



## City of Lafayette

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### **It is back to school time!**

School is (or will be) back in session!

Keep our students safe.

Be alert!

***The week of Labor Day is a holiday schedule week,  
garbage and recycling collections will be on  
Friday, September 7!***

**Recycle Dates: September 7, 20  
October 4, 18**

### **September 2018**

3- Happy Labor Day! Office closed.

9 –Fields of Grace

10 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall 7:30

10 - City Council - 7 pm – City Bldg.

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

11 – LCS School Board – 6 pm Technology room

13 – Bookmobile – \*Esther Avenue\* – 10:30 to 11am

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### **Cold Weather Rule information:**

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=216b.096>

<https://www.ag.state.mn.us/consumer/Publications/UtilityDisconnection.asp>

**Code 90.01:** Trees and shrubs in the boulevard areas are property owner’s responsibility, not the city’s. All trees shall be pruned to sufficient height to allow free passage to pedestrians and vehicular traffic; nine feet over sidewalks and pathways and 13 feet over streets, pathways and alleyways.

**Note:** The proper trimmed height helps to make garbage collections and snow plowing safer.

### **Notice- Water Tower Repair!**

The city water tower repair dates are set for **September 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup>**.

The tower will be out of service and there will be limited water supply during this repair and maintenance process. Please do not use excess water during these dates!

*Thank you!*



### **What’s happening Around Town?**

Fields of Grace invites you to their **Good Neighbor Sunday** to be held in the Lafayette Mini Park next to the Community Center on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** starting with a 10:30 worship followed by a FREE noon meal! Food, activities and music! Bring a non-perishable food item to support the area food shelf.

### **Nicollet County Flu Clinic**

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

Lafayette Community Center from 9 to 9:45 am

Courtland Rec Hall from 10:45 to 11:15 am

St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Nicollet from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

They accept Medicare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Humana, Health Partners and UCare. (They do not accept Unicare)

Private cost is \$35. (Quadrivalent Flu Vaccine) Sponsored by Nicollet County Public Health 507-934-7220

### **Fall Tri-County Recycling Dates:**

**Household Hazardous Waste** fall collection will be held on Thursday, September 13 from 10 am to 2 pm at the City of Waterville Public Works Shop. The collection is free to residents in Le Sueur, Nicollet and Sibley Counties.

**Tire, Appliance & Electrics** Fall Collection will be held on Saturday, October 6, from 9 am until 1 pm at the Nicollet County Fairgrounds in St. Peter. There are small fees for these items ranging from \$1 to \$10; the same pricing as the city collection this spring. There is a poster in the Post Office or Clerk’s office with further information

### **Around the Corner...**

Lion’s Bingo tentative start date is Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **RS Sanitation clarifications:**

### **Garbage:**

All garbage MUST fit in your cart with the lid CLOSED. If it does not, a BAG TAG must be attached to the excess. Bag tags can be purchased at the clerk's office and also at the C-Store. It is a good thing to have on hand for those occasions you have more garbage than cart!

### **Recycling:**

All recycling should fit in the cart with the lid closed. Break down boxes. No plastic bags are allowed. Bag recycling can be found by the local grocery store entrances.

All carts must be three feet from each other and any other obstruction!

***If you have excess garbage weekly, it may be time to upgrade to a larger cart! Call the office and I will gladly help!***

## **Concerned of higher than average water usage?**

When we read the meters each month we try to alert residents if there is a high usage by calling if it is extremely high or a sticker on their bill with a higher than average alert. If you did not expect this spike in usage see below!

**What causes a high usage?** This can come from many things here are a few things we have seen are:

- A dripping faucet
- Toilets running (where you have to jiggle the handle)
- A water softener recycling too often
- And RO system (reverse osmosis) flushing too long
- A water heater leaking
- An outside faucet left on and dripping

Locate your meter, look at it and if the middle dial is spinning, there is water usage somewhere in your house. Start searching your home for what is using water. You can check your toilet for leaks by adding a few drops of food coloring in the tank, let it sit for an hour or so without use, if you see color in the stool, your toilet is leaking.

## **Community Center Rental:**

Hold your family event, meeting. No worries of weather, it is air conditioned and has Wi-Fi! Call Sandy at 228-8241 to book your event today!

## **True Transit**

Rural County-wide Public Transportation is now in Nicollet County! Go to [truetransit.org](http://truetransit.org) to see the schedule and areas covered! Lafayette is not a scheduled stop, but rides can be planned if called in advance! Call 800-560-1575 for more information!

## **2018 is an Election year!**

General Election is Tuesday, November 6.

Use the link below to see if you are a registered voter for our precinct!

<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>

## **8/18/2018- Council Briefs**

**Consent Agenda:** Approved, 7/16/18 minutes, bills totaling \$34,840.49 and \$200 donation from the Schell's KNUJ Men's fast pitch team for use of the park for home games.

**Reports:** Fox – No date set for water tower repairs yet.

Langhoff - attended the RS Fiber Joint Powers Board, they are 93% completed with 1884 total hookups. There will be a short fall for the bond payment in 2019 and 2020. Lafayette's portion is \$28,393.90 council will discuss options at the budget workshop. Lannoye - Updated council that the Law Office may close sooner than January 1, 2019. Dick – Ambulance has been returned and seems to be running good. There will be an inspection of the new ambulance this fall. They will be trained on their new reporting system, which will up and running in a month or two.

**City Building** – Bids were opened July 26, at 10 am in the city building. Council rejected the bids due to the design. (To rebuild the same building in the same place) Council also approved hiring SEH to go forward with the process for a new design. The League will reimburse building expenses up to \$350,000.

**Water Tower:** As of the meeting, the repair dates have not been set. Once they are the public will be alerted, as the city will run on limited water supply.

**Council action:** Approved the 3.2 License for the Fire Relief Association for the dance, approved Standard Operating Guideline changes, approved a fire fighter resignation, denied a citizen request to remove and replace a tree.

**Other items:** The budget was sent to council to review prior to the August meeting and before the budget workshop on August 20.

## **Next Council meeting:**

Monday, September 10, 2018 city building's council chambers at 700 9<sup>th</sup> Street at 7 pm.

**All council meetings are open to the public.**

After council dismissed the building committee briefly met to discuss the new building design.

**2018 Budget Workshop:** Council and staff went through each department and made initial adjustments. Cities have to submit an approved preliminary levy to the county after the September meeting. In December the final budget will need to be approved for the amount payable in 2019. The final budget amount cannot be higher than the preliminary budget, but can be lower.