



Garbage & Recycling

Recycling December 13

Holiday Schedule for both garbage & recycling

Dec. 28

Holiday Schedule garbage only January 4

January 10, 24

December 2018

3 – 1st Truth in Taxation Meeting and 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 – 2nd Truth in Taxation Meeting 7 pm city bldg.

11 – Lion's meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm

11 – LCS School Board – 5:30 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!

January 2019

1 – Happy New Year! Office Closed.

8 – Lion's Meeting– Community Center 6:45 pm

8 – LCS School Board – 5:30 pm Technology room

10– Bookmobile – *Esther Avenue* – 10:30 to 11am

13 – Lion's Annual Dad's Belgian Waffles Community Center

14 – City Council - 7 pm – City Bldg.

15– Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center

21– Martin Luther King Holiday - Office Closed.

24– Bookmobile – *Esther Avenue* – 10:30 to 11am

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

28 – Ambulance meeting

31 – Last day for \$2 dog/cat license fee

Additional community events:

Tuesday, December 4, Lafayette study club will be caroling at the Winthrop Good Sam.

Saturday, December 8, St. Gregory's is holding their Cookie walk in the church hall and there is a Holiday vendor show at the community center; both events run 9am to 1pm.

Sunday, December 9, the Holiday community sing-a-long is at Bernadotte this year at 7:00pm; refreshments will be served following the service.

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!

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City utility emergency contact – Al Fox 276-1707

Annual Truth in Taxation Meetings:

Truth in Taxation public meetings will be held on Monday, December 3rd 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.

2018 GENERAL Election Results!

Mayor – Tom Sandberg 158, write-in 16

Council – Dave Reed 147, Sandie Peterson 145, write-in 16. Congratulations to all and thank you for your commitment to the city!

Pet licenses:

Pet licenses run from January 1 to December 31 each year and it is time to renew or register your dogs and or cats for 2019! Included in your billing packet you will find the updated application for your pet license. Make additional copies as needed, or stop in to the clerk's office for extra copies. Bring in your application, current vaccination records and \$2.00 from now until January 31, 2019; after which the cost will go up to \$8 for the remainder of the year. **All DOGS & CATS whether indoor or outdoor need to be licensed.**

LCS News

The Pre-K through 8th grade **Winter Concert** is Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 6:00pm. Save the date for the Annual **LCS PROS Auction**: Sunday, February 24, 2019!

Help Wanted: Kitchen substitutes are needed in the LCS cafeteria. Contact the LCS office for more information.

Needed: LCS is looking for new or used 3x5 or 5x7 picture frames. Any donations can be dropped off in the office.

Community Coffee: January 23, Kindergarten class hosts.

DNR Classes:

Youth Snowmobile Online Field Day, Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Turkey Clinic Saturday, March 23, 2019. Information is posted on the website, or stop by the office.

Lions – Save the Date!

The Lions Annual **Dad's Belgian Waffle** event will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019. More details soon!

More Snow Will Come!

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.

Sump Pump Waivers:

Do you 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.

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.

Compost Site:

The compost site is closed for the season.

11/12/2018- Council Briefs

Consent Agenda:

Council approved the consent agenda which included: bills totaling \$62,782.09, twelve sump pump waivers, Resolution 2018-10 designating the 2019 polling place, and a 3-year agreement with Lafayette Excavating for snow removal.

Reports:

Fox – Fox updated council on the water filter repair. LMC Insurance Trust approved the engineers plan and their recommended option to repair the filter for a cost of \$176,800.

Burger – Due to election results once mayor-elect Sandberg is sworn into office in January, council can then declare a vacancy for the remainder of Sandberg's term ending in 2020. The 2019 council will be the ones to fill the vacancy by appointment. Ditch assessments are based on a percent of the repair work needed in any ditch in which the water of the city may flow through.

Council action:

Approved the purchase price \$30,000 and moving forward with the building exchange with Isenberg Electric, by a 2-1 vote, Sandberg and Reed approving and Portner against, adopted Resolution 2018-09 - Canvass of the 2018 Election Results, adopting Resolution 2018-08 approving membership in the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board (MESERB), approved the first reading of Ord. 127 – Enacting and Adopting Supplements to the code of ordinances, denied a request by A. Platz to permanently remove a street light, and requested he have his tree work done by January 1, Fox will contact Xcel to reinstall the light after that date.

Discussion:

Discussed sample ordinances of cargo/storage containers in residential areas.

Council will meet on Monday, December 3, for the 1st Truth in Taxation hearing and the final budget workshop. On Monday, December 10, 2018, council will hold the 2nd Truth in Taxation hearing and the regular council meeting. All council meetings are held in the city building's council chambers at 700 9th Street at 7 pm., and are open to the public.

True Transit

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