City of West Lafayette

Beautification Award

April, 2009

We are pleased to recognize the efforts of the New Chauncey Neighborhood Association in the street corner plantings of daylilies throughout this historic neighborhood. The first organized planting was planned 8 years ago, with 50 plots identified and 200 Stella d'Oro daylilies purchased. The choice of plant was a good one, as these plants are very hardy in our climate and maintenance is minimal. A crew of 20 neighbors headed up by co-presidents DeAnn Baker and Carl Griffin tended the baby plants, watering, weeding and protecting from foot traffic. The next year another 250 daylilies were purchased and planted; after this, all new plants came from division of these hardy perennials. The group was aided with a donation from John Basham.

The neighborhood undertook a major landscaping rehabilitation with the corner at Fowler and Littleton. Scott Mills and Carl Griffin led the joint effort with the City to a much improved area where students wait for the bus, and many pedestrians pass by. When intersections are improved with new curbing, the neighbors rescue the plants and relocate them after the work is finished. This pro-active neighborhood association is a leader in West Lafayette beautification.