



City of Lafayette

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Slow Down!!!

Please slow down when driving through town. Council discussed many areas where drivers speed through residential areas, especially around the park! With school now back in session our students will be walking to school or the bus stops – be aware and be careful! AND SLOW DOWN!

Lafayette Area Lions:

The Lafayette Area Lions Celebrates 40 years of service to our area!! Congratulations to our members, past and present, who have made such an impact on so many lives in Lafayette and the surrounding area!

What have the Lions done for us??? Organizing and helping at countless fundraisers, helping update equipment for the city parks, community center, ambulance and fire departments over the years, donations to the Charter School, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, local 4-H chapters, and scholarships for recent graduates to help with continued education and support the local Polar Plunge team, just to name a few! Congratulations Lions on this great milestone and wishing you many, many more!

Other Lions News:

Saturday, September 28 – New Ulm Diabetes Walk, Civic Center Fair Grounds NU 8:00 am

Looking ahead – Saturday, November 2 – Lions Bar Bingo starts!

Nicollet County Flu Clinics

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Lafayette Community Center from 2- 3:30 pm

Courtland Rec Hall from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Nicollet from 9:00 to 10:30 am.

Watch for the flyer for updated information.

Sponsored by Nicollet County Public Health 507-934-7220

Fall Tri-County Recycling Dates:

Tire, Appliance & Electrics Fall Collection will be held on Saturday, October 5, 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; there is a poster in the Clerk’s office with further information

Hog & Corn Roast and Relief Dance:

A huge thank you from the Lafayette Area Lions, Lafayette Fire Relief and Ambulance for your support at the annual Hog & Corn roast and Street Dance!

Cold Weather Rule information:

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

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

True Transit:

This service offers a transportation option for Lafayette residents and is now available to Lafayette 5 days a week. Must call ahead to schedule it. Call 800-560-1575 for more information.

Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycle dates: September 6, 19 and October 3, 17, 31.

Note: **Holiday schedule for the September 6 garbage and recycling collection date.**

September 2019

2 – Office Closed for Labor Day

3 – 4 – Office closed

5 – Bookmobile – Esther Avenue – 10:15 to 11:45

9 – Fire Department meeting – Fire hall

9 – City Council –7 pm –791 Main Avenue

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

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

17 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center – 7 pm

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25 – All Utility Payments Due!

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Rent the Community Center:

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

The center is great for birthday parties, family reunions, grad parties, meetings, holiday gatherings and more!

Lafayette MediaCom information channel:

Contact the office if you want to post your event!

LCS Happenings!

Lafayette Charter School is a tuition-free public school that serves students from the surrounding area and is ***Celebrating Twenty Years Strong!***

School is back in session!

Sept. 5 – Parent input meeting, Sept. 10 – School board

Sept. 13 – School closed – teacher in-service day

Citizens Bank is supporting local Back Pack Projects throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Drop off dates for collections will be September 3 – 6th and some of the items accepted for the Lafayette Charter School Food Back Pack Program are: Individual sizes of cereal boxes, fruit ups, hot chocolate packages, 100% juice boxes, applesauce cups, pudding cups, peanut butter cracker packets, instant oatmeal packets, Kraft Easy Mac packets, granola bars, microwavable Chef Boyardee, packets of peanuts, Maruchan instant lunch cups, canned tuna and chicken, soups, crackers or gold fish packets.

Its 2020 Budget Time:

Council and staff held budget workshops on Monday, August 19 and 26th and went through each department and made adjustments. For the 2020 budget year, in addition to the General Fund Operating Levy and New Ambulance debt service levy (added last year), will have the first RS Fiber bond debt service levied. Last year council chose to pay the 2019's RS Fiber bond payment out of savings. A few of the items discussed: the fire department has an opportunity to upgrade to the city pumper. The current pumper needs more work and is 40 years old. The rural fire association recently purchased a new pumper and has their old pumper is for sale. The last upgrade to the city pumper was when they replaced the 1948 truck with a 1979 model.

Repairs of the meeting room ceiling and one or possibly two door replacements are in the proposed budget. The park and mini park updates were discussed and many items added to the wish lists in the preliminary budget.

Levy: The levy is the difference needed to run the city after receipts and State Local Government Aid (LGA) is taken in to account. All Cities have to approve a preliminary 2020 Budget and submit the Proposed 2020 Levy to the county after the September meeting. The County will then compile all the information and send out a *proposed tax statement*, which shows the *proposed levy* amounts for the County, City and local school district. This *will be high*; being it is based on all the *proposed levies*. After more budget adjustments at a final workshop in December the final budget / levy will be approved for the amount payable in 2020. The *final budget /levy* amount cannot be higher than the preliminary budget/proposed levy, but can be lower - this why the proposed is always higher.

8/12/2019 - Council Briefs

Public Hearing: This section of Lafayette Avenue was not updated in the RD Project as there were no utilities and the road was fine. The past two winter's frosts have destroyed this section of the road and it needs to be replaced at a cost of \$99,608; with \$5,000 assessments on the two properties along this stretch, the City will cover the remaining \$89,608.

Approved the consent agenda which included the: 7/15/2019 council minutes, bills totaling \$203,359.54 and Resolution 2019-10 – Adopting the Nicollet County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Reports:

Sandberg: He asked council to look over the budget and come with suggestions and ideas for the 2020 budget. He had a complaint of a property looking rough. He said council used to do a drive through town and look at properties. Burger volunteered and will send council her findings to discuss at the next council meeting. **Fox:** The air conditioner gave out at the community center and needs to be replaced, council approved the purchase. **Peterson:** Concerned of the speed of the traffic around the park, going way too fast. She also shared that the contractors for CenturyLink filled in the spillway so no water flows to the county ditch. **Portner:** Had complaints of the park, weeds along the fence and the rain garden. Fox replied the fence has been sprayed and the rain garden just dried. **Burger:** informed Council of a resident who planned to submit an application for a garage. He had a survey of his property done and is working on the application. **VanDeest:** Rural still has the pumper for sale that was replaced by the new one. He feels this would be a good upgrade for the city pumper. The current city pumper is a 1979 model and that one replaced a 1948, the rural fire is selling a 2004 model. Council asked him to find out the price and bring it to the budget workshop. **Dick:** Had been approached by the postal truck driver to see if the city had any place for him to park now that the city office moved he has no place. A few ideas were given and Dick will share them with Chris. He said he will be working on the north side of the fire barn and that would be a good time to add urethane for protection of the building. Looking to budget wishes, the overhead doors of the fire barn should be replaced at about \$2,000 to \$2,200 each.

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 2019-09 - Finalizing Assessments of Lafayette

Avenue: Council approved the \$5,000 assessments for the two properties.

Monday, August 19, 2019 is a budget workshop for the 2020 budget at 7 pm in the council chambers. **Next Council meeting:** Monday, September 9, 2019 in the new city hall at 791 Main Avenue 7:00 pm. All council meetings are open to the public. *This is just a glimpse of the council meeting. Full minutes are posted on the city website once they are approved at the following council meeting.*