

2015: MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR



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Spotlight on West Lafayette

West Lafayette is best known as the home to Indiana's Purdue University, the famed engineering, agriculture, and all round solid higher education institute. With its population of 30,875 it is in effect essentially a college town.

West Lafayette's Mayor is John W. Dennis, a Republican. And Mayor Dennis will continue to be the City's Mayor for the next four years. As he seeks his third consecutive term no opponent filed to oppose him this year either in the primary nor did a Democrat or Independent file. Prior to his initial run for Mayor eight years ago, Dennis was a member of the West Lafayette Police Department starting as a patrolman and rose to the rank of Deputy Chief.

Update on Zionsville

Earlier this year in this space we wrote about the Town of Zionsville and its quest to become Indiana's newest city. Since then Zionsville won the Court case and now has an Interim Mayor, former Town Board President Jeff Papa. Under provisions of the law, Papa is ineligible to actually run for the office but Town Board Member Tim Haak has filed for Mayor as a Republican and was the only candidate to do so. Yet, Zionsville's municipal status remains unresolved as neighboring Whitestown continues the court battle on appeal. Will there actually be a Mayoral election in Zionsville and will it become a city? The answer is once again in the hands of the court.

Update on Columbus

In the July 3 edition of IAAT we focused on the Columbus Mayor's race and shared that Republican Councilman Jim Lienhopp had won the primary over Mayor Kristen Brown. Since then, Lienhopp attracted no Democratic or Independent opposition either through slating or petition process and it is guaranteed he will be Columbus' next Mayor.

In the next edition of IAAT we will turn our attention to Terre Haute's Mayoral race.

2015: 市选举年

聚焦西拉法叶

西拉法叶是普渡大学的所在地，这里有着著名的工程学科、农业以及众多的高等教育学院。总共30875名人口，是个名副其实的学院镇。

西拉法叶的市长是 John W Dennis，共和党内人士。Dennis市长寻求第三次连任的时候，党内、民主党及独立竞选人各方面都没有竞争对手，所以顺利连任，将在接下来的四年内继续担当西拉法叶的市长。在当市长之前，他在西拉法叶警察局任职，从巡逻警察做起，一直升职到副总警监。

Zionsville的最新消息

我们早前报道过Zionsville这个镇能否申请升级为市的情况。最新进展是Zionsville在法院赢了第一步，现在有了个代理市长——镇前董事会主席Jeff Papa。根据法律，Papa不能竞选市长。但镇董事会成员Tim Haak已经以共和党身份申请了市长，他是目前唯一的候选人。现在Zionsville仍然在继续申请成为市的路上奋斗着，与邻省Whitestown一样，能否成为市，是否有真正的市长竞选，仍未知。

Columbus的最新消息

7月3日的印州华报我们报道了哥伦布市的共和党议员Jim Lienhopp已经赢了市长Kristen Brown。在此之后的呈请选举或被提名选举的过程中，均没有民主党或独立竞选人的对手出现。所以，他很可能成为下届的市长。

下次我们会讨论Terre Haute的市长竞选。



CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE INDIANA Mayor John R. Dennis

QIXI FESTIVAL AND VALENTINE'S DAY

"The most wonderful of all things in life is the discovery of another human being with whom one's relationship has a growing depth, beauty and joy as the years increase. This inner progressiveness of love between two human beings is a most marvelous thing: it cannot be found by looking for it or by passionately wishing for it. It is a sort of divine accident, and the most wonderful of all things in life." ~Sir Hugh Walpole



Dr. Patrick Lau was born in Hong Kong and immigrated to the U.S. after high school. He retired from the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System where he served as Chief Radiologist and moved to Florida with his wife in 2011. He was an active member & contributor of LACA and ICMA while in Indiana. Dr. Lau is also a scholar of art and literature and a prolific writer, he has been a dedicated columnist for Indy Asian American Times since 2010.

Qixi Festival 七夕節, also known as Chinese Valentine Day, is celebrated on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month; it falls on August 20th this year. According to the legend, the Jade Emperor and the Goddess of Heaven had seven beautiful daughters. One day, they descended to earth and decided to bathe in a pristine lake; leaving their clothes on the shore. A cowherd, Niulang牛郎, playfully hid their clothes. The girls chose their youngest and prettiest sister, Zhinu 織女, to retrieve their clothes from Niulang, who was instantly captivated by her celestial beauty. There was love at first sight, and he proposed to her. They got married. Zhinu gave birth to a boy and a girl.

Their matrimony was discovered by the Goddess of Heaven, who was infuriated that her daughter had married a mortal. She ordered Zhinu to return to heaven immediately. Niulang's ox was, in fact, an immortal in Heaven; because of his misdeeds, he was punished to 'reincarnate' as an ox. He told Niulang to slaughter him and put on his hide, which would enable him to fly to reunite with Zhinu. Niulang carried his two young children and flew after his wife. The goddess of Heaven used his golden hairpin to scratch a wide river (Silvery River 銀河) in the sky to separate the couple forever on the two banks; thus creating the Milky Way.

Eventually, the Goddess of Heaven, perceiving their genuine love, permitted them to unite once a year on the seventh night of the seventh lunar month. All the magpies, sympathetic to their hardship, would flock together forming a bridge 鵲橋 over the Silvery River, so Niulang and Zhinu could meet and enjoy a family reunion.

Traditionally, on Qixi, young lovers and singles visited the temples to pray for a romantic love and happy marriage. The ladies burnt incense sticks and prayed to Zhinu, to grant them wisdom and perfect skill in needlework. And they also prayed for a good husband and healthy, intelligent children in the future. They offered fruits, pastries, flowers, incense and facial powder as a tribute to Zhinu. Today in China, the young folks celebrate Qixi festival as if they are celebrating Western Valentine's Day; young

ladies often receive romantic gifts such as red roses, chocolates and cards. Lovers light lanterns in parks, by the lakes, and squares to make their wishes. They also admire the moon and stars in the sky at the serene, romantic night with their dearests.

The pagan origin of Valentine's Day commenced with the Roman Feast of Lupercalia, a spring and fertility festival in medieval times. In 497 A.D., Pope Gelasius abolished the pagan Lupercalia festival and proclaimed February 14th as St. Valentine's Day.

Valentine was a young priest in Rome during the third century. Emperor Claudius II engaged in many bloodshed military operations; consequently, young men were reluctant to join the military. He believed that married men were emotionally attached to their wives and families and were unwilling to leave them to go to war. He issued a decree that all marriages were prohibited. Abhorring at the injustice, Valentine continued to perform wedding ceremonies secretly. After finding out, the emperor imprisoned the priest, and eventually beheaded him on February 14, 270 A.D. Pope Gelasius declared February 14th to honor Valentine who by then had been bestowed to sainthood, the patron saint of lovers.

Valentine's Day is a day on which lovers exchange their truest love and deepest feeling, and celebrate the spirit of love by presenting flowers, gifts, sending valentine cards and a romantic dinner. Many men propose to their lovers in a romantic setting. Many couples exchange vows on Valentine's Day.

Since Valentine's Day was 'imported' into China in the 1990s, Chinese have been enthusiastically embracing the holiday. Liu Zhiwen, head of Folklore Society of Guangdong, claims that Qixi should be considered as Chinese Valentine's Day; it is unequivocally a lovers' festival. Qixi was listed as an intangible cultural heritage by China's State Council in 2006. It has since regained some popularity among the Chinese populace in recent years.

李商隱：鴛鴦斜分鳳幄開，星橋橫過鵲飛回。爭將世上無期別，換得年年一度來。

WALK THE WALL

Each year, International China Concern (ICC) organizes a walk-a-thon called Walk the Wall (WTW). Participants from all over the world sign up, get sponsors and walk, raising money for the many abandoned and disabled children in China. This site is focused on Indianapolis' Walk the Wall event. Walk the Wall raises the necessary funds to give life to hundreds of children and adults with disabilities by providing full-time care. ICC works to end abandonment by providing supports to families with disabled children, proving that there are ways to keep families together.

Founded in 1993, International China Concern (<http://www.chinacare.org/>) is a Christian development organization that changes lives by bringing love, hope and opportunity to China's abandoned and disabled. ICC partners with the Chinese government to provide holistic care and support services for China's neediest children. ICC also empowers and trains Chinese nationals to save lives, support families, transform communities and change attitudes.

ICC organizes Walk the Wall to help raise the necessary funds to ensure that it continues to provide its children with the care they require and deserve.

Where: Cool Creek Park & Nature Center, 2000 E. 151st Street, Carmel, IN 46033

When: Saturday, September 12, 2015 @ 9:30 AM

Meeting point: Parking lot in front of Nature Center

Registration Time: 9:30 AM

Event Start: 10:00 AM

Registration fee is \$10 per person. Children under 12 are free. (All walkers get a free t-shirt)

There are 3 ways to help.

Register - sign up and Walk the Wall.

Donate - sponsor a team or participant or just donate to the cause.

INDY LISTED AS ONE OF THE MOST LIVABLE CITIES IN THE WORLD

According to Metropolis Magazine's "The World's most Livable Cities", Indianapolis has joined the ranks of International cities such as Copenhagen, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Helsinki, Toronto, Singapore, Rotterdam, and Melbourne, in terms of smart infrastructure, walkability, and preservation. The magazine looked at a number of the factors that add to a community's quality of life—including but not limited to education, housing, amenities, demographics, natural and built environments, and economic prosperity—to gauge a city's livability rating. Indy's blend of arts, culture, education and infrastructure improvements, has made it one of the best cities to live!

印第安纳波利斯被列为世界上最适宜居住的城市之一!

据大都会杂志“世界最宜居城市”栏目，印第安纳波利斯以其智能基础设施，步行适宜度，和对历史和生态环境的保存程度，现已加入如哥本哈根，香港，东京，赫尔辛基，多伦多，新加坡，鹿特丹和墨尔本这些国际城市的行列。大都会杂志在印第安纳波利斯身上看到了众多为一个社区的高质生活加分的要素，包括但不仅限于教育，住房，设施，人口，自然和建筑环境，以及经济的繁荣。印第安纳波利斯将艺术，文化，教育和基础设施改善结合在一起，使其跻身宜居城市的行列。

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JOIN THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO OVERCOME ABANDONMENT IN CHINA

- 1 SIGN UP
- 2 RAISE FUNDS
- 3 WALK

INDIANAPOLIS
EVENT LOCATION: COOL CREEK PARK & NATURE CENTER (2000 EAST 151ST STREET, CARMEL, IN)
12 SEPTEMBER 2015
REGISTRATION: 9:30AM START TIME: 10AM
FOR INFO & TO REGISTER ONLINE: www.walkthewall.org
\$10 REGISTRATION FEE PER PARTICIPANT (CHILDREN UNDER 12 ARE FREE)

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