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City of Lafayette

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"The City of Lafayette is an equal opportunity provider."

February 2025

3 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

10 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

11– Lions Meeting – Community Center
6:45pm

17 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Office
Closed

18 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

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Other City Information:

Recycling Dates: February 13,27, March 13,27.

String Lights: Recycle holiday string lights and extension cords year-round; drop them at the office during office hours.

Snow Removal: If you need assistance with snow removal, the office has a few names on file. If you contract out for snow removal, let the office know to share your information to those in need.

Bookmobile Dates:

February 6, 20 March 6, 20

April 3, 17 May 1, 15

The bookmobile is near the park on Esther Avenue from 10:15 to 10:45 am. No card, no problem – bring a photo ID and register for a Library card!

Looking for Lafayette Memorabilia

Looking for Lafayette Memorabilia!!! It is needed for our historical displays during the 125th Celebration. Items have been trickling in...so look through your house-garage-attic and see what you may have from Lafayette in the past 125 years! An inventory is being created for the items and whether they will be donated or returned to the owners. Photos, advertising, P&R gear, information of the area businesses or organizations, anything Lafayette!

**Looking for a display for each: Scouts, boy & girl, Legion, Lions, area churches, schools, study club, and whatever else there may have been!

125th Celebration! Save the Dates!

Wednesday, July 23 – Sunday, July 27, 2025

The planning committee met on 1/15/2025. The next meeting is February 25, 2025 at 6pm
It will be held at the city council meeting room. Come and learn what is planned!

Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday: Bike & Car night and kick off of the Lafayette 125th Celebration Medallion Hunt. Special concert from the Armstrong Boulevard Brass Quintet at 6pm. Possible Legion color guard kick-off.

Thursday: Park & Rec will have youth ball games, a meal at the pop shack, human foosball on Main Street.

Friday: Legion meal in the community center, Lafayette Band concert followed by the Concord Singers and Narren, Relief's Craft Beer & wine tasting & burgers.

Saturday: Historical displays in the community center's display cases and city office, craft & vendor in the community center, quilt show at 1st Lutheran with quilt raffle, Lafayette's Amazing Race. Local entertainment all afternoon in the bandstand. Firefighter keg fight keg, with ball option for children, the annual Antique Tractor Pull, bounce houses, fire training display, crowning of little miss Lafayette, food trucks, Kiddie parade, Dave's place annual street dance. Possible adult ball tournament and possible fireworks.

Sunday: Prayer Service in Memorial park, Dad's Belgium waffles at the fire hall, kid's pedal pull, the 125th Celebration parade and NU Battery for a grand finale shooting of the cannons at Lund park.

Sponsorship: We are looking for sponsors for some of the activities. Contact Sandy in the office for details.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR VOLUNTEER 'SUPER POWERS'??

Maybe you are not comfortable to lead an activity, but are a great helper! We need you!

As you can see from our list of a lot of happenings that weekend...

we will need many volunteers!! Contact the office or join us at the next meeting!

HELP! First, we are in need of a 2025 Garage Sale coordinator(s). This year's dates are May 10 and October 11, 2025.

Secondly, we also need a Holiday Community Tree decorator(s)! There is a vast assortment of holiday décor stored at the city shop to use to beautify the bandstand over the holidays. Contact the office to learn details.

This and That:

- 1.) **gWorks:** Hopefully we will have more information soon! Our on-boarding is rescheduled – again - to begin February 4-6, 2025. Watch the website, Facebook and city office window postings for updates. As of February 4th, at 4pm, the current UB Payments will be disabled. If you are an ACH payment - you may want to pay via check or cash until you have your "Front Office" online account set up.
- 2.) **February 1** – Polar Plunge - Support our Lafayette Area Jumpers or join to jump yourself!!
- 3.) **February 7** – Park & Rec. Meat Bingo – proceeds to go to the park fencing project.
- 4.) **February 8** – Dave's Place Annual Steak Fry serving from 5 to 9pm – benefitting the Ambulance equipment updates.
- 5.) **February 22** – DNR Youth Snowmobile Class is February 22, 2025, ages 11-15 online courses. Must register ahead. See the flyer in the office for details or the DNR website.

Lafayette is a pet friendly city - Let's keep it that way!

I have witnessed two piles of dog feces in the downtown area on the sidewalks in the last week. **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!!!** There has also been a complaint that vehicles are driving into the park access by the pine trees and letting their dogs out to do their business and then drive away without cleaning up! The witness saw this three times in one day. **AGAIN... CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!!!**

The 2025 Cat & Dog tags are now \$8 per pet. Many have not renewed them and there are many new pets in town that have been posted on Facebook...they sure are cute, but get them registered now. ALL CATS & DOGS need to be registered in the city and provide vaccination records.



Winter Notes - It's not over yet!

Parking & Snow removal: Reminder no parking during a snow event or parking more than 24 hours from November through April. If you know it is going to snow, move your vehicle off the street. If you see the plows out and you are parked on the street - move your vehicle to a plowed area. The city will do a final cleanup after an event. Some events are continuous due to drifting or continued snow. The city could have a vehicle towed, if not moved. Per State Statute 169.42 you cannot plow, dump, blow, or shovel snow into any roadway.

125th Community Quilt:

Thank you to everyone who sewed a quilt square! The sewing group will be working on sewing boarders on each block and then completing the quilt in the next months. If you have not returned your quilt block (s) drop them at the city office during office hours, or take them to the community center during a sewing group day on the first Saturday each month and March 15th.

Lafayette Area Lions:

Thursday: Meat Raffles-Horse Racing-Jemi's Jackpot 6pm start time.

Saturday: Bingo 1:30 start – If you are interested in being a volunteer to sell or to call bingo contact Mark Haler.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lafayette-Area-Lions-1815080668713552>

Playground: The Lion's are making donations to the city to pay the equipment bond payments for the playground. They are doing fundraising and using gambling proceeds to make these donations. Help by participating in the Lions events or making a donation to the Lions directly for this project – see Taylor at the bank if you wish to donate directly to the Lions.

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

2025 Summer ball is right around the corner! Registration opens February 3, 2025, see the flyers or email them at lafayetteparkandrecreation@gmail.com.

Website: lafayetteparkandrecreation.wixsite.com/minn

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Lafayette-Park-and-Recreation/61556096219153/>

The Park and Rec is holding a Meat Bingo on Friday, February 8, 2025 at the fire hall – see posters for details.

**A reminder and thank you to those who use the can drop at the c-store, this is also an ongoing fundraiser for the P&R. They are looking at updates for the park fencing which is a huge cost.

Legion Post #300:

<https://www.facebook.com/LafMNAleg300>

Paver orders are ongoing. Reach out to the Legion or stop into the city office for an order form.

Council Briefs: 1/13/2025

Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Residents Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street, Brennan Moldan – 1091 Lafayette Avenue and Adam Prochniak – AP Lawn Service.

Oath of Office: Tauber Mayor, Hartley & VanDeest council members at large.

Approved: Agenda and Consent Agenda including the 12/9 minutes & bills totaling \$442,780.72 the treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for December, receipts of \$371,736.56, 2024 payrolls 25, 26, EOY PTO payout over 80 hours and 2025 Payroll 1.

Reports: Fox: Submitted report & updates. P&R hockey day 1/26. Request for a can drop at the WWTF, council denied the request.

Tauber: Attended a Zoom meeting with Fox & Senator Frenz

Burger: Submitted report and highlighted gWorks pushed back to January 20th. Garbage and Xcel rate changes. No update on the revolving loan funds, working on EOY & Audit prep. **Uhde:** EMT refresher had 11 members attending. Working to get them all on the same cycle to be able to hold in-house refreshers. Steak Fry February 8, two of the Allina trained are now members, one more Allina trainee is retaking the test and the last one decided not to pursue. **Peterson:** Attended the ambulance commission meeting. Raised the per household from \$40 to \$45, and the VP from \$350 to \$500. **Klingler:** Polar Plunge is February 1, the rural farm board meeting February 12. Upcoming events: P&R to hold a meat bingo and Fog youth a ham bingo. **Reed:** Attended the final Nicollet County Community Assessment – focused on mental health in the county. There will be individual meetings in Lafayette, Nicollet and Courtland. **Polich:** will be attending leadership training.

Unfinished Business: RO: Fox & Tauber met with Senator Frenz to discussed the RO project bonding. **Stormwater:** Reviewed modeling and have three scenarios. EPA & DELTA met 1/10 to discuss findings and funding options. **STREAMS:** Fox feels the technical team has come up with a suitable rate schedule. STREAMS was invited to a DNR round table to present the project. **MPCA Permit:** On hold. Ord. 150 Xcel franchise ordinance and CUP Application public hearings rescheduled for the February meetings.

New Business: Approved: Resolutions for 2025 Civic duties, Authorized signatures, Recognition for Peterson & Portner for years of service, 2025 council meeting schedule, donations totaling \$823.68 of \$118 to the 125th \$18 from FillMeUp and \$100 from Isaacson S&S, \$50 to the fire department from P. & M. Dummer and \$655.68 to the ambulance from an anonymous donor. Approved mowing bid to AP Lawn Service and the Fire Department updated SOGs and the dismissal of a firefighter for not meeting attendance requirements. The resolution to update the agreement between the city and the park & rec was tabled until both could meet in person.

The next meeting will be held February 10, 2025, 2025 at 7pm in the council chambers 791 Main Avenue.

2025 Band Concerts – Friday Night Socials

The Lafayette Band has set their concert dates for the 2025 season. The concerts will continue to start at 7:30pm, except during the 125th it will start at 6:30pm, to allow for the transition to the concord singers. Contact the office to book your Friday Night Social!

May 30 – Open

June 6 – Foggy Youth

June 13 – Lions

June 20 –Open

June 27 –Open

July 11 – Open

July 18 – Open

July 25 – Legion 125th Celebration Meal

TREX Plastics Recycling for Benches:

The project consists of collecting the proper plastics, bagging them, weighing each bag and sending a photo to TREX – in turn they send a bench once the 1,000 #s of plastic is achieved! The Garden Club will be working on it currently. This project will continue as long as a group or organization will volunteer the time and effort. Any organization can register to collect and receive a bench.

Only stretchable plastics, clean and dry. Salt bags with handles need to be cut off. **NO dog food bags.** Remove receipts from store bags.

This is a big undertaking for whomever is doing it, so let's work together to do it right! Bins are at the bank, bar, C-Store & city office. We will work to get the PO one again.

For more information, fact sheets are at the city office or check out the TREX website: <https://nextrex.com/view/educate>