

Recycling dates:

February 8 and 22, March 8, 22, April 5, 19



City of Lafayette

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February 2018

- 1 – Pet licenses are now \$8 and expire 12/31/2018
- 1 - Bookmobile – 311 Griebel Lane – 10-10:30am
- 3 – Polar Plunge 1 pm St. Peter – Wild game pot luck - 6 pm at Dave’s Place
- 4 – SUPER BOWL!
- 5 – KNUJ Town days – Lafayette - afternoon
- 5 - Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 12– City Council 7 pm – City Bldg.
- 13 – Lion’s meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 13 – LCS School Board – 6 pm Technology room
- 14 - Happy Valentine’s Day!
- 17 – Lafayette Ambulance Steak Fry fundraiser 5-9 pm
- 19 – Presidents’ Day – Office Closed!
- 20 – Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
- 20 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall – Note: Changed date
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 25 – LCS Annual PROS Auction

March 2018

- 1 – Bookmobile – 311 Griebel Lane – 10-10:30am
- 5 - Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 11 – Daylight Savings Time begins “spring ahead” 1 hour
- 12-16 Office closed – Clerk’s Vacation
- 12– City Council 7 pm – City Bldg.
- 13 – Red Cross Blood Drive - LCS Gym
- 13 – Lion’s meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 13 – LCS School Board – 6 pm Technology room
- 20-23 – Office closed – Clerk’s Conference
- 20– Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 25 – Fire Relief Ham Dinner
- 26 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall

Centennial Cookbooks available!

A few cookbooks were located and available for sale at the city office! Contact Sandy if you are interested!

True Transit:

Rural County-wide Public Transportation is now in Nicollet, Blue Earth and LeSueur Counties! Go to Truetransit.org to see the schedule and areas covered! Lafayette is not a scheduled stop, but rides can be planned if called in advance! Call 800-560-1575 for more information! The city office and the C-store will have brochures and tokens available for purchase soon.

Recycling Bin at the C-Store:

Lafayette Park & Rec volunteers have taken over the aluminum can recycle bin at the gas station. You may have noticed the new look; it is now a trailer that can be hauled away as soon as it is full! With this change they ask that you NOT put cans into plastic bags and toss the bag full of can into the bin. Simply bring your aluminum can recycling bin to the store and dump it in! Thank you!

Xcel Tree Trimming Contractors:

Asplundh is the contractor for Xcel to trim tree branches to help prevent storm damage from over grown tree branches. They will be in Lafayette for about three weeks.

Upcoming Events /Fundraisers:

Great ways to support our community!

February 3, 2018 is the local Polar Plunge! Support our area fire/ambulance jumpers! The fun continues at Dave’s Place for the annual Wild Game pot luck - starts at 6 pm. Free will donation benefits the local Wild Bunch Special Olympics athletes!

February 17, 2018 – Steak Night at Dave’s Place – fundraiser for the Lafayette Ambulance for the new gurney and lift they are purchasing! Take your sweetie out for a delicious dinner! Tips go to the cause!

February 25, 2018 – LCS PROS annual Auctions! Plan to attend or if you wish to donate an item, call school 228-8943. This event benefits the school’s technology updates!

March 13, 2018 – Red Cross Blood mobile – LCS Gym

March 17, 2018 – Fields of Grace Youth Ham Bingo 6pm Fire hall

March 25, 2018 – Annual Fire Relief Ham Dinner – benefiting the Fire Relief Association. Support our fire fighters!

Date to be determined: Lion’s Annual Pancake Breakfast – benefiting local Lion’s projects.

Watch next month for Band Concert and Pie Social Dates

Park and Rec:

The Park & Rec board met on January 31th and so begins the planning for the 2018 summer ball leagues! If you would like to be part of the action, IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!! They are looking for Volunteer T-Ball coaches for 2018 season; other coaching positions are available also. Contact Ashley Juracek - 612-499-0192!

Let's think Spring!

It is that time again to think about holding a garage sale during our city-wide garage sale! Thank you again to Kathy Eckstrand for volunteering to be the coordinator! The date is Saturday, May 12, 2018. The city-wide residential clean-up day is the following Saturday, May 19. Also, the Tri-County Waste Collections for electronics and appliances will run around the same time. Stay tuned!

2018 DNR Sponsored Classes:

February 3, 2018 Lafayette Youth Snowmobile Online Field Day.

March 24, 2018 Wildlife Species Clinic – Turkey

June 2, 2018 ATV Safety Hands-on Class – Riding Course

Check out the flyers posted on the city website for more information <http://lafayettetmn.com>. You can also contact Steve at rykhussteven@gmail.com or 507-276-3521, or Shawn mninstructor@outlook.com or 507-276-7394.

Rent the Community Center:

Contact the city office to book your event! Call 228-8241 and make your reservations for 2018 now for your graduation party, showers and family gatherings!!

Pet Licenses:

February 1st pet licenses return to \$8 per pet. All dogs and cats whether indoor or outdoor need to be licensed.

New Girl Scout Troop in Lafayette area!

Joni Guggisberg is a leader for Girl Scout Troop #37988! This group is for Lafayette area girls ages K - 8th grades. If your daughter is interested in joining contact her at mnsmalltowngal@yahoo.com or call or text her at 507-766-3377. Welcome to Lafayette Girl Scout troop #37988!

KNUJ 2018 Town Days Tour

KNUJ will be in Lafayette on Monday, February 5 in the afternoon! Listen for updates on our fine city!

1/8/2018- Council Briefs

- **Approved the consent agenda**, which included the 12/11/17 meeting minutes, bills for the month totaling \$159,575.27, and the 2018 Civic appointments
- **Reports:** Portner stated the Park & Rec board will meet on January 31. Ambulance president Dick shared updates for the new ambulance. February 17 will hold a steak fry fundraiser with proceeds going toward the purchase of the new ambulance. The Ambulance will also participate in the Polar Plunge on February 3.

- **Utility Rate Public Hearing:** No public attended for comments: Council closed the public hearing and discussed the utility rates and other fees associated with them. Council approved rate study option 1 for water and option 2 for sewer and then proceeded on to approve the first reading of Ord. 125 – Amending the utility rates and fees. The second reading will be presented at the February 12 council meeting and if adopted will take effect after publication. See breakdown below.
- **Resolution 2018-01:** The city approved the resolution to request Acquisition of Tax Forfeited Land for public purpose. The letter and resolution were sent to the County to be presented to the commissioners at the January 22, 2018 meeting.
- **Well #4 – Fox** held a pre-construction meeting Wednesday January 10.
- **Resolution 2018-02:** Approved the appointment of Clerk Burger, Mayor Langhoff and Acting Mayor Reed as 2018 authorized signers
- **Approved** a payment plan for a resident who had an extremely high meter reading.
- **Tabled** the Council meeting schedule for 2018 to look into the best day to reschedule the November date, being the second Monday is Veterans' Day – a legal holiday.
- **Approved** the reinstating of the building commission to look into options for the rebuilding of the city offices.
- **Bobcat:** By a two to one vote council approved the purchase of a skid loader from UFC to replace the one that was destroyed by an engine fire. The cost was \$16,000 of which \$6,000 would come from insurance replacement, \$5,000 from the 2018 street budget, and the remaining \$5,000 moved from street savings.

Minutes from previous council meetings, once approved are posted on the city website.

Next Council meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the city building at 700 9th Street at 7 pm.

Ord. 125 Amending the utility rates and fees

Utility Notes	2016	2018
Res. Sewer base	\$20.24	\$26
Flow per 1,000	\$5.65	\$6.10
Commercial Base	\$20.39	\$27
Commercial flow	\$5.75	\$6.10
Res. water base	\$26.14	\$29.00
Flow per 1,000	\$4.02	\$4.75
Commercial Base	\$26.40	\$30
Commercial flow	\$4.02	\$4.75
Late Fee (\$5 @water sewer, garbage)	\$10	\$15
Utility Reconnect Fee	\$20	\$100
Capital Improvement Fee (Well payoff – future improvements)		\$6