



City of Lafayette

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Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycle dates: May 7, 16, and holiday schedule week, Friday May 31! June 13, 27

Sat., May 18 City-wide Clean-up Day

May 2019

2 – Bookmobile – Esther Avenue – 10:15 to 10:45am

6 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall

11 – LCS Open House, Plant/Bake Sale 9– 11am

13 – City Council – 7 pm – **Community Center**

14 – Lion’s meeting – 6:45 pm – Community Center

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

16 – Bookmobile – Esther Avenue – 10:15 to 10:45am

18 – City-wide Clean-up Day!

21 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center – 7 pm

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

27 – Happy Memorial Day!!

27 – Legion’s Memorial Day Event – Community Center and Mini Park

Date TBD – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall

June 2019

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6 – Bookmobile – Esther Avenue – 10:30 to 11:00

10 – City Council – 7 pm – **Place TBD**

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22 – ATV Class - Riding course see website for Info

24 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

Lafayette MediaCom information channel:

Contact the office if you want to post your event!

Rent the Community Center:

Contact the city office 228-8241 to book your event!

Make your reservations for 2019 now!

City Office is still at 700 9th Street – for now...

Once we know our move in date to the new location on Main Avenue it will be posted! ***The next Council meeting will be held on May 13, 2019 in the Community Center at 7:00 pm.***

Water Plant update:

The water filter repair was completed on March 28 and has been online since then. If you have not changed your household water filter, now would be a good time to do so. The upgrade to the filtration system should be completed by the end of May.

Happy National Charter School Week May 6 – 10

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 20th year in our community! Congratulations to all the student’s teachers, staff and parents!

May 6 – 10 – Book fair all week – Everyone Welcome!

May 7 – Spring Concert 6:00 pm

May 10 – Family Picnic Day

May 11 – Open house, Plant & Bake Sale 9 to 11am. Everyone Welcome!

May 22 – Track & Field Day

May 29 – Last day of School!

City-wide Garage Sale Date Set:

Saturday, July 27 is this year’s garage sale date! Kathy Eckstrand is, once again, our coordinator. Contact her at 276-1912 or keckstrand560@gmail.com to sign up!

Deadline May 31, 2019:

The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program (EAP) administers Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds appropriated through the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. The Department of Commerce administers EAP in Minnesota. Low-income Minnesotans are eligible to apply for the funds, and the **deadline for the 2019 program is May 31**. Information is available at,

<https://mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp> or locally through MVAC.

DNR Classes:

June 22 is the **ATV Hands-on Riding Class**; find the information for this class on the City website.

Band Concert/Pie & Ice Cream Social Dates:

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

June 7 – First Lutheran

14 – St. Gregory the Great

21 – Legion

28 – Klossner Swan Lake 4-H

July 5 – no concert or social

12 – Legion Auxiliary

19 – Lafayette Charter School PROS

26 – Open– Call the Clerk’s office to inquire!

Coming Soon... Lafayette resident Bonnie Dinsmore is working with both Hy-Vee and Cash Wise to coordinate deliveries to Lafayette for residents who struggle getting to town or would like the convenience. If you are interested in learning more contact Bonnie at 228-8130 for details.

Let's Play Summer Ball!



New Ulm KNUJ Schell's Brewery Fast Pitch Softball season

is here! The tentative home schedule for the 7 pm Friday night games in Lafayette is May 10, 17, June 7, 14, July 12. The full schedule will be posted on the city website, when available!

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. Join our Facebook group "**Lafayette Park and Rec**" to stay up-to-date on practices and schedules.

Adults – We are looking for coaches and assistant coaches for baseball and t-ball teams. Experience not necessary! We are also looking for volunteers for concessions. 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.

WANTED: Someone for field maintenance prep work: duties include dragging fields and drawing chalk lines before games; must have your own four-wheeler or mower to drag fields. We supply the drag and chalk supplies. Must be done on day of game by 5pm. Schedule will be provided. \$15/ per time or \$300/full season. Contact Ashley at 612-499-0192, if interested.

Girls:

Rookie Girls – Grades Kindergarten - 3rd
Practice – Monday nights starting May 6th
Game nights – Tuesday nights at 6:30

Junior Bi-County Girls – Grades 7-10
Practice – Thursday nights starting May 2nd
Game Nights – Sunday nights at 6:30

Boys:

Rookie Boys – ages 7-10
Practice – Monday night 6:00-7:30 Starting May 6
Game nights – Wednesday nights at 6:30

Peanuts Boys – ages 11-13
Practice – Thursday nights after T-ball (7:00) starting May 2
Game nights – Sunday and Tuesday nights at 6:30

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

Road to the 2020 Census:

April 1, 2019 marked the one-year path toward the 2020 Census. Watch the monthly newsletter for information about the how, when and why it is so VERY important for ALL Lafayette residents to be counted! Stay tuned!

4/8/2019 - Council Briefs

- **Approved the consent agenda**, which included the 3/11/2019 meeting minutes and bills for the month totaling \$109,315.86
- **Reports:** **Sandberg:** Attended the RS Fiber JPB. Hiawatha Broadband to take over senior debt, goal is to add 25 new subscribers system-wide per month; cities would be repaid after the senior debt. Council requested that an RS Fiber board member to come to May's meeting. **Burger:** Will try City-wide garage sale Saturday July 27 this year – to coordinate with Lafayette Days, warmer, more people in town.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - New City hall:** Items cleared out of the back shed, frost is out of the ground, will prepare for concrete this week. Inside, subfloor is in place and walls outlined.
 - Water Plant:** Filter was back on line March 28. The upgrade should be completed by the end of May. The Well # 3 pump went out, it was not replaced when the new well was installed in early 2018, it will be \$10,683 to replace it.
 - Ord. 28 – Cargo/Shipping containers** – approved the second reading and will be enacted once published. As to the current containers, one will be moved as soon as the ground allows, and for the other two, council directed Burger to send a letter allowing them one year to remove the existing container.
 - Council pay:** After brief discussion and a minor change, council approved the first reading as amended.
- **New Business:**

Council approved the mowing bid from Gitter-Hoehn for \$320 per mow, accepted the street sealing bid from MR Paving for \$110,159.21, approved the Blanket Letter of Representation to Briggs, approved Resolution 2019-04 Supporting Comprehensive Road and Transit Funding and Resolution 2019-04 Amending the City Civic Appointments to add the Clerk (with consult with the city attorney) to deem a dog potentially dangerous. They denied the membership request for MN River Valley Byway Alliance.

Next Council meeting: Monday, June 13, 2019 in the Community Center at 540 7th Street at 7:00 pm. All council meetings are open to the public.

2019 Tri-County Mobile Collection Dates:

<http://www.co.nicollet.mn.us/338/Recycling-Solid-Waste> Scroll to the mobile collections 2019 for the dates of the local hazardous, electronics and appliance collection dates. Due to the fact we are not in our new building, I have not planned a City electronics and appliance collection for this spring.