



# City of Lafayette

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## Recycle Dates:

**November 1, 15, 29**

**December 13, 28**

### November 2018

- 3 – Lion’s Bar Bingo Begins! 2 pm Dave’s Place
- 5 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall 7:30
- 6 – General Election Day! Community Center
- 8 – Bookmobile – \*Esther Avenue\* – 10:30 to 11am
- 12 – Veteran’s Day observed – Office closed!
- 13 - City Council - 7 pm – City Bldg. \* date change! \*
- 13 – Lion’s meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 13 – LCS School Board – 6 pm Technology room
- 13 – Red Cross Bloodmobile – LCS Gym 1-7pm
- 17 – Legion Post 300 – **TURKEY BINGO!!**
- 18 – 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran’s Harvest Festival!
- 20– Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
- 20 – Community Thanksgiving Service – St. Gregory’s host
- 22 – Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed
- 23 – Happy Friday after Thanksgiving! Office closed.
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 26 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall



### December 2018

- 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Truth in Taxation Meeting, final budget workshop 7pm city bldg.
- 3 – 2019 Pet licenses available \$2
- 3 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall 7:30
- 6 – Bookmobile – \*Esther Avenue\* – 10:30 to 11am
- 10 - City Council - 7 pm – City Bldg.
- 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Truth in Taxation Meeting 7 pm city bldg.
- 11 – Lion’s meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 11 – LCS School Board – 6 pm Technology room
- 13 – Lafayette Charter Winter Concert 6-7 pm
- 18– Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
- 24 – Christmas Eve - Office Closed
- 25 – Christmas Day - Office closed.
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**

### Community Center Rental:

Hold your family event, meeting. No worries of weather, it is air conditioned and has Wi-Fi! Call Sandy at 228-8241 to book your event today!

### Compost Site:

The compost site will soon be closed for the season.

### True Transit

Rural County-wide Public Transportation is now in Nicollet County! Go to [truetransit.org](http://truetransit.org) for schedules and areas covered! Lafayette residents can ride if schedule in advance! Call 800-560-1575 for more information!

### 2018 GENERAL Election is He4re!

General Election is Tuesday, November 6.

Use the link below to see if you are a registered voter for our precinct!

<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>

### Red Cross Blood Mobile:

The bloodmobile will take place at the Lafayette Charter School gym on Monday, November 12, from 1 to 7 pm. Call Lori at [228-8788](tel:228-8788) or Traci at [228-8970](tel:228-8970) to schedule an appointment!

### Annual Truth in Taxation Meetings:

Truth in Taxation public meetings will be held on Monday, December 3<sup>th</sup> and also Monday, December 10, at the city building at 7pm. These meetings are held annually to get public input on the 2019 budget and proposed property tax levy.

### Lion’s Bingo is back!

Lion’s bingo will begin on Saturday, November 3, 2018! Enjoy a few games of bingo and support our local Lion’s club. The Lafayette Area Lions help our community in so many ways such as: donations to our Lafayette Charter School, they have donated to the city for the park, community center and fire hall, they support the local boy scouts, sponsor the Halloween party, Santa Day and the Easter Egg Hunt, award local students with college scholarships, and so much more!

### Trimming of Trees:

**Code 90.01:** Trees and shrubs in the boulevard areas are property owner’s responsibility, not the City’s. All trees shall be pruned to sufficient height to allow free passage to pedestrians and vehicular traffic; nine feet over sidewalks and pathways and 13 feet over streets, pathways and alleyways. **Note:** The proper trimmed height helps to make garbage collections and snow plowing safer.

### Sump Pump Waivers:

Sump pump letters went out with the last billing to those who are listed to have a sump pump. If you do not need to utilize a waiver described below, you do not need to do anything. BUT, if you need to discharge your sump pump into the drain at any time from November 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019, you MUST apply for a waiver. They are available at the office or find it on our city website! **Return your waiver form along with the \$25 fee to the city office and it will be approved the next council meeting.**

## **Snow is coming!**

Even though it was WAY TOO EARLY we had our first snow – it was not enough for plowing...but we do know the first is on the way – hopefully not for a while! ☺  
This is from our Snow Removal Policy:

### **When will the City start Snow or Ice Control**

#### **Operations?**

City discretion will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations. The criteria for that decision are, but not limited to: snowfall of 3 inches or more, drifting, icy conditions and time of snowfall. *Note: City will also decide when to contact our snow removal contractor for help.*

#### **City streets will be plowed within 24 hours from the end of the snowfall.**

Operations shall continue until all roads are passable or additional snowfall occurs. Widening and clean-up operations may continue immediately or on the following working day depending upon conditions and circumstances. Alleys will be cleaned last or as time permits. Operations may be suspended during periods of limited visibility. During the snow plowing or snow cleanup process, no vehicles shall be parked on the street. *Note: Please be aware and move your vehicle to a plowed area.*

**Resident responsibility:** Property owners shall remove snow from around fire hydrants near their property. The hydrants need to be cleared in order for use of the hydrants by proper emergency personal. Residents are not allowed to place snow on public roadways or sidewalks. This is in accordance with Minnesota State Statutes.

## **10/8/2018- Council Briefs**

**Consent Agenda:** Approved, 9/10/18 council minutes, annual renewal of Dave's Place Liquor License, 11 sump pump waivers, and bills totaling \$98,110.21

**Reports: Fox** – Staff attended an informational meeting with Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board –MESERB about the permitting process for the wastewater treatment facility and issues that are occurring with the Chloride levels and cost factors to eliminate them. Fox shared that an outside entity shut off the pressure release valve during the water tower maintenance which resulted in three water main breaks and damage to the water facility filter. After investigating the claim he was told the filter repair costs would be covered but not the cost of the main breaks, which is about \$10,000. Fox reviewed the county's FEMA Revised Preliminary EAP and responded. Lafayette is not considered a flood area, but residents can purchase flood insurance through a private insurance company. He is scheduling tile work for the Esther and 10<sup>th</sup> Street now that crops are out.

Schuelke: Fire Prevention activities with the students will be held on Wednesday. City pumper repairs should be completed by the end of the year.

## **10/8/2018- Council Briefs continued**

**Reports continued: Dick** – Ambulance is reordering the Tuff book as the one they received did not have the specifications needed to do the State reporting, which will be done on line starting in 2019. **Burger:** shared with council that a person in the process of buying a home in Lafayette and inquired about utilizing a storage container until they can build a garage next year. After much discussion the mayor suggested everyone to their due diligence to research the matter and council will discuss it further at a future council meeting. As of now city attorney Lannoye said it should be considered prohibited. Burger also mentioned that Kristen Chambers of Dave's Place is working to add to the "Lafayette Days" held in July. She has replaced the mini rods with pedal pull competition, and has added inflatables; she is also working with area businesses and organizations to make it more of a community family fun weekend. She will attend the LMC Regional meeting in Mankato on October 25.

**Council action:** Approved: Vehicle use policy, Walton Law Group as City Attorney as of November 1, 2018, updated the personnel policy, and approved the two firefighters pending completion of physicals; Ryan Schuelke and Robyn Portner.

**Other items:** Due to the bid opening held on Tuesday, October 9, council approved a special meeting to be held on Monday, October 15 to review the bids and take action for the new city building.

### **All council meetings are open to the public.**

**10/15/18 Special Meeting Briefs:** Council met and reviewed the bids for the new city building. All bids were well over the budget from the insurance claim, and were denied. Council then moved to other options. The first option was going back to the plan to remodel the current building. The second option was a possible building swap with Isenberg Electric, who is looking to build his business. Discussion of size and needs continued until Sandberg mentioned he would like to see the building before any decision could be made. Council called a special meeting on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Isenberg Electric. The meeting was posted at the city building.

**10/18/2018 Special Meeting Briefs:** Council met at Isenberg Electric's building for a tour of the property. There was an option presented to do a building swap for the current city building as it has a three phase service for electrical, which would be desirable for expansion of Isenberg Electric. Council viewed and talked about the possibilities and motioned to move forward with plans to switch buildings. There was a brief discussion of the possibilities for the properties across the street left vacant after the fire.

**Next Regular Council meeting:** Tuesday November 13, 2018 in the city building's council chambers at 700 9<sup>th</sup> Street at 7 pm.