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City of Lafayette

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

March 2024

4 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
7 – Bookmobile – 10:15 to 10:45am – Esther Ave.
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
21 – Bookmobile – 10:15 to 10:45am – Esther Ave.
25 – All Utility Payments Due!
25 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall
31 – Happy Easter

April 2024

1 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
3 – 125th Meeting 7 pm Council Chambers
4 – Bookmobile – 10:15 to 10:45am – Esther Ave.
8 – City Council Board of Appeals – 6:30pm
8 – City Council – 6:30pm Council Chambers
9 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center
16 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center
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Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: March 14, 28 April 11, 25

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:

March is here; that came fast! There are lots of things going on here and around the area, like the Fire Relief's ham dinner, Fog youth ham bingo, St. Patrick's Day, Fish Fry's and at the end of the month Easter with the Lion's Annual Easter egg hunt. Lots to do and hopefully the weather stays mild.

If you are starting your spring cleaning remember our citywide garage sale followed by the curbside cleanup. I am grateful for the opportunity to purge and simplify life. I would like to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a very Happy Easter.

Sandie

Nicollet County Mail Ballot Information:

Tuesday March 5, 2024 – Presidential Nomination Primary Day: DO NOT THROW YOUR BALLOT AWAY! You have time to vote in person, take your ballot packet with you to the Nicollet County Government Center in St. Peter before 8pm on election day.

Spring and summer events:

3/10/2024 – Summer Ball Sign up – Community Center – 12 to 3pm
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
3/30/2024 – Lion's Easter Egg Hunt – School Playground – in gym if inclement weather
5/11/2024 – Spring Citywide Garage Sales – See article to sign up!
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 – front shop on Main Ave.
7/26 & 7/27 – Fire Relief Craft Beer & Wine Tasting & Dave's Place Summer Fun
8/11/2024 – DNR 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, May 27 – Legion Memorial Day Program
Friday, May 31
Wednesday, June 5 – Bernadotte Pie Social
Friday, June 7 – the band will make a decision on this at the annual meeting in May
Fridays, June 14, 21, 28
Fridays, July 12, 19, 26 (no concert Friday, July 5)

Tentative 2024 Pie Social Schedule - Community Center

5/31 – Lafayette Garden Club
6/5 – Bernadotte Church – in Bernadotte
6/7 – No Pie Social (unless the band adds this date then it would be open)
6/14 – Lions
6/21 – Foggy Youth
6/28 – Legion Auxiliary
7/5 – No Pie Social
7/12 – Friends of the 125th Celebration! Hotdish Cook off!
7/19 – Legion
7/26 – 1st Lutheran WELCA

2024 Bike & Car Nights set!

May – 5/29 Kick-off
June – 6/12, 6/26
July – 7/10, 7/24
August – 8/7, 8/21
September – 9/4 Finale

Local Board of Appeals & Equalization hearing in April. Watch for your valuation statement from Nicollet County in mid-March. Included will be the steps to take if you wish to appeal the proposed value of your property for the 2025 property taxes.

Office Closed: March 19 through 22 the office will be closed for the annual Clerk's conference. Email [lafcityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lafcyclyclerk@gmail.com) & I will get back to you after I return on the 25th. If you need to pay in person, be sure to do so before the 19th or on the 25th.
**If you tried to call while I was on vacation, there has been an issue with the phone either ringing to the fax and not allowing a message. It is being worked on and hopefully is already fixed by the time you read this.

2024 Pet licenses For those who have not registered their cats and dogs, please do so. Fee is \$8.00.

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 warm, but not quite ready to do yard work – grab a good book delivered to you from the Bookmobile - here in Lafayette!

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

Summer ball sign up is Sunday, March 10, 2024 from 12-3pm at the community center.

2024 Teams and Sponsors:

Dan's Custom Welding Tables - Rookie Softball

NJK Construction - Pee Wee Softball

Tauber Plumbing & Heating - Jr. Softball

Roots & Up Tree Service - Rookie Baseball

Hartley Diversified Hauling - Peanuts Baseball

Website: lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Lafayette-Park-and-Recreation/61556096219153/>

Lafayette Area Lions:

Easter Egg Hunt: School Playground or inside if bad weather March 30, 2024 at 10 am.

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! Collection boxes are at the bar, bank, city office and post office.

Lions Playground: Is ordered to arrive by May.

<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:

2/12/2024 Approved the consent agenda: Including, 1/8 minutes, bills totaling \$69,987.35, and treasurer's report receipts totaling \$48,876.68, payrolls 1, 2 & 3.

Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Fire Members: N. Klingler, T. Larson, S. Clemon, L. VanDeest, M. Voges, S. VanDeest, G. Griebel, D. Hoffmann. Retired FD members: K. Schuelke, T. Schneider, D. DeBoer, C. Langhoff. Rural Fire members: M. Gieseke, R. Grommel, B. Platz. Five-Star Towing – Eric Platz, Lafayette Ambulance M. Uhde. Foggy Youth Director M. Haler and Residents: Jessica Tauber 660 10th Street, Brennan Moldan 1091 Lafayette Avenue, and Bradley Moldan 540 Lafayette Avenue.

Reports: Fox: Submitted a written report and updated council on the park updates, city building generator is ordered, asked for council to approve a heater for the city office entry. **Burger:** along with her submitted report, Burger shared that the Dave's Place Ambulance fundraiser received \$1,706.92 in donation and tips from the event.

Unfinished Business: RO Update, a Bill will be presented for the RO project. Mayor and Fox will attend Day on the Hill, with scheduled meetings with Brand and Frenz, submitted updated information to the Capital Investment Committee. The EPA waiver was approved saving \$250,000, is working on a Build American, Buy American (BABA) waiver. Also working on the PFA & PSIG applications. Council approved sending a letter with a removal date of April 1, to the Resolution 2023-20 denial of an outdoor furnace.

New Business: Approved the 2023 Audit presented by S. Oberloh, Ord. 145 Enacted and adopted the code supplement S-7, First reading of Ord 146 amending the fee schedule due to ambulance fees, Resolution 2024-04 February Donations, including tips and donations from the Steak fry for the Ambulance of \$1703.92, Fillmeup to Celebration fund \$35, Sib/Nic Soybean & Corn growers \$100.00, Foggy Youth for the use of the fire hall for ham bingo. And summer street closure for Bike & Car nights, Relief Craft beer & wine event and Dave's Place Summer fun days, and the Lion's hog & corn roast. Discussion: City Council, fire department members, fire auxiliary & retired fire members, rural fire members, ambulance member and residents discussed the city liability and alcohol in the fire department. No action was taken.

2/27/2024 Council Workshop: Council members Peterson, Reed, Portner, Polich, Tauber, staff Fox and Burger, city attorney Walton, Fire Chief Klingler and Ambulance VP Uhde attended a workshop for policies pertaining to liquor liability and use and an update on the MPCA stormwater resiliency grant awarded and what's next. As it was a workshop, no decisions were made.

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.

125th Celebration!

Save the Dates!

Wed., July 23 – Sunday, July 27, 2025

The next meeting:

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

7pm – City office meeting room

Help us make this a successful event!!

2024 Garage Sales!!

Start planning your Spring Garage Sale!

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Contact Kathy Eckstrand

Cell: 507-276-1912 Email: keckstrand560@gmail.com

She will need your dates and times, a description of what items you will sell, and the \$10 fee for advertising.

Posters will be out later this month. (There will be spots available in the community center)