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May 2025

5 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
10 – Citywide Garage Sale
12 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers
13 – Lions Meeting – Community Center 6:45pm
20 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center
19 – Ambulance Meeting Fire Hall
25 – All Utility Payments Due!
26 – Legion Memorial Day Program

June 2025

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Other City Information:

Recycling Dates:

May 8, 22 Holiday Schedule Friday May 30 – garbage only. June 5, 19

Cleanup Dates: Saturdays May 17, October 18 to the curb before 7 am.

Appliance drop: Saturday, June 21, 8-11 am

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

Bookmobile Dates:

May 1, 15 from 10:15 to 10:45 am

The bookmobile is near the park on Esther Avenue. Summer hours are 10:30 to 11:00 am. Summer dates: June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, August 7 & 21. No card, no problem – bring a photo ID and register for a Library card!

Lafayette is a pet friendly city - Let's keep it that way! There are many unregistered dogs and cats in the city – stop in and get them up to date. If you are out with your dog and they drop feces PICK IT UP!



Thank you to all who attended the Friends of the 125th Celebration!

We had a great time and shared information of our upcoming celebration to attendees! It takes the entire town to make this a smooth-running event. Watch the Lafayette Celebrating 125 years Facebook page as we will be posting updates. Also watch the website it will soon be updated to post activity updates!

Last chance to be on the Garage Sale Map!!

Thank you, to Kathy Eckstrand and Rachel Hoffmann for stepping up to be the garage sale coordinators for 2025! Please contact Rachel 507-276-1118 or

racheldummer@hotmail.com, Kathy 507-276-1912 or keckstrand560@gmail.com

Cost is \$10, submit your listing of featured items along with your payment. *If you don't have room - there are spots available in the community center!*

Deadline to be on the map is Wednesday, May 7 at 1pm.

This & That:

Garage Sales: The Spring Garage sale is scheduled for May 10th

Spring Curbside Cleanup: Saturday, May 17 – to the curb before 7am.

Legion Memorial Day Program: Monday, May 26 – Community Center - Memorial park.

City Appliance & Electronic Collection: Saturday, June 21, from 8 am until 11 am.

Bike & Car nights: May 28, June 11, 25, July 9, 23, August 6, 28, and September 3

Friday Socials: Still looking for groups to serve on May 30, July 11 & July 18!

The 125th celebration is coming up soon!

It has begun to green up and now is the time to start sprucing up your property to be inviting to our guests that visit our city this summer! If you need help, ask your neighbors or friends to assist you. If you are willing to help those in need of assistance getting their properties spruced up – let the office know and we can share your information.

ORDER YOUR 125TH Celebration T-SHIRTS April 1- June 25!

The 125th Celebration t-shirt shop will be available April 1 until June 25, 2025. All orders will be done online and will be delivered the week prior to our event! This is the same company that did the park & recreation shirts recently. He is also giving a percentage back to the city for the celebration! <https://www.storessimple.com/3jaxdesign/33719>
If you need help ordering, please reach out.

Please Respect the Parks: Keep your dog on a leash or in control by alternative collars when you are out with your dog(s). Do not take your dogs into the kiddie park, there are children who are very afraid of dogs, this is a safe place. **A HUGE thing - if you are out for a walk and your dog does their business and you are not in your own yard, be sure you have a bag to collect it!**

Playing with your dog in the ball field is prohibited. The Park & Recreation group work tirelessly to keep that fields ready for ball – they should not have to scope out doggie doo too!

2025 Band Concerts – Friday Night Socials

The Lafayette Band has set their concert dates for the 2025 season. The concerts will continue to start at 7:30pm, except during the 125th concert night will start at 6:30pm, to allow for the transition to the concord singers.

Contact the office to book your Friday Night Social!

May 30 – Open

June 6 – Foggy Youth

June 13 – Lions

June 20 – 1st Lutheran

June 27 – West Newton 4H

July 11 – Open

July 18 – Open

July 25 – Legion 125th Celebration Meal

Lafayette Area Lions:

The summer parade dates that the Lions are participating in are: Nicollet, June 21, Winthrop, July 13, New Ulm, July 20, Lafayette, July 27, and Gaylord, August 9. The Lafayette Lions are a service organization that helps so many in our community and surrounding area! Consider joining them! <https://www.facebook.com/Lafayette-Area-Lions-1815080668713552>

Playground Upgrade: The Lions are making donations to the city to pay the equipment bond payments for the playground. They are doing fundraising and using gambling proceeds to make these donations. Help them by participating in the Lions events or making a donation to the Lions directly for this project – see Taylor at the bank, if you wish to donate directly to the Lions.

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

Summer ball practice will begin soon! See the P&R website for information!

2025 Teams:

T-ball Ages 3-7

NJK Construction - Rookie Softball

Pee Wee Softball

Jr. Softball

Rookie Baseball

Peanuts Baseball

Bi-County Baseball

<http://lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn>

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

****A reminder and a thank you to those who use the can drop at the c-store! This is also an ongoing fundraiser for the P&R. They are working with the city for updates for the park fencing which is a huge cost.**

Legion Post #300:

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

Paver orders are ongoing. Reach out to the Legion or stop into the city office for an order form.

TREX Plastics Recycling for Benches:

The project consists of collecting the proper plastics, bagging them, weighing each bag and sending a photo to TREX – in turn they send a bench once the 1,000 #s of plastic is achieved! The Garden Club will be working on it currently. This project will continue as long as a group or organization will volunteer the time and effort. Any organization can register to collect and receive a bench.

*Only stretchable plastics, clean and dry. Salt bags with handles need to be cut off. **NO dog food bags, candy wrappers, frozen food bags.** Remove receipts from store bags.*

For more information, fact sheets are at the city office or check out the TREX website: <https://nextrex.com/view/educate>.

Service for Seniors: Tammy Kindem, RN has offered her toe nail trimming service by appointment for seniors or others who have a hard time trimming. She will come to Lafayette. 507-766-4410.

Special Meeting: There was a special meeting on Thursday, April 24 to set a public hearing on May 12th for a CUP Application . The application is for an indoor Cannabis growing facility in the vacant school property.

Council Briefs:

4/14/2025

Guests: Andy Brown – Nicollet County Assessor's office, Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Residents Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street, Alisha Brown – 511 Pioneer, Lauren Morson & Nick Morson – 791 5th Street, Nick Klingler – Fire Chief, Mark Dick – Ambulance President, Thomas Stang - Pura Properties and Glenn Hauser – Brickside Growers.

LBA&E Hearing: There were two property owners who appealed their valuations. Pura Properties, the Manor apartments, who had a 40 % increase and K. Baldwin, who felt with the issues there, it should be valued less. An appraiser had been there but no information was available for the council meeting. Council approved changing the Pura Properties to \$586,500, which is a 20% increase. Council approved a no change for the other property and the appeal will go to the county. This will allow the appraiser to submit a proposed valuation for the county hearing in June.

Approved: Agenda and Consent Agenda including the 3/10 minutes, bills totaling \$82,404.26, the receipts totaling \$79,797.39. The treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for March, the 2025 payrolls 6, 7 and Resolution 2025-10 - April Donations totaling \$15,100; including; \$10,000 from the Lions for the equipment bond, \$400 Citizens, \$200 Laurie Larson, Xcel Energy to sponsor 125th Celebration events, and a \$4,000 grant from the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation for the update of the Lafayette History Book for the 125th celebration.

Reports: Fox: submitted his report and highlighted the street sweeper was purchased and the new brooms have arrived, they will start working on the streets. Council approved the community center floor quote from Service Master for \$2,795 and the purchase of a part for the composite sampler at the WWTF for \$1411.00 plus shipping.

Tauber: He and Fox met again with the rural fire.

Burger: Submitted her report and updated the council on utility billing, 125th committee events, zoning map updated, researched the exercise equipment at the school for when they will be removed and installed the park.

Klingler: Rural agreement, Ham dinner sold out, ISO was good, he has a few timed items to turn in, with results in 2-3 months. Was advised the city pumper to go on reserve and if it doesn't affect the ISO rating it doesn't pay to keep it.

Dick: Ordered a new Stryker cot & Lucas III and a power stair chair, using the one-time state funds. They were hoping to save the funds for a new ambulance in 3 or so years, but the State funding needed to be used by the end of 2025 or returned.

Unfinished Business: RO: Waiting on bonding bill. **Stormwater Grant:** Waiting on final report. **STREAMS:** Met again with MPCA to review the permitting requirements of the new facility.

New Business: Approved: Pheasant Forever's LG2200 State permit for gun bingo. 2025 Ambulance officers, President Dick, VP Uhde, Secretary Griebel, Data Reporting & Active 911 Beranek, Maintenance & Supplies, C Goblirsh, Infectious controls Compton. Still need to fill the training position. Community Center quarterly cleaning to L&L Handyman & Cleaning for \$563.17 based on 10 hours cleaning plus drive time and mileage. Rural Fire & City Fire agreement. Joining MN Small Cities group. Chicken ordinance was discussed and the Mayor called a workshop set for Wednesday May 7, to discuss and create an ordinance before bringing it back to the council for a decision. Discussed remote meeting needs and laws. Will borrow the Winthrop Owl (microphone/camera equipment) for the workshop to see how it works before purchasing equipment.

The next meeting will be a workshop on Wednesday, May 7 to review a possible chicken ordinance and the next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 12 , 2025, at 7:00 pm in the council chambers 791 Main Avenue.

SAVE the Green Collections Flyer! (Tape it to the inside of your cupboard door 3to have it on hand)