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City of Lafayette

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

September 2023

4- Labor Day - Office closed

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

12 - Lion's Meeting - Community Center

12 - *City Council 7pm Council Chambers date change

14- Bookmobile - 10:15am to 11:15am - Esther Ave.

17 - Legion Post #300 Memorial Park Dedication

19- Legion Post 300 - Community Center

25 - All Utility Payments Due!

25 - Ambulance meeting - Fire Hall

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October 2023

2 - Fire Meeting - Fire Hall - 7:30pm

7- Fall City-wide Garage sales

9 - City Council 7pm Council Chambers

10 - Lion's Meeting - Community Center

12- Bookmobile - 10:30am to 11:00am - Esther Ave.

14 - Fall Residential City-wide curbside clean-up

17- Legion Post 300 - Community Center

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30 - Ambulance meeting - Fire Hall

Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: September 8 - holiday schedule - garbage only. Recycling: September 14, 28 October 12, 26

Fall 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.

Tri-County Collections: Thursday, September 21 - HH Hazardous Waste - Klossner @ Nicollet County Highway shop. A tire, appliance & electronics Saturday, October 7 - Nicollet County Fair Grounds. There are also \$5 coupons to take your electronics and appliances to either Mankato or Hutchinson's recycling centers. Call the office for information.

Lafayette Memorial Park Dedication Sunday, September 17, 2023

Back to School - Please watch for children & school buses!

Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

September is upon us, so let us watch for the children at the bus stops. Help the bus drivers by obeying the laws. They are doing their job to get our children safely to school. We must be diligent drivers and give the right of way to the buses and children.

Hope everyone enjoyed the Lions Hog and Corn roast and the Firemen's DJ dance afterwards. Thank you to everyone from the Lions, fire & ambulance, and entertainment for all you do to host these functions.

Reminder that next month we will be having the city-wide fall garage sales followed by the city-wide clean up - so now is the time to get rid of stuff before winter sets in on us.

Happy Fall to everyone!

PS: I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the mini park project. I am very impressed with how it turned out; I believe it is a true asset to our community. The Lafayette Memorial Park is a legacy to the future residents of Lafayette. There will be a dedication on September 17th, please come and support the many people it took to get the park from a bare lot to a beautiful and peaceful park for all to use.

Remember pavers can still be ordered through the Legion, and the order forms are available at the city office and bank. The Lafayette Garden Club are still accepting donations for the flowers and landscaping for next year around town.

Lafayette Pride shows in our town by the willingness of residents and organizations to roll up their shirt sleeves and clean up, fix, and decorate our town. Also, the pride shows in our homes and how we keep them looking good.

Be proud Lafayette, we have a great community here!

Sandie

Legion Post #300:

<https://www.facebook.com/LafMNAmlg300>

You and your family are invited to share in a special dedication of the "Lafayette Memorial Park", sponsored by the Lafayette Legion Post #300.

September 17th, 2023, at 4:00PM

720 Main Avenue, Lafayette, MN 56054

Dedication Ceremony Features:

* Lafayette City Band

* Lafayette Legion Color Guard

* Guest Speakers

* Presentation of the Bricks

* Past Military Uniform Display in the Community Center

* Meal following dedication. (Free will donation)

Trimming of Trees and shrubs:

It is that time of year again to look at the trees and shrubs on your property and trim them, if needed. See the criteria below from the city code.

Code 90.01 (C) Trimming of trees:

Private property trees, shrubs and any other herbaceous plants must be trimmed so as not to cause a hazard to persons or property on abutting property. All trees shall be pruned to sufficient height to allow free passage to pedestrians and vehicular traffic nine (9) feet over sidewalks and pathways and thirteen feet over streets, pathways, and alleyways. Trees/shrubs growing in or next to buildings is not allowed. Storm damaged trees are to be cleaned up and maintained by property owner after inclement weather/wind situations to avoid undue injury to person and property.

Hydrant Flushing and Hydrant Pressure Testing:

Al & Brennan will be doing the annual hydrant maintenance during the week of September 11 through 15, 2023. There will be a notification sent out at that time.

Sign up for Fall City-wide Garage Sales:

The FALL city-wide will be held on **Saturday, October 7** (right before the October 14, 2023, fall city-wide clean-up!) Call Kathy E at 507-276-1912 or email her at keckstrand560@gmail.com. To be included on the map contact her by noon on Wednesday 10/4

In 2024, there will be spring and fall garage sales – no more hot July sales – due to residents wanting to take part in the Lafayette Days activities and is just too hot!

125 Years as Lafayette –Join the fun!

2025 is fast approaching, the committee will meet again in the fall, and EVERYONE is welcome! Be a part of something of historical significance! We need our entire community to participate to make this celebration a great success. Watch for the next meeting coming after harvest and join in the planning!

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:

The Donnay raffle drawing will be held at the September 12 meeting. Tickets are still available – contact Joe Meidl or other Lions members.

Coming soon:

A raffle for another local family in need

Saturday Lion's Bingo

Thursday Meat Raffle and video pull tab racing

The Lions are developing a plan to completely redo the kiddie playground and would love your support! Donate directly to the Lions, and a portion of the gambling proceeds go towards community organizations and needs and projects like the playground rebuild!

Park & Recreation Update:

facebook.com/groups/970058526441490/events

Fall Monday soccer sessions will begin on September 11, 2023. Sign up forms are on the website.

<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 many books and authors you may never have found? Check out our local book club, the Lafayette Study Club, which was started in 1920. The 2023 - 2024 schedule will begin soon! Contact Sandy Burger 507-351-9731 or Sandy Hartley 507-276-4692 for details. You attend as a guest at any time.

Council Briefs 8/14/2023:

Approved the consent agenda: Including: 7/12/2023, 7/24 and 8/7 minutes, bills totaling \$72,759.84, and treasurer's report with receipts totaling \$113,361.84.

Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications

Reports: **Fox:** concern of old grills at Lund Park, council approved removing them. Doors will be installed at the fire barn August 21, contacted the contractor about washout of the curb line on east Pioneer. **Burger:** discussed moving Ledger archives to the city building. Public safety aid for fire and ambulance – consensus deposit to equipment savings for future vehicles, if allowed. **Klingler:** craft beer event successful with 264 attendees, will advertise for fire fighters. **Peterson:** shared information of the LMC Legislator of Distinction to J Brand and N Frenz for their attentiveness to the needs of MN cities. Council gave P&R okay to paint bathrooms. Update of the Lion's kiddie park – bonding will begin when the Lions have the equipment list.

Unfinished Business: RO: Pilot shutdown scheduled for August 16. Engineers investigated adding size without needing to add a bathroom being it is unoccupied. State bond bill application was submitted. EPA grant appears that the city may qualify for the 20% match waiver. Tabled amending ordinance 144 and emergency management decisions until September. Approved the Fire SOG updating the Personnel section by adding the day help and auxiliary criteria.

New Business: Approved August cash and in-kind value donations totaling \$23,616.00. \$206 anonymous to ambulance, \$79 from the Fillmeup bucket to the mini park update, new tires & alignment for the ambulance paid by the Nicollet & Sibley Corn & Soybean growers valued at \$1635.73, \$5,000 off the landscape bill for the memorial park volunteer work from Evolve Landscaping, \$6,645.27 Evolve Landscaping's bill paid by the Legion, L Mages donation of flowers for the raised beds, \$10,000 from the Legion for the second sidewalk in the memorial park. Permit 2023-08 Hofstad – fence, annual liability waiver, extending to 2024, the DSI Mary Community solar CUP, due to equipment delays and construction schedules, River Bend Copier quote and the Relief's temporary Liquor license for August 26, 2023.

The next council meeting: 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.

Community Center Rental:

Hold your family event, meeting. No worries of weather, it has a kitchen and a smart TV and Wi-Fi! Call Sandy at 228-8241 to book your event today!

This & That!

*Lafayette Area Lion's and the Fire Relief and Ambulance thank you for your support during their annual Hog & Corn Roast event!

*The Lafayette Garden Club is wrapping up their first season and will meet in September to plan for next year. Contact Lori or Laura at the bank, or Sandy at the city office for the meeting date, when it is scheduled. We would love more members!! No experience is needed!

*The City and Legion and mini park committee would like to thank everyone who helped with all the updates in the park, the bandstand update, and the paver project. We have a beautiful park to enhance our events at the community center or bar.

*1st Lutheran's Fall Festival – drive through meal, farmer's market, bake sale & quilt raffle. Sunday, October 1, 2023, Meal 11am to 1pm.

Fields of Grace Parish – Fall Worship opportunities:

Sunday School will kick-off Sunday, September 24! The service schedule is posted on the website: <https://fieldsofgracemn.com/>