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

May 2024

2 – Bookmobile – 10:15 to 10:45am – Esther Ave.

6 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

11 – Spring Citywide Garage Sales

13 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

14 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center

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

18 – Curbside Citywide Cleanup

20 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

21 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

27 – Legion Memorial Day Program & Potluck
at the Community Center & Memorial Park

June 2024

3 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

6 – Bookmobile – 10:30 to 11:00am – Esther Ave.

10 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

11 – Lion's Meeting – Community Center

17 – 125th meeting 7pm Council chambers

20 – Bookmobile – 10:15 to 10:45am – Esther Ave

18 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

22 – Appliance & Electronic 8-11am City Shop

24 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: May 9 & 23. The week of

Memorial is a Friday holiday schedule –

Garbage Only! June 6, 20

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

Save the BLUE flyer!!!

**Tri-County Collections, City Cleanup and City
Appliance and Electronics** information is in this
billing packet. **SAVE this BLUE flyer - it has all
the information you will need for this year's
collections!** (Helpful hint – tape it to the inside
of a cupboard, so you know where it is!)

It's not too late to join the Spring Garage Sale! Sat., May 11, 2024

Contact Kathy Eckstrand with a general description of items and the \$10
advertising fee. Cell: 507-276-1912 please call or text – Deadline is Wed., May 8

(There will be spots available in the community center)

The spring residential cleanup is the following Saturday!

Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

Welcome May!

I can't wait to start seeing all the flowers in bloom and of course to start camping. Our
area farmers will be in the fields and motorcycles will be out, so watch for them.

It is a busy time and with the nice weather residents and children are out so be mindful
when driving. Slow down and enjoy our beautiful town coming alive.

Hope everyone has a nice spring and can enjoy the weather.

Also, congrats to all our city graduates!

Sandie

SPRING is in the air! Here are a few reminders and thoughts

- 1) May is a great time to cleanup your yard and property to eliminate the need
to be sent a blight violation letter.
- 2) Compost is open – remember we are regulated by the DNR - only yard and
garden waste goes on one pile and branches under 3-inches.
- 3) Lafayette is a pet friendly city. As more residents are out walking – dogs will
bark. Remember to keep your neighbors happy and try to limit the barking
time. (PS: be sure to register your dogs and cats, if you have not!)
- 4) As the weather warms and we get out and about more, remember to be a
good neighbor. Meet your neighbors! There can be so many things we do not
understand about them, if we don't get to know them. Is there yard messy?
Maybe they have health issues or dealing with children, elderly parents, etc.
the list is endless of what may be going on. Being a good neighbor – offer
help!
- 5) Also with dogs...clean up your dog's waste when out walking or if they wander
to a neighbor's yard...again – its being a good neighbor. 😊 PS: The
downtown Memorial park and the Lund park are NOT places to let your dog
relieve themselves, if they do clean it up!
- 6) As the election year heats up, political signs will pop up. Did you know that
cities can regulate signs and flags based on objective standards such as size,
location and number. However, they may not regulate based on content or
subject matter. Even when a sign or flag contains profanity, it is most likely
protected speech under the First Amendment.

2024 Monday Food Truck season is here!!!

May 13 – Back Street Market

May 20 – Sunny Days Comfort Foods

May 27 – Memorial Day – none scheduled

June 3 – Back Street Market

June 10 – Park & Rec

June 17 – The Squeaky Cow

June 24 – The Pelican Food Truck

July 1 – Angela's Egg Rolls

July 8 – Open

July 15 – Back Street Market

July 22 – Sunny Days Comfort Foods

July 29 – The Pelican Food Truck

August 5 – Open

August 12 – Back Street Market

August 19 – The Squeaky Cow

August 26 – Open

Sept. 2 – Labor Day – none scheduled

Sept. 9 – Back Street Market

Sept. 16 – Sunny Days Comfort Foods

Sept. 23 – Angela's Egg Rolls

FYI: If there are any changes or cancellations
they will be posted on the City Facebook page.

Help Beautify our City!

Lafayette Garden Club is planning their second year and adding a few more planters!
They would love for more to join in the fun! No green thumb needed; it is a learning
process for all. This year they will again concentrate on beautifying the downtown
area with flower planters. Being in their infancy, growing the membership will help
with the possibilities to additional projects in the future as well!

Contact Sandy Burger in the city office today!!

125th Celebration! Save the Dates!

Wed., July 23 – Sunday, July 27, 2025

The next meeting: Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7pm – City council meeting room. **Everyone is welcome to join us to make this a successful celebration!**

National Recognition Weeks:

Please take a minute, during the month of May, to thank our city council, city staff, and the ambulance and fire members, the park & rec and all other volunteers who work to keep our city safe and running smoothly.

Public Service Recognition Week. May 5 –11 – Thank you, Mayor Sandie P, Council members Dave, Scott, Tom and Curt!

Professional Municipal Clerk’s Week. May 5 –11 – Thank you, Sandy B!

International Firefighters Day – May 4 – We appreciate all of our hard working, highly trained firefighters! Thank you for your service! Fire Prevention Week is in October.

National EMS Week – May 19 – 25– We are very blessed to have such a dedicated Ambulance service for our community and surrounding areas; thank you for your service!

National Public Works Week – May 19 – 25 – Thank you Al, Brennan, Logan and Nick!

ACH Payments – sign up now!

Contact the office for a form. You will still receive a bill; it will show DRAFT on the bottom section. Go green and sign up for email billing as well!

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

Practice to start soon! Contact your coach for details!

Website: lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn

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

Save the date! Night to Unite August 6, 2024

Lafayette Area Lions:

Saturday Bingo and Thursday Meat Raffles and Racing will return in the fall!

June 14 - Lions Pie Social

Stretchy Film Plastic recycling project: Thank you to all who collected plastics – they reached the goal with 1,100 pounds! They are looking for area cities who are collecting to help them out, and for us to continue to collect.

Lions Playground: UPDATE: Due to the rain the delivery is planned for May 8th with construction to follow. Excavating will be doing prep work for the area, so please do not use during that time.

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

Legion Post #300:

Paver sales are ongoing and forms can be found at the city office or the bank, or by contacting Mark or Keith Schuelke.

<https://www.facebook.com/LafMNAmLeg300>

Rent the Community Center!

Hold your family event, meeting. No worries of weather, it has a kitchen and a smart TV and Wi-Fi! Call Sandy at 228-8241 to book your event today!

Council Briefs: 4/8/2024 6:30pm

There were no appeals for the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization hearing. Approved the consent agenda: Including, 3/11 minutes & 3/19 MPCA recap, bills totaling \$52,726.75, and treasurer’s report, receipts totaling \$32,987.03, payrolls 6 & 7.

Guests: Shana Jackson & Erin Wachtel - Nicollet County Assessor’s office, Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Laura Hacker - resident.

Reports: Fox: May 1 delivery of the new playground equipment. (since postponed due to weather) UV tank was installed and will be operational by May 1, sampling due this month, council approved replacing the last two doors to the fire hall

Burger: permits approved – P&R shed and removal of a deck to build a 3-season porch. Created a tri-county & city collection flyer to go in the newsletter, highlighted the 125th committee recap.

Klingler: New fire truck delivered, council asked Fox & Klingler to look into the feasibility for the city to pay a stipend to rural fire and use this as the city pumper.

Unfinished Business: Highlighted the progress of the state bonding, EPA grant and PFA application. WWTF permit limits imposed by the MPCA and what options for compliance. He asked for a 30-day extension and set up a second meeting is set up for 4/29/24 at 1pm to discuss.

New Business: Approved Resolution 2024-07, April Donations, electronic donations & tips from the steak fry for the Ambulance of \$1,000.00 & Fillmeup to Celebration fund \$40. Approved the first reading of Ord 147; removing the words” gardening and landscaping” from description of accessory use. Approved the 2024 ambulance officers: *President: Dick, Vice-president: Uhde, Secretary: Griebel, Data reporting & Active 911: Beranek, Maintenance and supplies: C Goblirsch, Training: R Helling- Goblirsch, Infectious control: Gieseke.*

The next council meeting will be held on May1, 13, 2024at 7pm.

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 regular meeting.

STREAMS update: Lafayette along with Winthrop, Gibbon and New Auburn are exploring a regional wastewater and water reuse facility, in part due to the stringent MNPCA permit limits on our current permit and future limits that are in the works. Small cities are unable to rebuild facilities individually to meet these standards and working together would hopefully eliminate that issue. Another part of it is the lack of ground water for the industries in the area, the reuse part of this would be to utilize the wastewater and treat it to be usable water for these types of industries. Council members and staff from each community will meet monthly via TEAMS to stay updated on the progress. Currently we are looking at the industries to sign letters of intent, so the preliminary engineering can be done. Once that is done the next step to look into funding (similar to what we are doing for the RO addition to the water plant) for the feasibility of the project. The next meeting via TEAMS will be held on Wednesday, May 8.

2024 Lafayette Band & Pie Social Schedule

- 5/ 27 – Legion Memorial Day Program
- 5/31 – Lafayette Garden Club
- 6/ 5 – Bernadotte Pie Social
- 6/5 – Bernadotte Church – in Bernadotte
- 6/7 – No Pie Social (unless added by the band)
- 6/14 – Lafayette Lions
- 6/21 – Foggy Youth
- 6/28 – Legion Auxiliary
- 7/5 – No Pie Social
- 7/12 – Friends of the 125th Celebration! Hotdish Cook off!
- 7/19 – Legion
- 7/26 – 1st Lutheran WELCA

2024 Bike & Car Nights!

- May – 5/29 Kick-off
- June – 6/12, 6/26
- July – 7/10, 7/24
- August – 8/7, 8/21
- September – 9/4 Finale