



City of Lafayette

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Recycle Dates: May 3, 17 - June 1, 14, and 28

Upcoming Community Events:

May 2018

- 7 - Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 10 – Bookmobile – 311 Griebel Lane – 10:15-10:45am
- 10 – Office Closed at 9:45 am (open 7 – 9:45)
- 12 – LCS Plant & Bake Sale – LCS Greenhouse 9 to 11 am
- 12 – Citywide Garage Sales! 8 am until????
- 13 - Happy Mother's Day!
- 14– City Council 7 pm – City Bldg.
- 15 – Lion's meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 15 – LCS School Board – 6 pm Technology room
- 17– Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
- 19 – Citywide residential cleanup! – see flyer
- 19 - Tri-County Hazardous Waste collection – see flyer
- 21 – 24 – Lafayette A & E Collection – see flyer
- 21 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall
- 24– Bookmobile – 311 Griebel Lane – 10:15-10:45am
- 24 – Tri County T A & E Collection – see flyer
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 28 – Happy Memorial Day! Office Closed
- 28 – Legion Memorial Day program Community Center

June 2018

- 4 - Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 11– City Council 7 pm – City Bldg.
- 12 – Lion's meeting – Community Center 6:45 pm
- 12 – LCS School Board – 6 pm Technology room
- 14 - Bookmobile – *Esther Avenue* – 10:30 to 11am
- 17– Happy Father's Day!
- 19 – Legion Post 300 Meeting – Community Center
- 24– Bookmobile – 311 Griebel Lane – 10-10:30am
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 25 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall

Community Center Rental:

Book your family event, meeting or party today! Call Sandy at 228-8241. The Center is great for larger family gatherings, bridal showers, baby showers, birthday parties, graduation parties, anniversary celebrations and so many more events!

Thank you!

On behalf of the FOG (Fields of Grace) Youth Group: We had an awesome turnout for our Ham Bingo and are looking forward to next year!

Men's Fast Pitch League

NU Schell's/KNJ Lafayette home field. May 11 Dietz Builders @ Lafayette, 5/18 Sibley Electric @ Lafayette, 5/25 no game, 6/1 @ BNA New Auburn, 6/8 Otto & Emma's @ Lafayette. Full Schedule posted on the City website.



City emergency contact – Al Fox 276-1707

JOIN THE FUN!!! !!

Our city-wide garage sale date of Saturday, **May 12 is FAST APPROACHING!** We have quite a few signed up already, but it is NOT too late to get on the list! Call Kathy Eckstrand 276-1912, or email her at keckstrand@mediacombb.net. The more families holding garage sales the more she can advertise, which makes a better chance of bringing more people to town to buy our stuff! *Check this out!* We are listed on <https://thriftyminnesota.com/2018/02/2018-minnesota-city-wide-garage-sales-list.html> which lists all registered city-wide garage sales in the state!

Happy National Charter School Week to Lafayette Charter School!!

Each year the second week of May is set aside to celebrate Charter Schools. A big shout out to Lafayette Charter School as it wraps up its 19th year in our community! Congratulations to all the student's teachers, staff and parents! Their annual Plant & Bake Sale is Sat. May 12th 9 to 11am.

2018 Band Concerts- Pie Socials

2018 Lafayette Community Band Friday Night Summer concerts (also, May 28 – Memorial Day program and August 25 – Corn Roast)

Pie Social Schedule

- June 1 – St. Gregory Parish CCW
- June 8 – First Lutheran WELCA
- June 15 – American Legion Women's Auxiliary
- June 22 – Legion Post 300
- June 29 – Klossner – Swan Lake 4 H
- July 6 – Lafayette Study Club
- July 13 – Legion Post 300

Dave's Place Summer Activities!

Mother's Day Banquet - May 12 from 6 to 9 pm
Bike & Car nights will be held together on Wednesdays this summer! May 30th is the kickoff, June - 6,13,20,27, July - 11, 18, 25, August - 1, 8, 15, 22, and the Grand Finale night is August 29!

Annual party day is July 28th – This includes Mini Rods and Street Dance (UFC hosts the Tractor pull in the morning)

Friday Nights in the Park: June 1, 15, 29, July 13, 27, August 3, 17, and then the last one of the season will be held on 8/31.

Annual charge and credit:

The annual Access charge from the MN Department of Health as well as the annual meter deposit interest credit is included in this month's billing.

2017 Consumer Confidence Report

The City of Lafayette is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2017. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

The City of Lafayette continues to monitor and improve its drinking water with the support of the City Council. This report will not be mailed out to individual customers. The link to review the report

is http://lafayettetmn.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/2017_Drinking_Water_Report_CCR.106132426.pdf, and the report is also linked onto our city website <http://lafayettetmn.com>. A printed copy of this report is available in the clerk's office to view, or if you would like a paper copy please contact the City of Lafayette Office at (507) 228-8241 to make arrangements.

Park & Rec Updates:

Registration is still open for anyone who did not get a chance to sign up! Pick up your form today at the C-store and fill out ASAP! Forms can be mailed to the address listed or can be handed back to Heidi P. at the C-store. ***To stay up-to-date on practices and schedules, join us on our Facebook group "Lafayette Park and Rec"!**

Adults – We are still looking for coaches for baseball and t-ball teams. Experience not necessary, assistant coaches accepted also! We are looking for volunteers for concessions and umpires these days. For information or to sign up, please contact Ashley at [612-499-0192](tel:612-499-0192).

WANTED: Umpires! \$20.00/game! Contact Ashley for details. Practice start dates are dependent on weather and coaches discretion. We are hoping for one of the first weeks in May.

Girls:

Rookie Girls - Grades Kindergarten - 3rd

Practice nights - Monday nights

Game nights - Tuesday nights at 6:30

Junior Bi-County Girls - Grades 7-10

Practice nights - Thursday nights

Game Nights - Sunday nights at 6:30

Boys:

Rookie Boys- ages 7-10

Practice nights TBD by coach

Game nights - Wednesday nights at 6:30

Peanuts Boys - ages 11-13

Practice nights - Thursday nights after T-ball

Game nights - Sunday and Tuesday nights at 6:30

Junior Bi-county Boys - ages 14-18

Practice nights TBD

Game nights - Monday nights and (3 Friday nights) at 6pm

T-ball

T-ball - ages 4-7 (age 3 accepted, but parent must be with child on field) Game nights are Thursdays from 6-7 on the baseball field.

Opening Potluck for families: Tuesday May 15th at 6pm at field (weather permitting) Schedules, family volunteer sign-ups, and jerseys handed out at that time!

Watch for more information on tournaments and an adult kickball event later this summer!

4/9/2018- Council Briefs

Consent Agenda: Approved 3/12/18 minutes, \$2500 in donations for the new ambulance, bills totaling \$49,727.55 and St. Gregory's annual liquor license and gambling acknowledgement for 8-12-18

Board of appeals and equalization was held, with Nicollet county assessor present to explain that due to the sales of residential properties in the City of Lafayette the across the board increase to property values of 25%. Council approved one request recommended by the assessor to decrease the value, and denied another. The Assessor recommended that every residential property owner check into property tax refunds as the program changed and consists of two parts: one based on income and the other based on the % of increase. Everyone in Lafayette should check it out.

Conditional Use Permit was granted for P. Schuelke to move his hobby gun smithing and retail sales to his current home, after holding a public hearing.

Ord. 126 Creating Section 50.01 (H) Of City Code:

Approved the second reading and adopted Ord. 126, which states "The property owner is liable for paying a minimum fixed service rate, as established from time to time by the City Council, regardless of whether or not the owner uses the Municipal Water and or Wastewater Systems as connected." This will be in effect once published in the 4/19/18 Ledger.

2018 Mowing bids: The city received three bids, and awarded the 2018 mowing to Eunice Gitter and Ron Hoehn for \$315 per mow.

City Building – Mike Forsys and Jim Boonstra from the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust were on hand to explain the process needed to get a value of the building lost in the October fire. They answered many questions from the council and building committee. Council approved going forward with the process to bid the building to get a value. Once this is completed and there is a value, plans can be made to rebuild the city building.

Reports: **Fox** updated council on the process of the new well. MN Dept. of Health inspected the Water plant and no concerns were presented. MDH approved the pilot project and the city has until 12-2019 to complete the project. **Burger's** report showed a building permit for a shed within setbacks, informed council of the updated election equipment that will be invoiced in June, received plaque at MCFOA conference in March for her completion of the 3 year certification institute. **Langhoff** asked all council, staff, fire and ambulance who have not completed the harassment prevention training to do so, as soon as possible.

Next Council meeting: Monday, May 14, 2018 at the city building at 700 9th Street at 7pm.