

# July 2022

## City of Lafayette

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### 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 Community Center

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

15 – 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran's Pie Social before the band concert

19 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

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

22 – Legion Post 300's Pie Social before the band concert

**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

### August 2022

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**8 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers**

9 – Lion's Meeting – 6:45pm – Location Community Center

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

15 – City Council – 2023 Budget workshop

16 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

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

**25 – All Utility Payments Due!**

27 – Lion's hog & Corn Roast – Fire Relief Dance

29 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

### Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: July 8, 21, August 4, 18

4<sup>th</sup> of July week is a holiday schedule for both garbage & recycle

**Holiday Lights:** Year-round recycling of holiday lights and extension cords; drop them at the office, during office hours.

### 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>

### Note from Sandie Peterson, Mayor:

Happy Fourth of July !!!! Hope everyone enjoys the time with family, friends or community. Be careful with firework and bonfires with this dry weather. Also, during this heat make sure to stay hydrated and watch kids and pets for heat stress.

Last month we had the annual blight tour and I was really happy see the pride in our small community. For the few that did get letters please know that everyone is treated the same, there are no exceptions. Please believe the council and I are doing everything in our power to rid the city of unsafe conditions. Sometimes it just takes time to follow all of the laws and ordinances.

During this warm streak of weather please be mindful of water usage.

If you are looking for something to do in the evenings go down to Lund Park and enjoy watching our young people play ball and have an ice cream treat.

Remember to celebrate the small victories, as you never know how long you have.

*Sandie*

### Get help with HOMEHELPMN:

If you need help with overdue mortgage payments, and other housing related expenses like property taxes, insurance, etc., they may be able to help. The application period opened on May 17 and is now **extended until August 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**. Mow 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 causing injury!**

**Compost:** NO PLASTIC BAGS! If you have to use a bag to transport your yard waste – EMPTY IT onto the pile! 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 and again, NO PLASTIC BAGS!!**

### Join the fun - Citywide Garage Sales!!

IT IS NOT TOO LATE!! Coordinator Kathy Eckstrand is gathering names for the annual city-wide garage sales. They will be held on Saturday, July 30, some may open on Friday as well. See the posters or call Kathy Eckstrand at 276-1912 or [keckstrand560@gmail.com](mailto:keckstrand560@gmail.com)

### Friday Night Pie & Ice Cream Socials, Band Follows at 7:30 pm:

**July 1 – No Pie social or band concert due to the 4<sup>th</sup> holiday**

**July 8 – Back Pack Program**

**July 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran**

**July 22 – Legion 24**

**July 29 – Lafayette Park & Recreation**

We have a lot of new residents and the Pie Socials and band concerts are great ways to meet others in the community!

### Summer FUN at Dave's Place

**Bike & Car Nights:** Council approved a request for street closure for Dave's Place to hold Bike & Car nights on Wednesdays, June 29, July 13, 27, August 10, 4 and September 7. **No parking on Main Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street from 5-8 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:

July 12 – Awards Night/Installation of Officers Community Center

August 9 – 6:45 pm meeting @ Community Center

August 27 – Hog & Corn Roast

Watch their Facebook page for updates!

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

### 125 Years of Lafayette - Quasquicentennial:

#### **(kwos-kwi-sen-ten-ee-uh l)**

Help us plan a Quasquicentennial (125 years) celebration, 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! Contact a council member or the office with your ideas.

### Lafayette Charter School:

July 4 - Closed

July 12 – School Board meets at 5:30pm

Parades: Winthrop Farm City Fun days, July 10, Gibbon

Funfest, July 16, Bavarian Blast New Ulm, July 17

Summer Hours: Monday – Wednesday 8 am to noon \*\*

Tech and library will be open during those times

### Council Briefs: 6/13/2022

**Approved** the consent agenda including 5/5 minutes and recap of the Personnel Policy handbook workshop. Bills totaling \$61,733.54

**Guests:** Residents: J. Bieraugel was on hand to share a concern of trucks on city streets. M. Aalid and P. Ferguson shared concerns of a property.

**Reports: Fox:** Reports submitted, new truck is here, MDE started a volunteer PFSA project, he recommends participating. **Portner:** Fire Department held a house burn training and nine new firefighters from the surrounding departments participated. **Burger:** Shared the assessor's recommendation to the two properties council motioned for them to review and take to the County Commissioner's LBAE hearing; 471 Lafayette Avenue dropped from \$169,900 to \$133,300 and 580 11<sup>th</sup> Street from \$118,700 to \$99,700. She will be working on the 2023 budget and ask for all to think of items that need to be discussed for the next year. **Tauber:** E. Compton completed his National Registry exam; Tauber will take his soon. **Peterson:** Attended Southern MN Initiative Foundation's event with Burger and Rozeske to learn more about the programs it supports through grants. They will work on submitting a grant to help with the mini park area. Presented a certificate, which read: *"In Appreciation for the persistence and sustained effort to support Minnesota's Wastewater surveillance and its impact on the COVID-19 response, this certificate is hereby AWARDED to City of Lafayette Waste Water Treatment Facility"* Signed Jan Malcom Commissioner of MN Dept. of Health 5/31/2022

### Council Briefs: 6/13/2022 – continued:

#### **Unfinished Business:**

**RO Water Project:** We could hear if the Congressionally Direct Spending request is approved or not by early July, the Intended Use Plan was submitted 6/3 and the draft IUP is open for comment in early September. Plan and Specification submission and the Loan application to Public Facilities Authority (PFA) is 6 months after the IUP is finalized, approximately March 2023.

#### **New Business:**

Approved: Zoning Permits for J Hartley – remove old and construct a new shed, L Woods – Deck and ramp, resignation of Firefighter C Portner, the Social Media Public Notice, Update to the Travel and Training Policy pertaining to meals paid during a training of six or more hours over a meal time. Authorized the opening of a City credit card, official signers, credit card policy and credit card agreement for the signers. Contracted Cleaning quote: was reviewed and council would like to try a deep clean from them to see what actual hours are and then decide if it needs to be quarterly or twice a year. Blight: Council went through the list and directed Burger to send letters. Peterson commented how much better the city looked this year. She also shared that in the past year, council went through the process to update the Nuisance Ordinance Abatement process and added the weed section to help address issues as they arise, and also contracted with the Nicollet County Attorney's office, if needed to further action. FYI: Peterson mentioned the Mini Park committee cancelled its June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting due to the fact the Legion was still working on getting information on the veteran's paver area around the flag pole.

#### **Next meeting:**

Monday, July 8, 2022, @ 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.*

Mark your calendars, invite your family and friends from Lafayette and the surrounding area to **Lafayette's Second Annual**

## **NIGHT TO UNITE!!**

Last year's event was such a success and so far for this year they are plans for: a bounce house, a Plink-o- type game, a safe escape house, food stand, ice cream truck, Nicollet County, ambulance, fire truck, antique tractors, H2O, calves, black smith demo, and Clydesdales!!

Be sure to mark the date on your calendars:

**Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:30pm Lund Park!**