

# JUNE 2023

## City of Lafayette

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### June 2023

2 – Holiday Schedule – Garbage only

5 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

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

12 – City Council Blight Tour 6:00pm

12 – City Council 7pm Council Chambers

13 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center

20 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

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

24 – Appliance & Electronics Collection- City Shop

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

26 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

### July 2023

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

7 – Holiday Schedule – Garbage & Recycling

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

11 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center

12 – \*\* Date change - City Council 7pm Council

Chambers

18 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

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

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

26 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

29 – Summer Citywide Summer Garage Sales

### Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: June 8, 22, July 7 (Friday), 20

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 ramp building project! The pavers will arrive in July, once they do there will be additional need for volunteers! See you soon in the park!

### Note from Sandie Peterson, Mayor:

June is here and hopefully a little less wet and little warmer. I love seeing everyone in their yards planting flowers, and gardens. Thank you to the community garden club for planting the pots that are set out on Main Street!

We will be doing our annual blight tour beginning of this month. When we do this everyone is treated equal residents and businesses alike, so let's make our town pretty.

Our RO (reverse osmosis) pilot project has started and is very labor intensive, so thank you Al and Brennen for all you do for the city.

Remember the ball games are starting down at the park, go down and cheer our young ones on and a little bird told me they will be serving hot dog, brats, hamburgers, and riblets. So, if you don't feel like cooking or don't have time, just stop down and support our Park and Recreation organization.

Thank you all for supporting the food trucks. I do have four set up for June - see schedule in newsletter. I have really enjoyed trying the trucks and the different foods. If you know of any food trucks, please send me their information.

I hope everyone has a wonderful June.

*Sandie*

### 2023 Council Blight Tour:

At the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting council members were given a section of town to review prior to the blight tour on June 12<sup>th</sup>. They will submit addresses to the city clerk to compile a route of properties to revisit during the blight tour.

### Appliance and Electronics Drop!

June 24 is the annual appliance and electronics drop off at the city shop. See the green flyer sent out in May for details or on the website under the resident's tab and sanitation & recycling, the flyer is posted at the bottom.

### Attention: Lafayette MN Water Facility Water Users:

The 2022 Lafayette Water Facility "Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water" will not be published or mailed to individual addresses. A direct link to the report is on our website <https://lafayettetmn.com/ccr1> or a copy of this report is available at the City of Lafayette office during business hours. If you would like a copy of this report but are unable to stop in, please contact the Lafayette City Clerk at 507-228-8241 to arrange for a copy of this report to be mailed to you.

### June Food Truck Mondays from 4 to 7pm:

June 5 – River City Eatery

June 12 – Fred's Hotdogs

June 19 – Back Street Market

June 26 – Tommy's Tacos – Also starts the Outdoor Market at the Park -see posters

### Spring Reminders!

**Pet owners: DOGS:** There have been instances where someone is walking with or without their dog and another dog runs out in the street to greet them. This can be an extremely scary situation for the walker, especially if they are not dog lovers. Please remember if you have your dog out in your yard that you must have full control of your pet. When you are out walking your dog, **please take a bag along to clean up their feces** and dispose of it when you get home. **CATS:** Again, there are many feral cats in town – if they are fed, they will stay. Do not feed them, hopefully they will migrate to where they can find food. Also, if you are a cat owner, they too are to be under the owner's full control if outside. We have had multiple verbal complaints of cats wandering to a neighbor's yard/garden and defecating on their property.

**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 & NO TRASH!**

### **125 Years as Lafayette –Join the fun!**

The 125<sup>th</sup> committee met on Wednesday, May 10 to discuss items planned. The next meeting will be after harvest this fall and EVERYONE is welcome – YOU can be a part of something of historical significance! There are lots of activities being planned and we need our entire community to participate to make this a great success. 2025 is fast approaching!

### **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:**

The pavers have been ordered and will be delivered in July!! Watch for information on volunteer opportunities to help with installation and landscaping work.

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

### **Lafayette Area Lions:**

June 13 – Lions meeting – Community Center

June 23 – Lion's Pie Social Fundraiser for Compton family

July 11 – Melvin Jones Award – Officer installation meeting

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

### **Park & Recreation Update:**

<facebook.com/groups/970058526441490/events>

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! Don't have a card, no problem, just bring a photo ID to sign up, or use your current card from another library. Stop by the Bookmobile on June 8 and June 22 – parked by the kiddie park on Esther Avenue from 10:30 to 11:00 am.

### **Dave's Place 2023 Bike & Car nights:**

The 2023 every other week kick off was Wednesday, May 31, June days are 14, 28, July days 12, 26, August are 9, 23 and the finale is Wednesday, September 6

### **Lafayette Garden Club:**

Thank you to the newly formed garden club for creating the beautiful flower pots to brighten our downtown area. If you are interested joining or learning more contact Sandy Burger [sandykburger@gmail.com](mailto:sandykburger@gmail.com).

### **Join the Summer City-wide Garage Sales:**

Contact Kathy Eckstrand for the annual city-wide garage sales. This year there will be two; the first is set for **Saturday, July 29**, the second being **Saturday, October 7**, right before the October 14, 2023 fall city-wide clean-up! Call Kathy Eckstrand at 276-1912 or [keckstrand560@gmail.com](mailto:keckstrand560@gmail.com)  
Don't miss the fun!

### **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](mailto:lafayettelittlelearners@gmail.com) for information.

### **Council Briefs 5/8/2023:**

**Approved the consent agenda:** Including: 4/10/2023 council minutes, bills totaling \$51,826.02, and treasurer's report with receipts totaling \$28,279.70.

**Guests:** Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Jessica Moldan – 660 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Dave Burger – 580 Main Avenue.

**Reports:** **Fox:** UV at WWTF started, street sweeping began, P&R requested concrete pad, they will donate \$3000 asking Lions \$2000, city \$728, council approved. CCR report in June newsletter, ARPA funds - decided to purchase a generator for the fire hall for emergencies. **Peterson:** presented dates for an outdoor market for June-August council approved advertising, Read Certificate of Commendation from the State for the WWTF **Burger:** Nicollet county assessor will be in Lafayette for the 5-year property inspections, postcards were sent, working with gWorks who recently purchased UBMax, our utility billing, RS Fiber water tower lease agreement council approved going forward with asking \$250 per month for a 2-year lease. **Klingler:** Two new fire fighters passed class **Polich:** dogs running into street – Burger will put a reminder in the newsletter **Portner:** propane burn – council gave fire dept approval to hold it in the triangle by the salt shed – he will alert Isenberg Electric & N Langhoff. **Tauber:** stray cat issue

### **Unfinished Business:**

Fox received the EPA Grant implementation guidance, reviewed and started the application. RO hookup completed, technicians 5/15. Fire Truck committee met, looked at used truck options, nothing decided. Zone committee met 4/19 went over a few more areas, city attorney working on the variance and sign sections. Once completed will be presented to council for first reading. 125-year – setting up a separate checking not an option Burger set up a separate fund in the city CTAS accounting software. Will meet 5/10

### **New Business:**

**Approved:** \$1755.21 donation to ambulance, \$475 donation to 125-celebration, Schiller permit with stipulation the water shutoff is always available and the drive through a non-permanent surface, first reading of Ord 143 – and set the hearing for the June meeting, approved the fire relief temporary liquor license for Friday, July 28. Approved changing to a higher interest savings and purchasing a \$200,000 4% 15-month CD at Citizens, approved Fox to sign agreement for the PFAS Recovery Program.

FYI: Peterson handed out Blight tour packets, after cleanup day council will tour their assigned section of town and give addresses to the clerk for a list for the June blight tour.

### **Next meeting:**

The next council meeting is, Monday, June 12, 2023 at council will hold the blight tour and the meeting will follow at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue.

### **2023 Pie & Ice Cream Socials and Lafayette Band concerts:**

Support our Lafayette band and local organizations have scheduled Pie socials on concert nights.

June 2 – Foggy Youth

June 7 – Bernadotte Social

June 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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