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City of Lafayette

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June 2022

3 – Lion’s Pie Social before the band concert

6 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

9 – Bookmobile – 10:30am to 11:00am – Esther Avenue

8 – Bernadotte’s Pie Social & Band concert at Bernadotte

13 – City Council Blight Tour 6:00 pm

13– City Council –7pm Council Chambers

14 – Lion’s Meeting – 6:45pm – Community Center

14– LCS School Board – 5:30pm – Tech. Rm

17 – Legion Auxiliary’s Pie Social before the band concert

21 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

23 – Bookmobile – 10:30am to 11:00am – Esther Avenue

24 – Foggy Youth’s Pie Social before the band concert

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

25 – Annual Appliance & Electronics drop off 8 to 11 am

27 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

July 2022

7 – Bookmobile – 10:30am to 11:00am – Esther Avenue

8 – Backpack Program’s Pie Social before the band concert

11 – City Council –7pm Council Chambers

11 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

12 – Lion’s Meeting – 6:45pm – Location TBD

12– LCS School Board – 5:30pm – Tech. Rm

15 – 1st Lutheran’s Pie Social before the band concert

19 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

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25 – All Utility Payments Due!

25 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

29 – Park & Rec’s Pie Social before the band concert

30 – Summer fun day @ Dave’s Place

Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: June 9, 23, July 8, 21

June 3 is holiday schedule for only garbage and 4th of July

Week is holiday schedule for both garbage & recycle

Holiday Lights: Year-round Recycling of holiday lights and extension cords; drop them at the office.

Note from Sandie Peterson, Mayor:

Well, we haven’t had the best weather yet, but hopefully it will warm up and stay nice now. I am not sure if spring is done or if we are going straight into summer, but I guess this is Minnesota weather and we have no control over it.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the citywide garbage (or treasure) pick up. The council will be going on the blight tour the beginning of the month (June 13) and we will be looking at residential and commercial properties. We will be sending letter to all owners that have an issue to be corrected, everyone is treated equally and no one is over looked.

I hope everyone will come out and enjoy the upcoming pie and ice cream socials and band concerts. Keep in mind that city wide garage sales are July 30th.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

Sandie

Upcoming Blight Tour:

June 13, 2022 at 6 pm council and staff will hold the annual blight tour. They will be viewing residential, and commercial properties. A few of the things that they look for are vehicles without current tabs, junk vehicles, unkept yards with tall weeds, trees over hanging the road/alley, etc. It is a good time to have a good look at your property, and **NOW** is the time to get rid of junk vehicles or get them properly licensed.

Get help with these programs:

Energy Assistance Program:

July 1st is the last day to file for emergency help through this program. If you are a month behind on your utility bill or have a shut off notice, this may be available for you. There is still money in the fund and they are not sure it will be renewed for the 2022-2023 year; which starts in September. EAP includes water and sewer utilities, along with heating assistance. Contact MN Valley Action Council (MVAC) to see if you qualify. If approved, they pay your past due and current water and sewer charges and you would only be responsible for the garbage portion of the bill. Take advantage of it now!

HOMEHELPMN:

Has launched! If you need help with overdue mortgage payments, and other housing related expenses like property taxes, insurance they may be able to help! The application period opened on May 17 and **closes June 17 at 5pm**. Act now, to see if you qualify. Visit <https://homehelpmn.org/> for more information

Compost and Mowing:

Mowing – Do Not Mow into the Street: When mowing your yard or business lawn, remember that you **cannot mow clippings into the street**. Plan your mowing so that the outside swipes are blown into the yard, not onto the street.

Reasons: it can wash into the ditch system and promote algae growth downstream and it can also be dangerous for two wheeled motorists, as it can be slippery when wet and cause tires to lose grip on the road.

Compost: Use the blacktop road out to the compost site. There are two piles, one for yard & garden waste – grass, weeds, leaves, and such and 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.**

Appliance and Electronics collection:

Will be held on Saturday, June 25th from 8 until 11 am only. Register and pay for your items in the shop alongside of the City office and you will be directed where to go to unload your items. If you will miss our collection date, or have tires to get rid of...Tri-County will have tire-appliance-electronics collections on Saturday, June 4 in Le Center, Thursday, June 16 in Nicollet, and Wednesday, June 22 in Arlington, or use the \$5 coupons available to take items to Mankato or Hutchinson. A Hazardous Waste collection is on Saturday, June 18 in St. Peter.

PUBLIC ALERT!! All City water mains will be flushed during the week of Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 10, 2022. Flushing will occur from approximately 7 am until 3:30 pm daily until it is completed. **Limit water use during this time as there may be discoloration and sediment flowing while the flushing is being done.** A Public Alert message will be sent out Friday, June 3 as a reminder – please listen to the message before calling the city office.

Lafayette Study Club Celebrates 102 years!

The Lafayette Study Club, our local book club, has been around for 102 years! The Pandemic put the celebration on hold, but now the celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2022 at the community center from 1 to 3 pm, our special guest is award winning, Minnesota author, Christine Husom! Doors will open at 12:30pm.

Lafayette Community Band:

The Community Band 2022 Summer Concert schedule:
June 3, 17, 24 in the mini park, June 8 – Bernadotte Pie Social
July 8, 15, 22, 29.

Friday Night Pie & Ice Cream Socials:

June 3 – Lafayette Lions

June 17 – Legion Auxiliary

June 24 – Foggy Youth

July 8 – Back Pack Program

July 15 1st Lutheran

July 22 – Legion 24

July 29 – Lafayette Park & Recreation

No band concerts on Friday, June 10 or July 1. Pie Socials and band concerts are great ways to meet others in the community!

Join the fun - Citywide Garage Sales!!

Coordinator Kathy Eckstrand is gathering names for the annual city-wide garage sales. They will be held on Saturday, July 30, many open on Friday as well. See the posters or call Kathy Eckstrand at 276-1912 or keckstrand560@gmail.com

Summer FUN at Dave's Place

June 11: Karaoke night 8:30 to 12:30pm

Bike & Car Nights: Council approved a request for street closure for Dave's Place to hold Bike & Car nights tentatively scheduled for every other Wednesday: June 29, July 13, 27, August 10, 4 and September 7. No parking on Main Avenue between 6th Street and 8th Street from 4:30 to 9 pm on these nights for classic cars and bike parking and the safety of the visitors.

July 30 Summer event:

TNT Inflatables LLC, bean bag tournament and a street dance featuring Chopper in the evening!

Lafayette Area Lions:

June 3 – Hosts the 1st Pie & Ice cream social of the year!

June 14 – 6:45 pm meeting @ community center

July 12 – Awards Night/Installation of Officers location TBD

August 9 – 6:45 pm meeting @ community center

August 27 – Hog & Corn Roast

Watch their Facebook page for possible meat raffles throughout the summer. <https://www.facebook.com/Lafayette-Area-Lions-1815080668713552>

125 Years of Lafayette - Quasquicentennial:

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Help us plan a Quasquicentennial (125 years) celebration!

Share your thoughts and ideas for celebrating this upcoming event to be held in 2025! Ideas shared so far... an update to the centennial history book, or at least a reprint, updating the city logo, renaming the mini park, etc.

All ideas welcome, as one thought might just spark another.

Council Briefs: 5/5/2022

Approved the consent agenda including 4/7 minutes and City Fire agreement workshop recap and bills of \$103,606.47

Reports: Fox: Delay with state inspector for pop shack sewer being completed. P&R chairperson, Campbell inquired about the use of the city tractor for dragging the fields; consensus not allowed due to liability. WWTF was temporarily repaired, while awaiting the custom parts, once complete it will be turned over to insurance.

Klingler: Has trained firefighter from another town who works in Lafayette, fire is updating bylaws to allow this and council approved the hiring of Lucas Messner, Klingler will contact rural for turnout gear. **Burger:** Essential worker's pay was approved by the state, once the application is available businesses have 15 days to inform their employees, they then have 45 days to apply. She has had a few inquiries to the Revolving Loan program. Research showed the median household income as \$73,750 and individual as \$34,375. Applicants need to be under 80% to qualify or \$59,000 and \$27,500, both were over that threshold. Currently there is \$51,832 remaining in the fund. **Portner:** To date 77 youth enrolled in P&R, looking for a few coaches, he attended a regional fire meeting and shared information. **Tauber:** to take ambulance skills on 5/9 and national registry following. **Peterson:** shared the first draft of the future park and the Veteran's memorial area plans. (the information is posted on the city website)

Unfinished Business:

RO Water Project: Lornic LLC., has decided not to follow through with the land sale. Fox discussed with the engineers and option B will be the focus. Submittals are still within the scope for the project. The Congressional Direct Spending request for \$1,000,000 was submitted and on 5/4 information was requested to move it to the House subcommittee.

New Business:

Date was set for May 17 for a personnel policy workshop. Council approved the Fire Protection Agreement, zoning permits for M. Hagberg to remove the existing house and build a new, and DB Durhan for a fence and curb cut to extend driveway approach. Approved Resolution 2022-09 May donations of \$50 from Renville Sibley Sanitation for the fire department and \$1200 from the Lions to be shared to the Community Band for summer concerts.

Next meeting:

Monday, June 13, 2022, council will meet and complete a city blight tour at 6 pm and return for the 7 pm meeting in the Council Chambers 791 Main Avenue.

This is just a glimpse of the council meeting – the full minutes are available on the website, once approved.

Lafayette Park and Recreation:

Check out our website (<https://lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn>) Keep up to date on the games and weather-related notices on the Park & Recreation Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/970058526441490>

Questions, email Park & Recreation:

lafayetteparkandrecreation@gmail.com

Park & Recreation is ready for an exciting summer of ball!

Lafayette Charter School:

June 14 – School Board meets at 5:30pm

June 21 – 1st Day of summer school

Summer Hours Monday – Wednesday 8 am to noon ** Tech and library will be open during those times