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

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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27 – Legion Memorial Day Program & Potluck at the Community Center & Memorial Park

Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: April 11, 25. May 9 & 23. The week of Memorial is a Friday holiday schedule – Garbage Only!

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

Save the Date!!!

Lafayette Appliance drop-off date is Saturday, June 22, 2024 from 8 to 11 am. Takes place in the shop next to the office.

Notes: Sump pump waivers ends April 1 – turn your discharge to outside.

Local Board of Appeals & Equalization hearing on April 8. You received your 2025 Valuation Statements last week. Included on the back will be the steps to take if you wish to appeal the proposed value of your property value for the 2025 property taxes. The Local Board of Appeals and Equalization hearing will be at the April 8 council meeting – **starting earlier at 6:30pm.**

Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

Happy Spring everyone!

Remember next month. on May 18th, is citywide residential garbage pickup, so it's a good time to clean up and out. The citywide garage sale is May 11th watch for more details.

I am ready to see the flowers that everyone plants, green lawns (yes, I am one of those who enjoy cutting grass), watching the ball games at the park and enjoying the good food that the park and rec puts out.

Remember to support our youth by eating down at the park all money goes for improvements and equipment. Stay and cheer our youth on while you are there. The Lions playground project will be kicking off in May. We are so thankful and excited to see the finished project!

Also, the Lafayette Garden Club will be starting to plan their city beautification so if you want to donate towards that you can send to the city hall marked garden club.

We are also gearing up for the 125th next years to if you would like to donate either money or your time, please call Sandy Burger or come to our next meeting on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall.

Let's all hope the bad weather is gone and we can have a nice spring, summer and fall.

Sandie

2024 Lafayette Band & Pie Social Schedule

5/ 27 – Legion Memorial Day Program

5/31 – Lafayette Garden Club

6/ 5 – Bernadotte Pie Social

6/5 – Bernadotte Church – in Bernadotte

6/7 – No Pie Social (unless added by the band)

6/14 – Lafayette 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

125th Celebration! Save the Dates!

Wed., July 23 – Sunday, July 27, 2025

The next meeting:

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7pm – City council meeting room

Everyone is welcome to join us to make this a successful celebration!

Tri-County Collections:

2024 Dates for **Hazardous Waste Collections:** 4/11 in Arlington, April 20 in St. Peter, May 9 in Montgomery

The Tire Appliance and Electronic collections: 6/8 Le Center, June 13 in Nicollet, 10/5 in St Peter.

Detailed information will be in the May newsletter

Lafayette's Electronics and Appliance only is on Saturday, June 22 from 8 to 11 am only.

2024 Bike & Car Nights!

May – 5/29 Kick-off

June – 6/12, 6/26

July – 7/10, 7/24

August – 8/7, 8/21

September – 9/4

Finale.

Add-ons to your March Billing:

The annual Meter Deposit Interest Refund, which this year is \$2.12 and Minnesota Department of Health's annual connection fee currently \$9.72 are included in this billing, if it applies to your account.

Reminder that our utility billing only shows ten lines on your bill, which some will not print. Know that your bill amount is correct - call the office if you have questions!

Spring and summer events:

4/10– Bernadotte Flower fundraiser orders are due
4/14 – Fields of Grace ‘Food for KIDZ’ packing event 9-11 am, lunch following.
5/11/2024 – Spring Citywide Garage Sales – See article below to sign up!
5/11– Bernadotte Flower pick up day
5/18/2024 – Spring Residential 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
8/6/2024 – Night to Unite
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

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!

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

2024 Teams and Sponsors:

CIA & Searles Well Drilling – T-Ball, 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:

April is the last month for bingo, meat raffles and video racing until fall. Join in the fun!

Thursday nights: Meat Raffle and video pull tab racing

Saturdays: Lion’s Bingo – Starts at 1:30pm @ Dave’s Place June 14 - Lions Pie Social

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>

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 or Keith Schuelke. <https://www.facebook.com/LafMNAmLeg300>

GARDEN CLUB: Help us beautify our city! Last year we brightened downtown and we will soon be planning for 2024! Do you need ideas to step up the look of your yard to prepare for our 125th? Join us for ideas at the next meeting – to be announced. Contact Sandy B in the office.

Council Briefs:

3/11/2024 Approved the consent agenda: Including, 2/12 & 2/27 minutes, bills totaling \$63,104.08, and treasurer’s report, receipts totaling \$56,917.18, payrolls 4 &5.

Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications

Reports: **Fox:** Playground will arrive 5/1 with construction starting 5/2.

Asked for clarification on the zone description of accessory use. Is a parking pad permissible use, Burger asked about gardens and landscaping. Consensus was yes to parking, no to gardens and landscaping. An ordinance for the update will on the April agenda.

Burger: asked for a clarification for a charge to a group no longer a non-profit, but still gathering. Council approved that being they are open to anyone; it would be a community group charge of \$15.

Peterson: has had a couple of calls about the church, if purchased for a resident, could it be rezoned back to residential. **Klingler:** Rural fire purchased a pumper that will arrive soon, the parade truck will have to be relocated. **Dick:** New equipment working well, has three people training at Allina for EMT.

Unfinished Business: RO Update– Mayor and Fox attended Day on the Hill and met with Representative Brand and Senator Frentz; Frentz has authored a bill for the Lafayette RO project. Council approved a resolution for the funding application. The Build American, Buy American (BABA) waiver is automatic, but needs documentation. MPCA Wastewater Permit Limits – Fox shared his response to the permit letter of 1/31/2024. Next step is a meeting with MPCA to discuss the limits most of which we cannot meet. Council approved a policy committee for the liability and use in the fire hall, which will meet and create a policy for council approval. Approved the second reading and adoption of the updated ambulance fees, once the ordinance is published, they will be set. Council was informed that the outdoor furnace was not removed as of the March meeting, a reminder will be sent for the April 1 removal deadline.

New Business: Approved Resolution 2024-05, March Donations, including additional donations from the Steak fry for the Ambulance of \$360.00 & Fillmeup to Celebration fund \$35.

Letters were sent to all properties for the Stormwater, Wastewater Community Resilience grant. The first step is to clean and inventory all service lines and laterals this spring.

The next council meeting and Local Board of Appeals and Equalization will be held on April, 8, 2024, with a time change to 6:30pm

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.

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!

2024 Pet licenses Register all your cats and dogs for \$8.00.

Reminders included in billing packet for known pets and needed vaccination information.

2024 Garage Sales!!

Start planning your Spring Garage Sale! Sat., 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. Look for details on the posters. (There will be spots available in the community center)
The spring residential cleanup is the following Saturday!