

# February 2024

## City of Lafayette

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"The City of Lafayette is an equal opportunity provider."

### February 2024

5 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

7 – 125 Celebration Mtg – 7pm City Office

8 – Bookmobile – 10:15 to 10:45am – Esther Ave.

12 – **City Council – 7pm Council Chambers**

13– Lion’s Meeting – Community Center

**14– 23 – Office CLOSED – Clerk Vacation**

**19 – Presidents Day – City Holiday**

20 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

22 – Bookmobile – 10:15 to 10:45am – Esther Ave.

**25 – All Utility Payments Due!**

26 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

### March 2024

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11 – **City Council – 7pm Council Chambers**

**11 – Red Cross Bloodmobile Community Center**

12– Lion’s Meeting – Community Center

**19-22 – Office CLOSED – Clerk’s Conference**

19 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

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### Garbage & Recycling info:

#### **Recycling Dates:**

February 1, 15, 29. March 14, 28

#### **String Lights:**

Recycle holiday string lights and extension cords year-round; drop them at the office during office hours.

#### **Tri-County Collections:**

There are no collections scheduled at this time. The hazardous waste facility is open reduced winter hours – check the office for information.

#### **Save the Date!!!**

Lafayette Appliance drop-off date is Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 8 to 11 am.

### Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone! We are almost to spring and can be thankful for a nice winter so far. Of course, I am ready to be camping, but that will have to wait a little while; its closer though! February is packed with fun outings from fish fry dinners, bingo, breakfast and steak fry events - no need to cook much.

We are having a 125th meeting (see details on page two) we are always looking for people and ideas. Come help us make this a great celebration.

Hope this finds everyone healthy and happy!

*Sandie*

*Thank you to so many! The Lafayette Area Lions for hosting the benefit for Bob, everyone who volunteered, donated to the silent auction, raffle, the beautiful quilts and attended the benefit. To the Lafayette fire department and city council & staff for helping and getting the fire hall ready for the benefit.*

*Also, to family, friends and our community for their caring, support and prayers.*

*We have been truly touched by so many people, this has not gone unnoticed and is really appreciated.*

*Fighting the good fight.*

*Bob and Sandie*

### Nicollet County Mail Ballot Information:

**Presidential Nomination Primary Day:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – registered voters will have recently received your ballot packets. **DO NOT THROW YOUR BALLOT AWAY!** If you want to vote in person ( take your ballot packet with you), or if you are not registered, go to the Nicollet County Government Center in St. Peter.

**Watch for posters and Facebook posts for details of these events.**

**2/7/2024 – 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration meeting – 7pm City office meeting room**

2/10/2024 – Dave’s Place Steak Fry Ambulance fundraiser

2/17/2024 – Nicollet County Pheasants Forever Gun Bingo - Dave’s Place

2/26/2024 – Legion Omelet Breakfast fundraiser -Community Center

3/11/2024 – Red Cross Bloodmobile – Community Center

3/16/2024 – Foggy Youth Ham Bingo - Fire hall

3/24/2024 – Fire RELIEF Ham Dinner - Fire hall

5/11/2024 – Spring City-wide Garage Sales

5/18/2024 – Spring Curbside cleanup

5/27/2024 – Legion Post #300 Memorial Day Program & Potluck – Memorial Park & CC

6/22/2024 – Lafayette Appliance drop off 8 to 11 am only

7/26 & 7/27 – Fire Relief Craft Beer & Wine Tasting, Dave’s Place Summer fun

8/11/2024 – Youth ATV Safety Training Class/Riding Course for ages 10-15

8/24/2024 – Lion’s annual hog & corn roast - Fire hall

10/12/2024 – Fall City-wide Garage Sales

10/19/2024 – Fall Curbside Cleanup

### **Tentative 2024 Lafayette Band Schedule – Memorial park**

Monday, 5/27/2024 – Legion Memorial Day Program

Friday, May 31,

Wednesday, June 5 – Bernadotte Pie Social (no concert Friday, June 7)

Fridays, June 14, 21, 28

Fridays, July 12, 19, 26 (no concert Friday, July 5)

### **Tentative 2024 Pie Social Schedule - community Center**

5/31 – OPEN

6/5 – Bernadotte Church – in Bernadotte

6/7 – No Pie Social ( no band due to Wednesday performance)

6/14 – Lions

6/21 – Foggy Youth

6/28 – Legion Auxiliary

7/5 – No Pie Social

7/12 – OPEN

7/19 – Legion

7/26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran WELCA

#### **Reminder:**

I will be on vacation 2/14 – 2/23, and the Clerk’s office will be closed; it will open again on 2/26/2024. All payments are still due on the 25<sup>th</sup>, drop them into the payment slot. If you have an emergency, contact Al at 507-276-1707. Thanks! Sandy B.

**2024 Pet licenses** Are now regular priced at \$8.00 per pet. Get your pets registered now.

**ACH Payments – sign up now!**

Contact the office for a form. You will still receive a bill; it will show DRAFT on the bottom section. Go green and sign up for email billing as well!

**The Bookmobile brings books to you!**

As the temps drop it is a good time to snuggle in with a good book, get your reading choice delivered to you... right here in Lafayette!

**Winter Reminders: If we ever get snow!**

**Winter Parking:** Is in effect from November 15 through April 30, no vehicle can be parked on the street in excess of 24 hours. Those residents or businesses in a designated “no parking zone” have received letters last month.

**Snow removal:** The city will start snow removal within 24 hours of a snow event (3 inches or more, unless the wind conditions prompt an event.) If you know it is going to snow, move your vehicle off the street. If you see the plows out and you are parked on the street - move your vehicle to a plowed area. The city will do a final cleanup after an event. Some events are continuous due to drifting or continued snow. The city could have a vehicle towed if not moved. Per State Statute 169.42 you cannot plow, dump, blow, or shovel snow into any roadway.

**Hydrants, etc.:** If you have a hydrant in your neighborhood, please help to keep it cleared. It not only protects the property on which it is located, but the entire neighborhood. Also, do not park in front of driveways or mailboxes.

**Compost:** *The compost is CLOSED for the season.*

**Tree trimming:** Trim your trees to 13-feet over streets and 9-feet over sidewalks.

**Snow Removal:** If you need assistance with snow removal, the office has a few names on file. If you provide snow removal service, let the office know to share your information to those in need.

**Lafayette Area Lions:**

**Thursday nights:** Meat Raffle and video pull tab racing @ Dave’s Place

**Saturdays:** Lion’s Bingo – Starts at 1:30pm @ Dave’s Place

**Stretchy Film Plastic recycling project:** Lions clubs around the country are collecting stretchy plastics for recycling. It is a challenge by NexTrex – Collect 1,000 pounds of stretchy plastics within 12 months to receive a NexTrex bench made from recycled plastics! Boxes are at the bar, bank, city office and post office.

**Lions Playground:** ordered to arrive in the Spring of 2024.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lafayette-Area-Lions-1815080668713552>

**Rent the Community Center!**

Hold your family event, meeting. No worries of weather, it has a kitchen and a smart TV and Wi-Fi! Call Sandy at 228-8241 to book your event today!

**Legion Post #300:**

The paver sales will be ongoing and forms can be found at the city office or the bank, or by contacting Mark Schuelke.

<https://www.facebook.com/LafMNAmLeg300>

**Council Briefs:**

**1/3/2024** Council met with Winthrop administrator Michael Looft for an information special meeting to understand the STREAMS project. This project would build a regional waste water treatment facility and a reuse facility, providing solutions for aging facilities and water issues in the region.

**1/8/2024**

**Approved the consent agenda:** Including, 12/11 minutes and recap of the STREAMS information special meeting, bills totaling \$274,131.66, and treasurer’s report receipts totaling \$215,580.50, payrolls 25 & 26 and year end PTO payout.

**Guests:** Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Adam Prochinak – AP Lawn Service.

**Reports: Fox:** Submitted a written report and added that a water inspection was done that day at the water facility, P&R meeting 1/28 at 7pm, January safety meeting will be rescheduled. **Burger:** along with her submitted report Burger mentioned that all of the ordinances since the last code update are in the codification process.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:** Approved Resolution 2024-01 Civic Duties as amended, Resolution 2024-02 – Authorized Signers, Resolutions 2024-03 – January donations included: White family and anonymous donations to the ambulance of \$100 and \$1,018.36, Fillmeup Donation bucket \$48 to the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration, J Bieraugel & J Clobes donation of vintage band uniforms, Troy & Linda Havemeier a lighted tree for the holiday park \$100 value. Approved the 2024 council meeting schedule, reviewed the fee schedule – no changes made. Received three mowing bids and approved the AP Lawn Services bid of \$450 per mow, the same as 2023.

**STREAMS:** After much discussion including that it is a regulated facility, our WWTF is aging and with new mandates coming our facility is not built to comply with them, cooperative for staffing as it is increasingly hard to find knowledgeable help for small cities, it feels rushed - bonding bills are only every other year on even years, they have an opportunity to be amended into the currently passed bonding bill, by utilizing a regional facility with other cities in our area the funding opportunities are much more favorable. *Council* approved the letter of intent for Phase 1A of the STREAMS Regional waste water facility and reuse facility.

*This is just a glimpse of the council meeting. Full minutes are posted on the city website once they are approved at the following council regular meeting.*

## 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration!

Save the Dates!

Wed., July 23 – Sunday, July 27, 2025

The next meeting:

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

7pm – City office meeting room

Help us make this a successful event!!

Join us on the 7<sup>th</sup>!