

Hang in there! **SPRING** is on the way...and **Daylight Saving Time** begins at 2 am Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> (**SPRING AHEAD!**) and remains until Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. ***We will survive the winter of 2018-2019!***



## City of Lafayette

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### March 2019

- 3 – PROS RESCHEDULED Auction/Meal 11am-1pm
- 4 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 7 – Bookmobile – \*Esther Avenue\* – 10:15 to 10:45
- 10 – Daylight Saving Time begins
- 10 – Brady Webster Benefit 9 am UFC Winthrop
- 11– City Council \*7:30 pm – \*Fire Hall
- 12 – Lion’s meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 12 – LCS School Board – 5:30 pm Technology room
- 19 – Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
- 21 – Bookmobile – \*Esther Avenue\* – 10:15 to 10:45
- 24 – Fire Relief Ham Dinner /Raffle
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 25 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall
- 31 – Park & Rec sign up day Dave’s Place 3 – 5 pm

### April 2019

- 1 –Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 4 – Bookmobile – \*Esther Avenue\* – 10:15 to 10:45
- 8– Board of Appeals 6:30 pm – Location TBD
- 8– City Council 6:30 pm – Location TBD
- 9 – Lion’s meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 9 – LCS School Board – 5:30 pm Technology room
- 16 – Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
- 18 – Bookmobile – \*Esther Avenue\* – 10:15 to 10:45
- 21 – Happy Easter!
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 29 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall

### Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycle dates: March 7, 21 April 4, 18

### City Office is still at 700 9<sup>th</sup> Street – for now...

Once we know when we will be moving to the new location on Main Avenue it will be posted. ***The March Council meeting will be held in the Fire Station meeting room at 7:30 pm***  
***\* Note change of time and place!***

### County News... Coming soon!

Watch for the annual Nicollet County **Valuation Classification Notices** to be mailed to property owners in mid-March. Review them and if you have any questions on it, contact the County Assessor’s office.

### Thank you to the Community!

During the recent storm the Fire Hall was a safe haven for over 30 people stranded Sunday and overnight until the roads opened Monday mid-morning. A huge thank you to our Fire and Ambulance crew members who worked to get them safely to the fire hall and to community members who brought food and supplies or just stopped in to be sure everyone was doing okay. The stranded families expressed their thanks to the community!

### Park & Rec Board:

**Coaches Needed!** We are looking for coaches for all age groups! Knowledge of the game is helpful. Contact Ashley if interested.

**Umpires Needed!** Just 2-3 hours a night, softball or baseball, rules provided. Knowledge of the game is necessary.

**Sign-ups!** Registrations are available at the C-store starting March 1st. Sign up day at Dave’s Place on March 31st 3-5pm. This will be the last day to sign-up without any additional fees. Get your sign-up forms early, so we can put together teams! Don’t forget, volunteer fees are due at the same time as the registration fees.

**Postcards** - Watch for post cards! We are sending out postcards to all families that have played with us in years past. We have a special coupon on the postcard, so be on the lookout for them soon. If you do not get one and wish to have one, please contact Ashley.

Any questions about the upcoming baseball/softball/t-ball seasons, please contact Ashley at 612-499-0192, or email at: [mickiemousie@gmail.com](mailto:mickiemousie@gmail.com)

***Thank you to all in our community  
for the ongoing support of the Park and Rec Organization.  
We could not do this without the wonderful families that  
choose us for their summer activities.***

### Rent the Community Center:

Contact the city office 228-8241 to book your event! Make your reservations for 2019 now!

## Important Reminders:

**Mailboxes:** Keep your home delivery mailboxes clear of snow and ice so that they can safely deliver your mail and packages.

**Fire Hydrants:** If you have a fire hydrant on your property please keep it free of snow. The city will get around to them after streets are cleaned and widened.

**Garbage Carts:** See bright orange insert from RS Sanitation. Carts must be removed from the street after the collection date. Also, clean out an area for your garbage cart, they will not climb snow drifts to get to your cart. ONLY recycling goes in the recycling container.

**Parking:** Never park in front of a fire hydrant. Do not park in front of a home delivery mail box during the daytime when mail is delivered. As soon as the snow stops move your vehicles off the street so the snow can be cleared.

## LCS News

March 3 – LCS PROS Auction Fundraiser - RESCHEDULED

March 14 – AG Fair 9 am to 1pm.

March 21 –Pre-K Open house &  
Kindergarten Roundup 4-6 pm

March 27 – Community coffee 5&6<sup>th</sup> grades host 2:15pm

April 24 – Community Coffee grades 1 & 2 host 2:15pm

## DNR Classes:

**Turkey Clinic** Saturday, March 30, 2019.

**ATV Hands-on riding class** – June 22, 2019

For the information on these classes, they are posted on the website, or you can stop by the office.

## True Transit

On Mondays and Wednesdays the True Transit will go to the New Ulm Grocery Stores for \$3 each way, the other days of the week it will be \$7 each way. You will still need to call ahead to get on the schedule.

True Transit is a Rural County-wide Public Transportation for residents in Nicollet, Le Sueur and Blue Earth counties. Go to [truetransit.org](http://truetransit.org) for schedules and areas covered! Lafayette residents can ride if scheduled in advance! Call 800-560-1575 for more information.

## Band Concert/Pie Social Dates:

The following organizations will host a meal with desserts and the band concert will follow.

June 7 – First Lutheran	July 5 – no concert or social
14 – St. Gregory the Great	July 12 –Legion Auxiliary
21 – Legion	19 –Open
28 –Klossner Swan Lake 4-H	26 – Open

## ***Support Your Local SCOUTS!***

March is SCOUTING FOR FOOD! On March 9<sup>th</sup> Lafayette Boy Scouts will drop off Post-it notes as a reminder for the **SCOUTING for FOOD pick up on Saturday March 16.**

Girl Scout cookie sales run through March 24<sup>th</sup>. HURRY and stock up before they are GONE!!

## 2/11/2019 - Council Briefs

- **Approved the consent agenda**, which included the 1/14/2019 meeting minutes, bills for the month totaling \$101,318.74, and the Pay Equity report
  - **Reports:** **Fox** Work on the water filter is moving along sand blasting will start next week. **Portner:** Attended the experienced leadership conference, he said it was a very informative session and that the League talked about Governor Waltz's commitment to raise the LGA (Local Government Aid) back up to the early 2000s levels. **Peterson:** attended newly elected training and said it was very beneficial for a new council person. **Burger:** Mowing bids ad for 2019 mowing season will publish mid-March and bids will be presented in April. The auditor will be at the March meeting but has another city council meeting that night also. She asked if council would like to come in early as she will not get here until 8:15pm. Council decided starting the March meeting at 7:30 would work better. **VanDeest:** City pumper work was completed, he will need to budget for equipment that needs replacement. Rural association annual meeting is this week at the fire hall and invited the mayor to attend. They will be hosting some of the new firefighter trainings in Lafayette. **Dick:** January was busy with calls. They held their ambulance commission meeting, Reed attended; they added a position – a data reporting officer who would also track training hours. Dave's Place hosting a Steak Fry with tips – donations going to the ambulance for new equipment.
  - **Unfinished Business:**
  - **New City hall:** small setback with the floor piers , new concrete footings were poured
  - **Ord. 28 – Cargo/Shipping containers** – after brief discussion it was tabled until further information can be brought to council
- New Business:**
- Council pay:** Information was given to council for review to discuss at a later council meeting.
- Lafayette Days:** Kristen Chambers presented her plans for Lafayette Days in July. Council authorized her to close off downtown streets from midnight Friday night through the event on Sunday, July 28.
- Manors:** Requesting to drop late fees. Council felt if full payments are not made on time the late fees stand and directed Burger to send a letter of intent to certify the amount due.
- Other information:** Peterson inquired about snow removal around fire hydrants.

## **Next Council meeting:**

*Monday, March 11, 2019 and will be held at the Fire Hall at 800 Main Avenue at 7:30 pm. (Note change of time). All council meetings are open to the public.*