



Lafayette Park News

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2009 LPNA Board Meeting & Event Dates

- April 21 Board Meeting
- **May 3 Sunday Picnic in the Park**
- May 12 Board Meeting
- September 15 Board Meeting
- October 20 Board Meeting
- November 17 Board Meeting
- December Holiday Party (Date TBA)

Board meetings held 7:00 PM Sue McCollum Community Center Lafayette Park



Neighborhood Energy Challenge

The Council of Neighborhood Associations is challenging Leon County residents to see which neighborhood is the biggest loser...of excess energy consumption and greenhouse gases that is! A collection of small actions taken by individual households to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions can make a significant impact. The goal is for the Tallahassee Neighborhood Energy Challenge to be a catalyst in combating climate change and promoting energy conservation. As side benefits, participating households will reduce energy bills and have some neighborly fun in the process.

Neighborhoods can form teams and compete for energy conservation bragging rights. We'll see which neighborhood can achieve the largest overall reduction and the largest average reduction in electricity usage. Winning neighborhoods will receive cool prizes and awards. (Continued inside)

City Places Historic Preservation Application on Hold

At a March 11 meeting, the City Commission voiced concern regarding confusion in the proceedings for the application for Historic Preservation Overlay in Lafayette Park. The Commission directed staff to discontinue the application process and cancel related public hearings and meetings until staff review the historic preservation process. Coverage of the March 11 meeting is available on the city's website at <http://www.tal.gov.com/commission/meetings/090311/webcast/index.cfm>. The Lafayette Park discussion occurs approximately two minutes into the discussion, Item T-3.

According to City Attorney James English, the application will be held in abeyance until the Commission's concerns about the current process are addressed.

Lafayette Park Storm Water Water Retention Proposal

Representatives from the City of Tallahassee Storm Water Management Division met with the LPNA Board on March 17th and outlined their proposed Project 52 to construct water retention areas inside the Lafayette Park. The City representatives will hold an open house for the Lafayette Park Neighborhood at the Lafayette Park Community Center on Monday, April 13th from 4 to 7 pm to answer questions and hear concerns.

At the LPNA Board meeting, two plans were discussed. The first one involves erecting a wall which is tapered from about 2 feet high at the ends to a height of 13 feet in the center. This plan takes into consideration the 25 year history of storms and would be built at the edge of the playground. It would back water up to the rear yards of the homes on Williams Street and take up to 10 hours to drain after a storm.

The second plan involves a 4 foot high wall based on a 10 year storm history. It would not hold as much storm water and would take about 6 hours to drain. Because of the slope of the land in the Park and the location to the trees, these are the only two heights that can be considered for the retention wall.

Neither proposal is expected to require tree removal nor harm the trees in the Park.

A storm drain pipe system will be dug in and constructed on Gadsden Street to handle the storm water problems on that side to the Park.

For additional information, please contact the City project manager, Jodie Cahoon at Jodie.Cahoon@talgov.com.

Lafayette Neighborhood Invasive Exotics Workshop

Saturday • April 11, 2009 • 2:00
PM Lafayette Park

Join Master Gardeners Lana Arnold, Tiffany Hewitt-Brown, and Kathy Carmichael as they view slides, photos and live examples of plants that may have crashed the party in your yard. Find out why these uninvited guests are a problem and what you can do about it. After the identification workshop, participants will remove some of the invasive exotic plants that are spreading in Lafayette Park. Wear long pants and sleeves and bring your gardening gloves - poison ivy is abundant! Saturday, April 11th from 2:00 to 4:00 at the Sue McCollum Community Center in Lafayette Park. For general information about lawn and garden visit the extensive website <http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

Happy Gardening!



Tallahassee Neighborhood Energy Challenge (from cover)

Sponsors include Bank of America, the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Talquin Electric, WCTV-TV, Cumulus Broadcasting, Sustainable Tallahassee, Salter-Mitchell, Modern Digital Imaging, Fast Signs, Marpan Recycling, and Paragon New Media.

The competition begins April 15, 2009, and concludes October 15, 2009. Any neighborhood in the city or unincorporated area can participate. Teams may be formed through a coordinated neighborhood effort or as individuals from a neighborhood signing up independently of one another. Team members must pledge to reduce their electricity consumption (a 10% reduction is encouraged) and select at least one specific action to achieve their goal, like turning down hot water heaters, unplugging appliances when not in use, or installing CFLs. Simple actions, big returns!

While it won't affect scores, teams are also encouraged to combat climate change and promote sustainable communities in other ways such as recycling, waste reduction, neighborhood carpooling and neighborhood greening. The best will be recognized.

Don't know where to start? Come to one of the educational forums we're hosting in April. You'll get great energy saving tips and advice.

Several neighbors in Lafayette Park have already signed up, and by the last count, Lafayette Park neighborhood was on its way to being the first neighborhood team! So please join in at www.tallyenergychallenge.com by April 15, 2009, and encourage others to do so. Help make a difference!

Calling all Kate Sullivan Elementary Alumni!

Please join Kate Sullivan Elementary School staff and alumni on Friday, April 24th to celebrate *60 years of Excellence*. Watch the parade on Miccosukee Road at 9:30am. Afterwards, see your favorite teachers and administrators, check-out the new state-of-the-art media center & cafeteria, and visit with current and former students. The celebration includes a 60's themed art festival, and of course cake and ice cream for the birthday celebration! The community is welcome to join in. Hope to see you there! For information, please contact Kate Kile k8kile@Yahoo.com or 284-5511.

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May Day Neighborhood Picnic!

Come join the fun at Lafayette Park at
4pm on Sunday, May 3rd.

Meet your neighbors and enjoy live
music, wreath making, and May Pole
fun at the Annual Lafayette Park May
Day Picnic! The City of Tallahassee
will also have City Safety Vehicles on
hand for kid tours.

We will have hamburgers, hot dogs
and lemonade. Bring a dish to share,
a chair, and join in the fun!

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Treasurer at 607 McDaniel Street,
32303, or bring to the May Day Party,
Sunday May 3.