

# July 2024

## City of Lafayette

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

### July 2024

1 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

4 – Happy Independence day!

5 – Office Closed

8 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

9 – Lion’s Meeting – Community Center

16 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

18 – Bookmobile – 10:30 to 11:00am – Esther Ave

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

29 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

### August 2024

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5 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

12 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

13 – Lion’s Meeting – Community Center

15 – Bookmobile – 10:30 to 11:00am – Esther Ave

19 – City Council 2025 Budget Workshop

20 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

26 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

### Garbage & Recycling info:

**Recycling Dates:** July 5<sup>th</sup> Holiday schedule both Garbage & Recycling, and July 18. August 1, 15, and 29.

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

**Save the date!**

**Night to Unite August 6, 2024**

### Do you have the BEST hotdish in Lafayette?

Show us what you’ve got! The “Friends of the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration” are hosting a hotdish cookoff during the July 12<sup>th</sup> Friday Night Social!! Contact Sandy Burger to register the type of hotdish you will enter! Have the hotdish to the community center by 5 pm (You will be able to take it there earlier, if you need to plug it in.)

All who attend will vote for their top three choices and a final tally will be done at 7pm and the winners will be announced, and a prize for the top three will be awarded! **Come to compete or come to eat!** All are welcome, so join your friends and neighbors to support our 125<sup>th</sup> celebration next summer!

There will be a free-will donation with all proceeds going to the celebration fund!

### Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July everyone; I hope everyone has a safe holiday!

The council did the blight tour last month, I am very impressed at our small community and the pride we show in our property. Keep up the good work and remember we will have a lot of visitors for 125<sup>th</sup> next year, so let’s keep our town beautiful.

Thank you for the continuing support of Food Truck Monday. It is nice to try something different.

Don’t forget about the remaining Friday night socials, the Fire Relief’s Craft beer tasting and Dave’s Place summer blast at the end of the month.

It is supposed to be very warm this month so keep an eye on your neighbors and stay cool.

Sandie

*Sandie*

### **125<sup>th</sup> Celebration! Save the Dates!**

**Wed., July 23 – Sunday, July 27, 2025**

**Everyone is welcome to join us to make this a successful celebration!**

Here is a sneak peek to what our week will hold:

**Wednesday:** Bike & Car night and kick off of the Lafayette 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration Medallion Hunt.

**Thursday:** Park & Rec will have youth ball games, a meal at the pop shack, and possibly a bean bag tournament.

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

**Saturday:** Historical displays in the community center display cases and city office, craft & vendor, quilt show, Lafayette’s Amazing Race. Local entertainment all afternoon in the bandstand. Firefighter keg fight keg, with ball option for children, antique tractor pulls, bounce house, fire training display, crowning of little miss Lafayette, and food trucks. Dave’s place annual street dance with kiddie & adult dance.

**Sunday:** Prayer Service in Memorial park, Dad’s Belgium waffles – fire hall, parade and NU Battery for a grand finale shooting the cannons at Lund park.

**A new Lafayette history book will be reformatted and updated with the last 25 years!**

### We are looking good for our celebration!

We only have a year to be ready for the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration starting on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 through Sunday, July 27, 2025.

If you see a neighbor struggling to get to the compost or something – offer to help! That’s what small town life is about!!

**Become Miss Lafayette and represent our community and promote our upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> City Celebration in 2025!!!**

Turn in your application, with a sponsor fee of \$150, to Park & Rec. by **Tuesday, July 30, 2024.**

Full details and application are on the Park & Rec’s website. [lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn](https://lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn)

## **2024 Lafayette Band & Friday Night Social**

### **Schedules**

7/5 – No Pie Social  
7/12 – Friends of the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration! Hotdish Cook off!  
7/19 – Legion Post #300  
7/26 – 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran WELCA

## **2024 Monday Food Truck season is here!!!**

July 1 – Angela’s Egg Rolls  
July 8 – Mama Maria’s Tacos  
July 15 – Back Street Market  
July 22 – Sunny Days Comfort Foods  
July 29– The Pelican Food Truck

### **August 5 – Simply Made Right – newly added!**

August 12 – Back Street Market  
August 19 – The Squeaky Cow  
August 26 – Open  
Sept. 2 – Labor Day – off week  
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.***

**2024 Election:** Two council at large and the mayor positions are up for reelection. Affidavits of Candidacy will be available and received during the filling period which runs from Tuesday, July 30, 2024 until Tuesday, August 14, 2024 during regular business hours of 7 am to noon and 1 to 4pm See the posting on the door for the details or check out the Secretary of State’s website for all election details. For the 2024 election the council seats up for re-election are Partner and Tauber, along with Mayor Peterson’s.

## **Lafayette Park & Recreation:**

***Final month of summer ball!!***

Website: [lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn](http://lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Lafayette-Park-and-Recreation/61556096219153/>

## **Lafayette Area Lions:**

July 9 - Melvin Jones, Scholarship & new officers’ installation.

**Lions Playground:** With many delays due to weather, we are hopeful it will be done soon!

<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>

**2024 Wednesday Bike & Car Nights!** July – 7/10, 7/24 ,  
August – 8/7, 8/21, September – 9/4 Finale

## **Council Briefs: 6/10/2024 7:00pm**

**Guests:** Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications

Approved the Consent Agenda including 5/13 minutes, bills totaling \$78,426.02, treasurer’s report: May bank reconciliation, receipts \$37,387.47, payrolls 10 & 11 and council’s first half pay.

**Reports: Fox:** Playground delivered today, weather permitting should be done by Friday. Due to drainage issues, council approved a spillway from the northeast corner and to connect with the current spillway. Testing results received are all good, waiting on the Lead and Copper, alarms at the WWTF due to a power issue and storm event for high influent. **Burger:** In addition to her submitted report, she shared that the State Legislature passed an exemption for Fire and Ambulance volunteers from ESST. Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) will highlight our bandstand project in an upcoming bog. Updated the council on the adjusted 2024 small cities funding from the state. Discussed the COVID payment plans Council approved a motion to end the COVID payment plans and directed her to mail letters to the two accounts, the 125<sup>th</sup> committee will meet on June 17. **Polich:** Attended the STREAMS via video.

**Peterson:** A few complaints of people not mowing.

**Unfinished Business: RO:** State bonding did not pass, EPA historical review, PFA application was accepted, being there was not bonding bill he will apply for the Point Source Implementation Grant (PSIG) by the July 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. **WWTF Permit:** Final review submittal was sent on May 29, 2024. **MPCA Storm water Grant:** Only a handful of properties to review, SEH is working on cleaning and televising bid packet and contract for the project. EPA was contacted and explained what we wish to accomplish for WWTF reductions and storm sewer. They will be able to help with funding & grant opportunities when the time comes.

**STREAMS:** A virtual meeting to discuss a proposal from Flattery-Hood for services in the start-up and guidance of the Sanitary Sewer District. Looft will present a resolution to Winthrop city council for authorization to pay for services until a board is completed. The next meeting will be both virtual and in person in Winthrop on Tuesday, July 2, to discuss tentative rates and to meet the industrial partners. **Ord. 147** council approved and adopted the word update on ordinance 147, which is posted on the website and published in Winthrop paper.

**New Business:** Approved **Resolution 2024-09 June donations**, \$545.86 from relief for half of the fire/ambulance bench. Donations totaling \$1,350 to the 125<sup>th</sup>: Durham \$50, L Mages \$250, Mages Land \$250, \$200 Tauber Plumbing & Heating, \$500 Isenberg Electric, & \$100 from Rusch and cups and bowls donated by Donnay for the community center. Approved the **1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ord 148** updating code 33.04 Reimbursement of computer and computer related equipment - it is posted on the website. **Liability policy update**, Polich reported it is working on a few more items before they present to council. **Relief Liquor License** was approved for the July 26<sup>th</sup> event, **Blight properties** were discussed and letters sent to ten properties. One was a city right-of-way and the city will trim it.

*The next council meeting will be held on July 8, 2024 at 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.*

## **Lafayette Fire Relief Association’s Annual Craft Beer and Wine tasting Event**

**Friday, July 26, 2024 from 6:30 to 11:00pm**

Lafayette Fire hall \$10.00 entry Fee. Live music & burgers available.

Thanks to these breweries & wineries: Mankato Brewery, Sleepy Eye Brewing, Paddlefish Brewery, Lost Sanity, Schells, 3BC, Witt Wort. Wineries: Morgan Creek & Jonas Hill – with more being added.

Proceeds go to the Lafayette Fire Relief Association.