yellow and blue shirts could be spotted picking up pop cans, reseeding lawns and removing leaves from the yards and streets.



Phyllis Hunt, President of Historic Centennial says, "Clean Sweep not only provided an opportunity for residents to spruce up their neighborhoods but it was also a chance to share the history of our neighborhood with our student volunteers. We could not have accomplished what we did without them." Kama Darr, Public Relations and Marketing Director of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, said "Clean Sweep was a great success, we had over 700 volunteers who cleaned neighborhoods, parks and stretches of highway. Clean Sweep benefits

the Greater Lafayette area as well as the neighborhoods, the volunteerism spirit in this area is wonderful. It illustrates everyone's commitment to building a better community. The Chamber would like to thank all who participated and helped make this such a success--See you next year!"

Historic Jefferson Neighborhood--Patti Wilkerson, Jan Payne & Cheryl McKeon, Co-Chairs

Guess what??? Spring is here and so are our tulip and daffodil plants. Take a walk through our neighborhood before the first signs of Spring are gone. Since October's Rake 'n' Bloom, the residents of Historic Jefferson have been very busy. In January we completed the our Land Use plan and we are now working on zoning.

The association with the help of staff from the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County will host one more zoning meeting on April 24 at 6:30pm at Washington Elementary School. As we work on revitalizing our neighborhood we ask that all property owners, investors, tenants and residents come help us build a better community .

The Historic Jefferson neighborhood Association has accomplished many milestones since its formation we have: increased sidewalk repair in our neighborhood, designed and neighborhood flags and distributed them with no cost, planted tulip and daffodil bulbs, participated in Clean Sweep and the March of Dimes walk. The Historic Jefferson Neighborhood Association is group looking to build a community, if you are interested in joining or need more information please contact:

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Patti Wilkerson,	1101 Brown Street	423-4234
Cheryl McKeon	1204 Brown Street	420-7190

Lincoln Neighborhood--Penny Parmenter

Our Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. We had beautiful sunny weather. We closed off Sixth Street in front of the Johanna Downey Children's Garden, so the children would have plenty of room to participate in many activities.

Bob Carpenter (a.k.a. Bob the Bunny) was our greeter. Bill Parmenter was Bob the Bunny's official photographer. The face painting was so beautiful that it was ashamed that the children eventually had to wash it off. Thanks to Bill Allen and Jessie Waddley for sharing their artistic talents.

Elizabeth Briggs Lowrance helped the children register and decorate the bags they use for collecting eggs. Linda Allen and Jackie Mize led the "Bunny Hop" (our Easter version of a "Cake Walk"). The Linback family provided the ice water and donated the port-a-potty. Jean Waddley and Monique Fontaine ran the Egg Hunt. I did balloon sculptures. Cookies for the "Bunny Hop" were donated by our members of the Lincoln Neighborhood Association; Ruth Pape, Pat Burdine, Dorothea Benham, Barbara Bugher, Joyce Welch, Louise Goris, Helene Werle

A special thank you to Tracy Godina, who did the Spanish translation the day of the hunt and for the fliers we distributed in the neighborhood schools. Tracy is a resident of Lincoln Neighborhood and has recently gone into business doing Spanish translations. The phone number for her translation service is 449-9448.

Other Zone **News**

Bye, Bye Trains...It Finally Happened

On April 6th 2001, Mayor Heath joined the residents of Lafayette at four rail crossing to say good-bye to the trains. At the South 6th Street Crossing residents, enthusiastically waited for the train to pop balloons attached to the track and to break through the banner. Many residents walked along the tracks from one crossing ceremony to the next. At the Ferry Street Crossing children, adults and seniors eagerly awaited the Mayor's signal to release their confetti.

As the Lincoln, Historic Jefferson, Ellsworth/Romig, Perrin and Ninth Street neighborhood Associations said "good-bye to the train", the Greater Lafayette Community awaited its arrival at the Greenbush Crossing. After the speeches from former Congressman Pease, former Mayor Rhiele and Lafayette's Mayor Dave Heath, the train rode through a balloon road block and flattened several pennies for members of the community.

Resident as well as community organizers gathered for food, music, fun and fond memories of a train stuck on the tracks...Oh, those were the days.



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