



Lafayette, Indiana: 2015 Year In Review

It has been a big year for #Lafayette. Consistent growth and focus on economic and community development, along with quality of life initiatives came together in an impressive way in 2015. Here's our Top 10 most notable moments from this year. Which are your favorites? What community memories make your list? It is easy to see this is a great community, full of great people and positioned to lead to way in 2016 and beyond. Thanks for being part of the journey.

- 1) National recognition put us on the map several times this year. Forbes named Lafayette one of the Best Small Places for Business & Careers and we were chosen as a quarterfinalist in the America's Best Communities Competition.
- 2) We celebrated numerous new business openings, expansions and industry development opportunities. From the new GE Facility to the SIA expansions and MatchBOX growth, Lafayette embraces talent and provides jobs.
- 3) LPD made great strides with NextDoor memberships and continues to strengthen our neighborhoods and keep our citizens safe through ongoing collaborative efforts.
- 4) Big praise for our new city-wide recycling efforts. Bigger, better toters and an emphasis on the environment makes for a healthier community.
- 5) Public art is all around us, and plans for a lot more are in the works. Efforts to provide residents and visitors with a unique and creative local experience took "center stage" this year.
- 6) Construction. How did this make the list you say? Well we did a lot of it and that means a lot of progress was made. If you are not improving you are not moving forward.
- 7) We launched a user-friendly, vibrant new website focused on transparency and engagement. Check it out if you haven't yet.
- 8) Downtown development is in full swing. From Streetscape to 101 Main and Riverfront development, we are strengthening our urban core and connecting people to more places than ever before.

- 9) Speaking of downtown, we hope you got to know our wonderful merchants a bit better. We enjoyed sharing their stories, shopping local and showing some love for these one-of-a-kind destinations.
- 10) Our Parks Department is growing and improving every day. From Memorial Island and our expanded trails system, to our new Aviator's baseball team, we provide recreational options for everyone. A city-wide bike and pedestrian master plan also became a reality. The opportunities are endless.

Need more? Browse through the City of Lafayette Facebook page and visit lafayette.in.gov to learn more out the initiatives listed in our TOP 10 and discover all the other ways Lafayette has been growing and thriving. 2016 here we come!