



HISTORIC  
**NINTH STREET HILL**  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

## Press Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Old-Fashioned Children's Box Parade Kicks Off July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend on Saturday, July 3

Lafayette's Historic Ninth Street Hill Neighborhood Association is celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its annual patriotic box parade this year. It calls out to children and their parents to participate in the box parade on Saturday, July 3, at 10:30 a.m. Children of all ages are welcome to decorate a box to wear, push or pull (no wheels, please, except strollers or wheelchairs) and parade down South Ninth Street from State and Hitt to South Streets.

The association encourages Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops to march in uniform, as well as any other youth groups.

**Please make this a sidebar notice so that readers take special note:**

*The association calls out to those who have previously marched in the parade over the past 20 years to join in the celebration. These "box parade alumni" will join Mayor Tony Roswarski in leading the parade with the Voyageur Fife and Drum Corps.*

All participants should meet at the top of the hill at the corner of State and South 9<sup>th</sup> Streets at 10:30 a.m.

The parade will end at the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, where participants will raise the U.S. flag and sing patriotic songs with Rep. Sheila Klinker and Lafayette councilman Kevin Klinker.

After the parade, families may enjoy lunch, music and activities on the grounds of the Moses Fowler House, where Moonshine Mason and the Rot Gut Gang will entertain. Children may also visit balloon artist Joseph White; KidzArt; face painters, as well as the Mobile Mini-Zoo, provided by the Friends of Columbian Park.

Families are encouraged to stay for the "All-American Hot Dog Lunch," which will be served by the 10-year-olds on the Lafayette Lightning baseball team and their parents. The team asks for donations for lunch items. For dessert, the Tippecanoe County Historical Association offers ice cream in the historic vein of an old-fashioned ice cream social.

After lunch, parents may bring their children to the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette to explore the *Saturday Evening Post* exhibit, "Covering America in the 1950s and early 1960s." Many of the Norman Rockwell covers have an "American Dream" or patriotic theme. Parents and children can complete an activity sheet that asks for details from the exhibit's paintings.

The Historic Ninth Street Hill Neighborhood Association annually decorates its homes between South and Kossuth Streets with flags from throughout the history of the United States. Brochures describing each flag are available in holders at the top and bottom of the hill. The association also welcomes visitors to its neighborhood garden, which was created along the railroad path after railroad relocation.

This Festooned Fourth of July Flag Display and the Children's Box Parade are two events the Association proudly offers the Greater Lafayette community during this patriotic holiday. In recent years, TCHA has partnered with the association, as did the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette this year.

**Events:**

Festooned Fourth of July Flag Display: June 24 through July 6

*Photo opportunity:* Hanging flags on Thursday, June 24, 5:30 p.m.

Hanging helpers are members of the Jefferson High School cross-country team, coached by Dave Howell.

July 3, assemble at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Box Parade at 11:00 a.m., followed by

- ✓ Raising the flag and anthem singing at the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette (Ninth St. entrance)
- ✓ "All-American Hot Dog Lunch," by the Lafayette Lightning baseball team
- ✓ Moonshine Mason and the Rot Gut Gang
- ✓ Joseph White's balloon art
- ✓ KidzArt
- ✓ Face painting
- ✓ Columbian Park's Mobile Mini-Zoo
- ✓ TCHA's old-fashioned ice cream social
- ✓ Art Museum's Norman Rockwell covers of *Saturday Evening Post* exhibit

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