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

Miss Lafayette: Become Miss Lafayette and represent our community and promote our upcoming 125th City Celebration in 2025. Turn in your application with a sponsor fee of \$150 to Park & Rec. by Friday, June 14, 2024. Full details and application are on the Park & Rec's website. lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn

Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

Happy June everyone! We have had good weather so far this year.

Council will be checking for blight issues before the June meeting... so let's show our pride in our community and clean up. Remember it is only a year until our 125th celebration, so let's get our town looking wonderful for all the visitors and let them be jealous of our nice little community. I love seeing all the flowers blooming by everyone's homes. A special thank you to our garden club for their hard work and dedication to beautifying our little town.

The summer ball games have started so head down to the park and cheer on our teams! Support our Park & Rec. organization by getting something to eat! I know the food is wonderful or just grab some popcorn while you watch a game or two! Here's to a great summer and get out and check on your neighbors.

Sandie

Appliance and Electronics Drop!

June 22 is the annual appliance and electronics drop off at the city shop. 8 to 11 am.

Council Blight Review:

It's time to clean up your property, no over growth, no abandoned, inoperable vehicles without current tabs, or noxious weeds, etc. The city was divided into five sections each council member will review their section. Blight issues will be compiled for the June council meeting.

Attention: Lafayette MN Water Facility Water Users:

The 2023 Lafayette Water Facility "Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water" will not be published or mailed to individual addresses. A direct link to the report <https://lafayettemn.com/ccr1> or a copy of this report is available on the website or at the City of Lafayette office during business hours. If you would like a copy of this report but are unable to stop, please contact the Lafayette City Clerk at 507-228-8241 to arrange for a copy of this report to be mailed to you.

This and That!

1) Lafayette Days (July 26-27) are fast approaching... Full of fun times! Friday Night Socials and band concerts in the community center & Memorial Park, and Fire Relief's Craft Beer Tasting in the fire hall. Saturday the Antique Tractor Pull and Dave's Place annual street dance.

2) Mowing – Do Not Mow into the Street! When mowing remember that you **cannot mow clippings into the street – anywhere – it is a state law Statute 169.42 Subd. 1.**

Mow outside swipes into the yard, not onto the street. Clippings can wash into the ditch system & promote algae growth downstream and it can also be dangerous for two wheeled motorists, as it can be slippery when wet.

3) Compost: Use the blacktop road out to the compost site. There are two piles, one for yard & garden waste – grass, weeds, leaves, and such, the other is for branches and brush under 3 inches in diameter. **Unload your items on or as close to the existing pile as possible; do not just drop it anywhere by the pile.**

4) 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 the office to book your event today!

5) ACH Payments – sign up now! Contact the office for a form. You still receive a bill; it will show DRAFT on the bottom section. Go green and sign up for email billing as well! No charge to you – just fill out the form and submit it!

June 2024

3 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

6 – Bookmobile – 10:30 to 11:00am – Esther Ave.

10 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

11 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center

17 – 125th meeting 7pm Council chambers

18 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

19 – Juneteenth – City office closed

20 – Bookmobile – 10:30 to 11:00am – Esther Ave

22 – Appliance & Electronic 8-11am City Shop

24 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

July 2024

1 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

4 & 5 – Happy Independence day! office closed

8 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

9 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center

16 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

18 – Bookmobile – 10:30 to 11:00am – Esther Ave

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

29 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: June 6, 20, July 5th Holiday schedule both Garbage & Recycling, July 18.

Appliance drop off Sat. June 22, 8 to 11am

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

Save the date!

Night to Unite August 6, 2024

Help Beautify our City! A HUGE thank you to the Lafayette Lions...for their support of our Lafayette Garden Club for the second year! This year the group is adding a few more planters and a small garden in front of the garbage wall, and added plants to the Legion's planters in Memorial Park. They would love for more to join in the fun! No green thumb needed; it is a learning process for all. This year they will again concentrate on beautifying the downtown area with flower planters. Being in their infancy, growing the membership will help with the possibilities for additional projects to beautify our city in the future as well! Contact Sandy Burger in the city office to join

125th Celebration! Save the Dates!

Wed., July 23 – Sunday, July 27, 2025

The next meeting: Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7pm – City council meeting room. **Everyone is welcome to join us to make this a successful celebration!**

2024 Lafayette Band & Friday Night Social

Schedules

- 5/ 27 – Legion Memorial Day Program
- 5/31 – Lafayette Garden Club
- 6/ 5 – Bernadotte Pie Social – in Bernadotte
- 6/7 – NEWLY ADDED! West Newton 4H**
- 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

2024 Monday Food Truck season is here!!!

- June 3 – Back Street Market
- June 10 – Park & Rec
- June 17 – The Squeaky Cow
- June 24 – The Pelican Food Truck
- July 1 – Angela’s Egg Rolls
- July 8 – Mama Maria’s Tacos
- July 15 – Back Street Market
- July 22 – Sunny Days Comfort Foods
- July 29– The Pelican Food Truck
- August 5 – Simply Made Right – newly added!**
- August 12 – Back Street Market
- August 19 – The Squeaky Cow
- August 26 – Open
- Sept. 2 – Labor Day – off week
- Sept. 9 – Back Street Market
- Sept. 16 – Sunny Days Comfort Foods
- Sept. 23 – Angela’s Egg Rolls

FYI: If there are any changes or cancellations they will be posted on the City Facebook page.

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

Let the games begin!!

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

Lafayette Area Lions:

June 14 - Lion’s Friday Night Social – fundraiser for the playground equipment project.
July 9 - Melvin Jones, Scholarship & new officers’ installation.

Lions Playground: With many delays due to weather, we are hopeful it will be done soon!

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

Legion Post #300:

Paver sales are 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>

2024 Wednesday 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

Council Briefs: 5/13/2024 7:00pm

Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications

Reports: Fox: Playground delivery has been postponed due to wet grounds, planned on the 20th for ground work with the 28th delivery & install. Service lines all inventoried, next step is mapping the system. Annual CCR link will be in the June 1 newsletter. Fire station door damaged, claim approved and door ordered. Donated park benches ordered, 5-6 weeks to delivery. **Burger:** permits approved – a sunroom. Submitted the ARPA funds report, created 2024 blight packets for each council to have a section of the city (there will be no full council blight tour this year). To date this year \$400 in donations to the 125th celebration! **Klingler:** Old rural pumper sold, new firefighter passed all tests, Fox will set up annual pumper tests. **Portner:** P&R beginning – setting up a couple tournaments. **Polich:** Policy committee for liability met and will meet with the city attorney and contact the League’s staff before they next meet. **Peterson:** Blight packets handed out - turn in before the June meeting, food trucks will begin.

Unfinished Business: RO: waiting on bonding, EPA Grant completed, PFA has been submitted for review. **WWTF Permit:** Fox met with MPCA and discussed options for compliance schedules and variances into the future with the possible projects currently in process. They are waiving the variance filing fee of \$10,600. **Storm water Grant:** Inventories of the system completed, will next work on the scope of the service and lateral lines. The purpose of this grant is to find where the excess water is getting into and being treated at the WWTF. Ord 147 updating the wording of accessory uses was tabled and the proposed Ord. 147 was posted on the city website.

New Business: Approved Resolution 2024-08 May donations, \$12,000 from the Lions for the playground bond payments, donating to the 125th Celebration: FillMeUp bucket \$47, CIA \$100, Reese \$25, Schneider \$25 and DeBoer \$50. The 2023 Drinking Water Report (CCR) was reviewed. Polich had updated the council in his report that the Liability policy committee met and will connect with the League staff and city attorney before they meet again.

The next council meeting will be held on June, 10, 2024 at 7pm. 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.

STREAMS update: Lafayette along with Winthrop, Gibbon and New Auburn are exploring a regional wastewater and water reuse facility, in part due to the stringent MPCA permit limits on our current permit and future limits that are in the works. Small cities are unable to rebuild facilities individually to meet these standards and working together would hopefully eliminate that issue. Another part of it is the lack of ground water for the industries in the area, the reuse part of this would be to utilize the wastewater and treat it to be usable water for these types of industries – there are two industries who are on board and another interested. Staff & council members from the cities attended a Virtual meeting with Daniel Marx from MESERB (Flaherty - Hood) to discuss the options of setting up either a Sanitary Wastewater district, create a Joint Powers Board or have one city be the owner and the other cities be customers. He will prepare a proposal and send it out with in the next week. A steering committee needs to be set soon to be able to work forward on this project. Our council’s consensus was that one council and one staff to be on the steering committee. The group will meet again, once the proposal is completed.
The next STREAMS video meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2024.