

# AUGUST 2023

## City of Lafayette

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### August 2023

- Night to Unite – Lund Park
- Bookmobile – 10:30am to 11:00am – Esther Ave.
- Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
- Lion's Meeting – Community Center
- 4 – City Council 7pm Council Chambers
- 5– Legion Post 300 – Community Center
- 7 – Bookmobile – 10:30am to 11:00am – Esther Ave.
- 1 – Council – Budget Workshop
- 5 – All Utility Payments Due!
- 5 – Lion's Hog & Corn Roast - Relief DJ Music– Fire hall
- 3 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

### September 2023

- Labor Day – Office closed
- 1 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
- 2 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center
- 2 – \*City Council 7pm Council Chambers date change
- 4– Bookmobile – 10:30am to 11:00am – Esther Ave.
- 7 – Legion Lafayette Memorial Park Paver Dedication
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### Garbage & Recycling info:

- Recycling Dates: August 3, 17 & 31, September 14,
- 3 September 8 holiday schedule – garbage only.
- All Citywide Cleanup is Saturday, 10/14/2023
- String Lights: Recycle holiday string lights and
- extension cords year-round; drop them at the office
- during office hours.
- Tip: The office has a copy of the Nicollet County
- tailors that accept automotive wastes, call in or
- drop in for the information.

Night to Unite is Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Bounce Houses, Vehicles, Food by the Lions & more!

### Lion's Annual Hog & Corn Roast

Saturday, August 26, 2023 Serving from 4:30 to 7:30pm

Adult meal \$12 (extra chop \$4) Kids Hotdog meal \$5

Entertainment: Rick Franta 4:30pm, Larry Mages 5:30pm

Lafayette Band Concert 6:30pm

### Lafayette Fire Relief

Annual Raffle Drawing will be at 7:30pm, DJ Grack & Roll will provide music until 11pm

Beer will be served during the hog & corn roast until 11 pm - No Entry Fee

### Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

Summer is going too fast. We have the Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> and I can't wait to see you all there! Thank you to the park and rec, Lions and all that make it a fun night for fellowship.

Enjoy these last days of summer with ball games, fairs, vacations and family or community get-togethers, like the Lion's hog and corn roast the end of the month. And with school starting the end of the month, let's watch for buses and children. I hope everyone has a good year at school and enjoy this time because when you are my age you will sometimes wish you were back there.

Summer is over in a blink and winter seems to last forever, so go make some memories that will last through the cold winter days.

Sandie

### Drought Watch:

Stay tuned – While most of the State is in moderate drought, so far, we are still in an Abnormally Dry designation for our area. The weekly drought monitor comes out each Thursday. If we do not get sufficient rain and the DNR places restrictions, you will be alerted of any restrictions affecting our city.

As a reminder to all, here is bonfire information from the MN Department of Public Safety – State Fire Marshal Division posted on the website. **It is a good reminder of bonfire safety. Please review it before you have a bonfire.**

<https://lafayettemn.municipalimpact.com/fire-department>

### Thank you to the Garden Club & the Main Ave. businesses, for the beautiful blooms!!

This spring, a thought sprouted and a group of residents got together to brighten our downtown with barrels of flowers and formed the Lafayette Garden Club. There has been a lot of positive feedback and the group shared that this project will continue!

Whether or not you have a green thumb, you can join in the fun to beautify our city. They will meet later this fall to start planning for what can be done in addition to this project, contact Lori D, Laura I, Nancy R or Sandy B!

**The Community needs YOU – Yes – YOU!** Watch for volunteer times to help with the paver project! The more volunteers we have the better. We will need help preparing the park for the paver placement, during the actual install either being a runner with pavers or placing them into the design with the guidance of Joe Mages, of Evolve Landscaping.



### **City-wide Garage Sales: Sign up for the Fall Sale**

Contact Kathy Eckstrand now for the Fall city-wide garage sales at 507-276-1912 or [keckstrand560@gmail.com](mailto:keckstrand560@gmail.com). To be included on the map contact her by noon on Wed. 10/4 the FALL city-wide will be **Saturday, October 7** (right before the October 14, 2023 fall city-wide clean-up!) Next year in 2024, there will be spring and fall garage sales. Not the July date, due to residents wanting to participate in the activities.

### **25 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 great success. Committee will meet again in the fall.

### **Region Post #300:**

Pavers have been delivered and the build of the paver area will begin the first week of August – with Joe Mages and Landon Uhde doing prep work – then after that we will need many volunteers to help with the paver placement. Save the date: 9/17 Paver dedication event. <https://www.facebook.com/LafMNAmLeg300>

### **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.

### **Lafayette Area Lions:**

Saturday, August 26 – Hog and Corn Roast! This great annual meal will be served at the fire hall! Watch Facebook for upcoming Lion's Raffle opportunities or local families in need: **Sandy Donnay's raffle** drawing will be held September 12 at the Lion's meeting and the next raffle after that will be for the **Marshyl Wenninger** family.

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

[facebook.com/groups/970058526441490/events](https://www.facebook.com/groups/970058526441490/events)

August 1 – Night to Unite

August 7 – Park & Rec Family Fun Night! See FB for details 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.

### **Lafayette Study Club**

Do you love to read? Do you want to be introduced to any books and authors you may never have found? Then check out our local book club, the Lafayette Study Club has been around since 1920. They will be holding a planning meeting in August for scheduling the September through June year. They meet once a month on the third Tuesday at 7pm. Members take turns hosting or co-hosting and one or two members give a book report on a book of their choice. Contact Sandy Urger 507-351-9731 or Sandy Hartley 507-276-4692 for details and where the planning meeting will be held.

### **Council Briefs 7/12/2023:**

**Approved the consent agenda: Including:** 6/12/2023 council minutes, bills totaling \$154,046.04, and treasurer's report with receipts totaling \$206,38707.

**Guests:** Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, George & Karyl Putnam – Lafayette Avenue, Lion's representatives: Joe Maidl, Sandy Hartley, Mark Haler, Tom & Patti Hayes and Daniel Hayes.

**Reports:** **Fox:** Ball park concrete \$425 over quote due to landscaping. WWTF will continue monitoring for COVID the CDC & MDH will begin monitoring for over 130 pathogens of concerns. **Burger:** Updated council on bandstand and paver projects. **Dick:** Looking for more members, will be at Night to Unite, possible donation for tires. **Klingler:** craft beer event coming up, will attend night to unite, shared information of a fire truck for sale.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**RO:** The first sampling showed no issues and the system is working well. He heard comments that the RO Pilot Project is "making the water saltier". He asked council to please squash statements like these, if you hear them. The RO Project does NOT use salt for any purpose. It is a membrane filtration system that does not rely on salt to soften the water and currently the RO Pilot is NOT even hooked up to the water supply. When asked about RO water corroding fixtures, he informed council that an RO system is mandated to use anti-corrosion control and that is all part of the project.

Approved the first reading of the Zoning code update and set a public hearing for the August 14 council meeting. The sewer and water code updates will be brought up at a later date after further review.

Emergency management – generators were discussed using the ARPA funds, for now council approved one for the fire hall.

### **New Business:**

**Approved:** July donations totaling \$16,298, of which the Lions gave \$15000 to the Lion's kiddie park improvements, \$1200 to the city to donate to the band, \$89 from FillMeUp donation bucket for the mini park updates. Zoning Permit 2023-07 Woller for a shed at 951 Pioneer Avenue, the Fire SOG was tabled for further clarification. Council approved the purchase price of the Spartan fire truck, as long as it is verified to be a good operation truck. (Follow up – the truck was sold before it could be looked at.) Council approved the Lion's request for help in funding the playground update. If more than a few items are removed it is no longer grandfathered and thus out of compliance. The short-term bond of \$110,000 will allow them to purchase it for a spring delivery and installed in time for the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration. The Lions will make the annual bond payments.

**The next council meeting:** Monday, August 14, and Monday, August 21 is a budget workshop for council and staff. Please note that the September's meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, due to the holiday and schedule conflicts. All meetings will be at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 791 Main Avenue.

### **Fields of Grace Parish – Summer Worship opportunities:** In

addition to the once-a-week service as posted on the website:

<https://fieldsofgracemn.com/>

Beverages & Hymns – 7:30pm Dave's Place patio –August 14, Campfire Church – 5pm Swan Lake, August 20

Music with a Message – 9:30am Bernadotte's Park August 27.

### **Coming soon: Check out their booth at Night to Unite!**

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.