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

May 2023

1 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

8 – City Council 7pm Council Chambers

9 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center

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

14 – Happy Mother's Day!

16 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

20 – Citywide residential Cleanup day 7 am

22 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

29 – Memorial Day – Legion event mini park & CC

June 2023

2 – Holiday Schedule – Garbage only

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Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: May 11 & 25, June 8, 22

Citywide Cleanup is Saturday, May 20, 2023.

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

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 24, 2023 for Lafayette's Electronic and Appliance Collection from 8 to 11 am. All the information you need is on the GREEN Sheet in this month's bill! **SAVE IT!!** FYI: The office has a copy of the Nicollet County retailers that accept automotive wastes, call in or stop in for the information.

Watch the city Facebook, website and office window for upcoming volunteer needs and times for working on the bandstand update and ramp building project!

NEXT Session – Sunday, May 7 @ 1:30pm

See you soon in the park!

Note from Sandie Peterson, Mayor:

Happy May!

Now, if Mother Nature would just cooperate so we can start enjoying some nice weather! I am getting antsy to be outside and at the camper, as many of you are too; hopefully we are on the upswing.

If you are like me, I am not fond of cooking all the time, so to answer that I have contacted a few food trucks to come to our city on Monday nights from 4 to 7pm this summer, located by Lund Park. **Updated Scheduled so far:**

May 8 – River City Eatery – Lund Park

<https://www.rivercityeatery.com/foodtrailerinformation> they will be featuring their "crowd pleasing" menu.

May 15 – Tommy's Tacos – Lund Park

Follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/tommystacos21/>

I hope this goes over and is well supported, drawing people into town and for the trucks to make some money as well, so they keep returning during the summer! The information on who is added to the schedule will be posted on Facebook and on posters around town. I think this could be fun to taste the offerings of the different vendors. If you go to a food truck somewhere near or have a friend that offers this service, please contact me with their information.

Don't forget the Memorial Day celebration to honor our fallen heroes – Legion Post #300 holds a Memorial Day program on that day at the community center and mini park.

Lastly, I would like to wish all the mother's a big thank you for all you do for your families and the community. Happy Mother's Day!

Sandie

Spring is the time for Clean-up!

Curbside cleanup is a great opportunity to clean up your yard before the council's annual blight tour on June 12 at 6 pm. Key items: vehicles without current tabs, junk vehicles, unkept yards with tall weeds brush, garbage, trees over hanging the road/alley, etc. **NOW** is the time to clean up! See insert for more information

Compost Protocol:

Reminder of the protocol for the compost area. We are licensed and monitored by the DNR and must abide by their rules.

There are TWO piles:

One for yard and garden waste ONLY organic! No bags, flower pots, décor etc. when you dump - get as close to the pile as possible.

The second pile is for brush and branches 3-inches or less only. Please help us to keep our location in compliance.

National Recognition Weeks:

Please take a minute, during the month of May, to thank our city council, city staff, and the ambulance and fire members, the park & rec and all other volunteers who work to keep your city safe and running smoothly.

Professional Municipal Clerk's week. April 30-May 6 – Thank you, Sandy!

Public Service Recognition week. May 13 – Thank you, Sandie, Dave, Scott, Tom and Curt!

International Firefighters Day – May 4 – We appreciate all of our hard working, highly trained firefighters! Thank you for your service! Fire Prevention Week is in October every year.

National EMS Week – May 21 - 27– We are very blessed to have such a dedicated Ambulance service for our community and surrounding areas; thank you for your service!

National Public Works Week – May 21-27 – Thank you Al, Brennan, Logan and Nick!

Our Fire & Ambulance need you!

Have you considered joining the Lafayette Fire Department, contact Chief Nick Klingler or Ambulance, contact Pres. Mark Dick.

Swimming Pool Policy:

Council approved the swimming pool policy. The Fire department **cannot** fill private pools. The city offers you to purchase, at the city cost, a second meter for your outside use; whether watering or filling your pool, to which you only pay water charges, not sewer. Contact the city office if interested in learning more.

125 Years as Lafayette –Join the fun!

The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 10 at 7pm in the community center. 2025 is fast approaching, EVERYONE is welcome! Be a part of something of historical significance! We need our entire community to participate to make this a great success.

Energy Assistance Program:

Deadline approaching for energy bill assistance programs (EAP Water & Sewer help too – Contact MN Valley Action Council before 5/31)

Xcel Energy wants to remind customers that payment assistance programs are available that may be able to help with your energy bills, and the deadline to apply is coming soon. Thousands of families and households have benefitted from home energy assistance programs throughout the winter, and now is a good time to see if you're eligible. In Minnesota, the deadline to apply for energy assistance is May 31, so be sure to learn more and apply soon. State programs can offer assistance paying utility bills and the cost for repair or replacement of a home's primary heating system. To learn more, visit xcelenergy.com/EnergyAssistance or call Xcel Energy at 800-895-4999. To explore more options, you can visit xcelenergy.com/WaysToSave to find ways to save energy and money, have more stable bills, learn about payment assistance and more. Tips for saving money and energy can be found at xcelenergy.com/Tips, and you can also find information on incentives and rebates that customers can use to make their homes and businesses more efficient.

Red Cross Bloodmobile:

The next bloodmobile is on Monday, November 20, 2023 from 1pm to 7 pm at the Community Center. If interested in volunteering, contact Lori at the bank.

Legion Post #300:

Memorial Day Program held at the community center and mini park. The Pavers have been ordered! Stay tuned – for updated information.

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

Lafayette Area Lions:

Bingo, Meat Raffles & Racing will return in the fall!
May 9 – Mtg & Raffle drawing for Robyn (Portner)Weikle
June 23 – Lion's Pie Social Fundraiser for Compton family
July 11 – Melvin Jones – Officer installation meeting
facebook.com/Lafayette-Area-Lions-1815080668713552

Park & Recreation Update:

Practice starts May 8th.

facebook.com/groups/970058526441490/events

5/13 - Chipotle fundraiser 4-8pm, 1600 Warren St., Mkto.

Watch for schedules to be posted on

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

Bookmobile is here for you!

Get your summer reading delivered right here in Lafayette! See page 1 for dates. No card, no problem, just bring a photo ID to sign up, or use your current card from another library.

Council Briefs 4/10/2023:

Local Board of Appeals & Equalization Hearing: Shana Jackson Nicollet County Assessor - there were no valuation appeals. The assessor's office will be doing their 5-year update of all properties in Lafayette. There will be a letter sent, if no response a note on the door. They will try to connect with everyone.

Approved the consent agenda: Including: 3/13/2023 council minutes, bills totaling \$106,889.72, and treasurer's report with receipts totaling \$52,207.19.

Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Jessica Moldan – 660 10th Street, Dave Burger – 580 Main Avenue, and Heidi Portner – 651 5th Street and Angie Hartmann – 411 Skyview Avenue, to represent Park & Rec.

Reports: Fox: Compost not open yet due to snowmelt. Will complete the curb & gutter on east Pioneer. **Peterson:** 125 celebration committee, attended LMC Safety & Loss – good sessions. **Burger:** Attended MCFOA conference and LMC Safety & Loss – great sessions, working with Ambulance for 5/31 reporting for Ground ambulance data collection mandate. **Klingler:** Inquired about installing a cold/hot water to the east side of the fire barn to help clean rigs, will revisit once generators are purchased-installed from ARPA funds. Asked that the non-profit fundraiser rental fee for Relief be waived, council waived. **Polich:** Attended 125th, zoning committee. **Portner:** Attended Storm spotter training.

Unfinished Business:

Working with the EPA & Engineers on grant information & requirements. Storage container is ordered to house the pilot project from May through July. It will sit on the street during this time. Fire Truck committee will meet 4/11. Zoning committee met; discussion was tabled until the city attorney was present.

New Business:

Approved: Donation of \$69 was approved from the mini park donation bucket at FillMeUp, 2 permits for an addition by Tauber and remove and build a shed for Isaacson S&S, Policy stating the city Fire will not fill pools, there is an option of a second meter for this purpose, WC premium of \$22,128, fire fighter Ben Anderson, a member of a neighboring department, but is available during the day, Ambulance 2023 officers, \$2,000 to the 125th Year Celebration committee.

H. Portner & A. Hartmann inquired about a liquor license for selling beer at the pop shack for tournaments.

Next meeting:

The next council meeting is, Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm meeting in the Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue.

2023 Pie & Ice Cream Socials and Lafayette Band concerts:

The band has set the date for the annual summer concerts and local organizations have scheduled Pie socials on concert nights.

May 29 – Legion Memorial Day event – Community Center/mini-Park

June 2 – Foggy Youth

June 7 – Bernadotte Social

June 16 – 1st Lutheran WELCA Social

June 23 – Lion's

June 30 – Legion Auxiliary

July 6 – No band concert

July 14 – Legion

July 21 – Park and Recreation

July 28 – Open

Coming soon:

Lafayette Little Learners is in the process to become a daycare center in Lafayette to provide care for children 6 weeks to 12 years old. They are seeking qualified experienced staff for multiple positions; contact lafayettelittlelearners@gmail.com for information.

Garage Sale: Contact Kathy Eckstrand for the annual city-wide garage sales. There will be two; first is set for **Saturday, July 29**, the second being **Saturday, October 7**, right before the October 14, 2023 fall city-wide clean-up! Posters will be out in May with information, or call Kathy Eckstrand at 276-1912 or keckstrand560@gmail.com If you would like to help Kathy, please let her know!