



City of Lafayette

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Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycle dates: June 13, 27 July 11, 25. **Holiday schedule on July 5 is garbage only!**

June 2019

- 3 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 6 – Bookmobile – Esther Avenue – 10:30 to 11:00
- 10 – City Council – 7 pm – **Community Center**
- 11 – Lion’s meeting – 6:45 pm – Community Center
- 11 – LCS School Board – 5:30 pm – Technology room
- 18 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center – 7 pm
- 20 – Bookmobile – Esther Avenue – 10:30 to 11:00
- 22 – ATV Class - Riding course see website for Info
- 24 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**

July 2019

- 1 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall
- 4 – Fourth of July - Office Closed
- 8 – City Council – 7 pm – **Place TBD**
- 9 – Lion’s meeting – 6:45 pm – Community Center
- 9 – LCS School Board – 5:30 pm – Technology room
- 16 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center – 7 pm
- 18 – Bookmobile – Esther Avenue – 10:30 to 11:00
- 25 – All Utility Payments Due!**
- 26-28 – Lafayette Days!**
- 29 – Ambulance meeting – Fire hall

The Consumer Confidence Report:

Is now posted on the city website, or stop by the clerk’s office to see the printed report, http://lafayettemn.com/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/2018_CCR_Report.139123231.pdf

Rent the Community Center:

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

Lafayette MediaCom information channel:

Contact the office if you want to post your event!

We have not moved...YET!

Although the remodel is moving along nicely, we do not have a definite moving date. Look for postings on the doors of our current and downtown office when we do! Also, check the website, Facebook, or call! The June council meeting will be held in the Community Center on June 10 @7 pm.

LCS Summer Happenings!

- June 23 – Fairfax Dayz of Thunder Parade
- July 14th – Winthrop Farm City Fun Fest Parade
- July 19 – Hosts the Pie Social

LCS is looking for community members who are interested in helping maintain the school garden over the summer months. If you’re interested or have any questions, please contact Natasha Petersen at 228-8943 or petersen@lafayettecharter.k12.mn.us.

City-wide Garage Sale July 27, 2019:

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

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!

True Transit now offers Lafayette Residents transportation to Walmart on Monday and Wednesdays for \$3 each way. Must call ahead to schedule it. Call 800-560-1575 for more information.

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.

Road to the 2020 Census:

2020 Census countdown: Why do we have a census? The Census is about YOU! Every ten years the government counts your community to decide how much money to give your community for services and resources. Funding goes to schools, transportation and community programs. The Census also determines congressional districts.

The Census proves our existence. If you are not counted, you are invisible. Invisibility means fewer resources are distributed to your area. Your participation in the Census helps your neighbors and community as well. Check out jobs available for Census at

<https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>

Reminders:

First, be sure to mow your property so that the clippings do not blow onto the street! Secondly, only yard and garden waste and small branches 3 inches or less are allowed in the compost area. If you see someone dumping other items – let us know. Thanks!

Pet Licenses: Thank you to all who have responded, either by updating me that you do not have a pet or by purchasing or updating your pet's license. Information is posted on the city website or stop by the clerk's office. Remember to drop off vaccination records when you take your furry ones into the vet!

Let's Play Summer Ball!

Full Schedules are posted on the Lafayette Park & Rec Facebook page and will soon be posted on the city website.

Girls:

Rookie Girls – Grades Kindergarten - 3rd

Game nights – Tuesdays at 6:30

June 4 – Lafayette @ Nicollet 2, June 11 – Lafayette @ Leavenworth, June 18 – Springfield @ Lafayette, June 25 – Sigel @ Lafayette, July 9 – Essig @ Lafayette, July 16 – Courtland @ Lafayette, July 23 – Lafayette @ Nicollet 1, July 30 – Lafayette @ Stark

Junior Bi-County Girls – Grades 7-10

Game Nights – Sundays at 6:30

June 9 – Madelia @ Lafayette, June 1 – 6 Stark @ Lafayette, June 23 – Godahl @ Lafayette, June 30 – Lafayette @ Mountain Lake, July 7 – Sigel @ Lafayette, July 14 – Lafayette @ Courtland, July 21 – Leavenworth @ Lafayette Playoffs July 24, July 28

Boys:

Rookie Boys – ages 7-10

Game nights – Wednesdays at 6:30

May 22 – S/S @ Lafayette, May 29 – Lafayette @ Madelia 2, June 5 – No games, June 12 – Nicollet @ Lafayette, June 19 – Lafayette @ Essig, June 26 – GFW @ Lafayette, July 3 – no games, July 10 – Lafayette @ Courtland, July 17 – Madelia 1 @ Lafayette. Tournaments: Searles – June 14 & 15, Madelia – July 13. Lafayette – Aug 2 & 3

Peanuts Boys – ages 11-13 (L/S=Laf/Searles –Home designated)

Game nights – Sunday and Tuesdays at 6:30

May 21 – L/S @ Essig, May 28 – GFW1@L/S Lafayette, June – 2 L/S @ Nicollet, June 4 – Courtland @ L/S Searles, June 9 – GFW2 @ L/S Lafayette, June 16 – L/S @ BYE – All-Star Game TBD, June 23 – Essig @ L/S Searles, June 25 L/S @GFW 1, June 30 Nicollet @ L/S Lafayette, July 2 – L/S @ Courtland, July 7 – L/S @GFW 2, July 9 – Madelia @ L/S Searles, July 14 – L/S @ BYE, July 16 – Makeup date. Playoffs Round 1 – July 21, Semi Finals – July 23, Championship – July 28

T-ball:

All Thursday night games start at 6 pm. June 6 picture night, June 13, Jun 20, and June 27 – Parent assist night, July 11, July 18, and July 25– fun night!

New Ulm KNUJ Schell's Brewery Fast Pitch Softball

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

5/13/2019 - Council Briefs

Approved the consent agenda, which included the Included in the consent agenda were: the 4/8/2019 council minutes, bills totaling \$216,028.21, St Gregory's gambling and liquor license for the Harvest Festival, and Resolution 2019-06 Accepting Brighton Township's United Fund donation of \$410 for the ambulance fund.

RS Fiber Board treasurer, Ruth Bauer, joined council to share updates. Hiawatha Broadband Communications (HBC) has refinanced the debt. The ten cities are built and there is air service to many in the rural area. There are 2200 customers and in order to grow, they are looking at a net of at least 25 new customers system wide each month. With this plan the cities would cover the shortfall for 8 to 9 years. The intent is HBC extinguish the debt and then in about 2028 refinance the remaining debt. The board feels very strongly that the cities be paid back in the future. The system has seen economic impact to the area, mainly with the medical school in Gaylord. The first class in the fall of 2020, there are housing developments due to this and

Reports: Fox: The frost-out this spring wreaked havoc on our streets there will be major repairs for streets that were not done during the project. He will review the bids before making a recommendation. Bathrooms opened, gravel will be ordered for the ball fields, Lions have offered to pay for and install the planned floor replacement for the band shelter wagon. **Sandberg:** Presented the annual WWTF Annual Commendation to Al Fox and thanked him for his work. This is the 23rd year of achieving this award.

Peterson: Park & rec have started practices, pre-season potluck is scheduled, dugouts are coming along, and bleachers are ordered. **Reed:** Resident question on when the gravel section of 10th Street will be fixed – they are minimum maintenance roads, with a wet spring...it needs to dry out. **Portner:** volunteers from Park & rec worked on the dugouts, hope to complete next weekend. **Burger:** Sending letters to pet owners who have not gotten a 2019 pet license.

Unfinished Business:

New City hall: Sheetrock is being installed this week, then paint, trim work, flooring and cleanup and finally move it. No completion date set.

Water Plant: Materials for the Ammonia Reduction update should be delivered and installed this week.

Council pay: After brief discussion, council approved and adopted the ordinance. It will take effect January 1 of 2021, after the next election.

New Business:

None

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.

This is a glimpse of the council meeting. Full minutes are posted on the city website once they are approved at the following council meeting.