



## City of Lafayette

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**Recycle Dates: March 8, 22 and April 5, 19**

### Upcoming Community Events:

#### 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
- 24 – Chili Cook-off! Dave’s Place 5 pm
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 25 – Fire Relief Assoc. Annual Ham Dinner
- 26 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall
- 31 – Easter Egg Hunt – Watch for details!

#### April 2018

- 1 – Happy Easter!
- 2 - Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 9– City Council 7 pm – City Bldg.
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### Public Alert System

<http://public-alert.com/app/create-resident-account>

You can visit this site anytime you find it necessary to update your contact information; once completed it will be emailed to the City Clerk. NOTE: the reason for the number of children or pets is to collect data for possible interface with the Fire Department.

\*\*A paper copy is being sent with each billing packet. Right now the program only has the options that are listed on the form, not multiple people per address. This is something being worked on by the company. Please update your information online, or complete the enclosed form and return it to the city office with your payment!

### Garage Sale Information!!

Join our city-wide garage sale! The date has been set as **Saturday, May 12!** Call coordinator Kathy Eckstrand 276-1912, or email her at [keckstrand@mediacombb.net](mailto:keckstrand@mediacombb.net)  
See the Posters for more details!

### Spring Cleaning Opportunities:

- The City-wide clean-up for RESIDENTS will be held on Sat. May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Tri- County Household hazardous waste collection is Sat. May 19<sup>th</sup> in St. Peter.
- Lafayette’s appliance and electronic drop off will be held May 21-24; costs to be determined.

A flyer will be sent with April bills with complete information on these events.

### Upcoming Fundraisers:

*Here are a few ways to help your community this month!*

**March 11** – St. Gregory Grocery Bingo – starts at 1 – benefits local food shelf

**March 11** – Lion’s Annual Pancake Breakfast – benefiting local projects - serving 9 am 1 pm – Community Center

**March 17**– FOG Youth Ham Bingo; benefits the Fields of Grace youth group. Starts at 6 pm – dinner available – Fire Hall

**March 25** – Annual Fire Relief Ham Dinner – benefiting the Fire Relief Association – Fire Hall

**May 12** – LCS Plant Sale – proceeds benefit the Agriculture program at Lafayette Charter School

**March** is Boy Scouting for Food month!

**March** is MN Food Shelf month!

### 2018 Band Concerts

Lafayette Community Band

2018 Friday Night Summer Band concerts!

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2 and July 6, 13

The Pie Social schedule will be posted in the April newsletter!

### Park & Rec Board:

Lafayette Park and Rec registrations are here for the upcoming 2018 season and we look forward to seeing you back on the fields! Sign-up for your favorite T-ball, Softball, Baseball, and Jr Team Registration forms are available at Lafayette C-Store, and by calling or texting Ashley Juracek at 612-499-0192, or email at: [mickiemousie@gmail.com](mailto:mickiemousie@gmail.com) TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

**Welcome Back!** Join us on Friday, March 16 for Family Fun Night from 7 to 9 pm at the community center! There will be family bingo and Summer Rec participant sign-up and a \$5 fee reduction if signed up on this day or before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PS:** We are also looking for parent volunteers to umpire this upcoming year, please contact Ashley to sign up. Your help is appreciated!

## Information from Minnesota Valley Action Council

### Summer Youth Employment Program SCRUBS

Registration is now open for the 2018 SCRUBS Camp. It is a 3 day camp using hands-on learning sessions to teach students about the many different careers in the healthcare field. This camp is for high school students ages 14 - 18. Students will attend sessions at Minnesota State University-Mankato that will be led by university faculty and healthcare professionals. This day camp is June 18-20, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day; May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. If you have students who are interested but the cost is a barrier please contact Danielle at 354-3138 or [dmarenco@mnvac.org](mailto:dmarenco@mnvac.org) to see if there is funding available. \*\*Students participating in one of MVAC Youth Programs are offered a full scholarship and are able to attend this event at NO COST. Current youth working with her should schedule an appointment to be enrolled in the training if interested\*\*

### Is your Local Businesses interested in mentoring youth?

Once a business applies they are screened for appropriate environment, leadership and learning opportunity for the youth. MVAC covers wages up to 29 hours per week (\$9.65/hr.) and Workman's Comp insurance for the youth to be onsite. Businesses would also need to be willing for MVAC Staff to briefly monitor work habits and proficiency every 2-3 weeks. This only takes about 20 minutes per visit and is not designed to be time consuming for the business. \* Disclaimer- MVAC's Young Adult Career Development Program Work Experience is designed for youth to build job skills while being paid onsite with a worksite supervisor/mentor. MVAC would not move forward with a job placement that would reduce an unsubsidized hire's hours or benefits\*

## 2/12/2018- Council Briefs

- Approved: \$18,500 in donations for the new ambulance, the Council meeting schedule for 2018 with the November date switched to Tuesday, November 13, due to the Monday holiday and the updated time card
- **Ord. 125 Amending the Utility Rate Fees:** Accepted the second reading and adopted the rate increases as previously presented. Once published in the February 15 Ledger the new rates will be in effect.
- **Reports:** Fox - The Well #4 work will start on 2/15; well #3 will be used unless it is compromised. Council approved sealing well #3 (and the estimated funds of \$4583) when it needs to be done. Council approved the professional services proposal per the League's guidance. Reed attended RS Fiber Joint Powers meeting and reported they are on schedule, meeting signup goals and on target for building into the townships. Portner attended the League council training. Dick summarized the ambulance annual meeting. The new ambulance will arrive on Feb. 20; Reed & Dick attended the EMS director's education and completed the license renewal.

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

**Next Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2018 at the city building at 700 9<sup>th</sup> Street at 7 pm.**

This billing reflects the updated utility rates. Council revisits the rates periodically. The last time there was an increase was in 2012. (Last year rates were combined for the ease of billing, but did not increase) With the help of Rural Water Association, council has worked for the past few months to update the rates for the enterprise funds of water and wastewater to sustain our facilities, and also have the funds to pay for the annual bond payments once the 20 year assessment payments have ceased.

Utilities		2016	2018
Farm Fill Flow Charge	per 1000 gallons	\$9.00	
Meter Deposit		\$40.00	
Residential Sewer Base		\$20.24	\$26.00
Residential Sewer Flow		\$5.65	\$6.10
Commercial Sewer Base		\$20.39	\$27.00
Commercial Sewer Flow		\$5.75	\$6.10
Sewer Hook-up	\$400 if with water	\$250.00	
Sump Pump Waiver		\$25.00	
Utility Late Fee	water,sewer,garbage	\$10.00	\$15.00
Utility Reconnect Fee		\$20.00	\$100.00
Residential Water Base		\$26.14	\$29.00
Residential Water Flow		\$4.02	\$4.75
Commercial Water Base		\$26.40	\$30.00
Commercial Water Flow		\$4.02	\$4.75
Water Hook-up	\$400 if with sewer	\$250.00	
High water usage	per 10,000 after 20,001	\$15.00	
Capital Improvement Fee	well payoff - improvements		\$6.00