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

August 2024

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

5 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

12 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

13 – Primary Election day

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

September 2024

2 – Labor Day - City office closed

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Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: August 1, 15, and 29. Sept. 6 is

Friday holiday schedule garbage only, recycling is 12 and 26.

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

See you all at the 2024

Night to Unite on

Tuesday, August 6 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Lion's Annual Hog & Corn Roast

Saturday, August 24, 2024

Watch for details on Facebook
and posters.

Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

Happy August Everyone!

Mother nature is a little mixed up this year. Nice winter, cool and rainy spring about three days of summer and now some of the trees are beginning to change color. Weird, huh?

We are working hard on the 125th celebration for July 23rd thru the 27th of 2025. If you would like to volunteer send either Sandy Burger or I, with a message of when, and what time of day you are available. We have a lot of things planned so will need many volunteers. Start to think if you or your business will want to have a unit in the parade on that Sunday.

This month is the Lion's Hog and Corn Roast on Saturday, August 24. Attend and support our Lions, as they do a lot for our community. Take time and visit the new playground at Lund Park and consider a donation to that Lion project. The Lions need our help, so they can also do all of their other projects for example; scholarships, benefits and etc.

I hope everyone has had time to enjoy the food trucks, and some of the ball games too! With school starting soon, remember to look for our young ones and we should always be on the lookout for bikes or walkers around town.

I am very thankful for our residents, fire and ambulance depts., city workers, organizations and businesses. Lafayette is a great town to live and raise a family!

Sandie

125th Celebration! Save the Dates!

Wednesday, 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 125th 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's 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. Possible adult ball tournament.

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.

Let's continue to make our city look beautiful for the celebration. If you see a neighbor struggling to get to the compost or something – offer to help! That's what small town life is about!!

Who had the BEST hotdish in Lafayette?

Our hotdish cook-off was a lot of fun for all who attended!

The 'Friends of the 125th Celebration' raised \$654 in free-will donations!!

THANK YOU to all who attended and gave generously!

We had great hotdishes to choose from: Chicken tater-tot hotdish, Pizza hotdish,

Tater-tot hotdish, Taco hotdish, Wild rice hotdish, Sauer Kraut hotdish, Potato

Hotdish, Chicken noodle hotdish, and Hamburger wild rice hot dish.

1st place – Potato hotdish – Burger, 2nd place Hamburger wild rice hotdish– Trebelhorn,

3rd place Sauer kraut hotdish – Halverson. All entries were delicious!

*Fall garage sales are on Saturday, October 12th – contact Kathy Eckstrand to sign up!

*Fall citywide residential clean-up is Saturday, October 19.

*Lafayette Study Club, our local book club, will meet soon to plan the 2024-25 schedule - if you would like to join contact Sandy Hartley or Sandy Burger.

* Bookmobile stops every other week – the fall schedule will be posted soon!

* Bloodmobile - Monday, November 18, 2024 from 1-7pm.

2024 Monday Food Truck season is here!!!

August 5 – Simply Made Right
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: 2024 Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 13 – mail ballots must be received to the county by that date.

Two council at large (Portner and Tauber) & the mayor (Peterson) positions up for reelection this year. Affidavits of Candidacy will be available & received during the filling period which runs from Tuesday, July 30, 2024 until Tuesday, August 13 during regular business hours of 7 am to noon and 1 to 4pm and will be posted to the Secretary of States website. See the Election Notice on the door for the details or check out the Secretary of State’s website for all election info.

As a mail-in precinct - registered voters were mailed ballot packets recently. To vote in person you will need to take your ballot packet to the county, or if not registered, you can do so by going to the Nicollet County Public Services department, temporarily located at 622 S. Front Street, St. Peter.

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

Family night is Monday, August 5 – P&R will supply meat, families provide a side dish. Turn in jerseys & play with other families 5:30pm. Night to Unite! Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Lund Park. Fall Soccer: September 9th-30th ages 4-8, 6pm. Lund Park \$10 per player.

Website: lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn

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

Lafayette Area Lions:

Lions Playground: The playground is completed and is being well used! Thank you for your patience while Mother Nature was messing with us since May 1st – the original start date of the project!

Congratulations to Cheri LeBrun, being named the 2024 Melvin Jones recipient! Also, at the July meeting president Sandy Hartley handed the gavel to the new president, Daniel Hayes. The Lions are always looking for more members to be of service to our community – talk to any Lion for information!

<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>

Coming soon: Our utility billing company, UBMax, was purchased by gWorks in 2022 and is now ready to switch us over within the next few months. Watch for details.

2024 Wednesday Bike & Car Nights!

August – 8/7, 8/21, September – 9/4 Finale

Lafayette Fire Relief Association would like to thank all who attended the event to support them at the Annual Craft Beer and Wine tasting event!

Council Briefs: 7/12/2024 7:00pm

Guests: Nicollet County Sheriff – Dave Lange, Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Attorney Jim Kuettner and Glenn Hauser – Integrity Farms, Residents – Dave Burger 580 Main Avenue, Marty Wacker 540 Main Avenue and Stuart Hartley 1120 Esther Avenue.

Approved the Consent Agenda including the 6/10 and 7/1 council minutes, bills totaling \$123,018.71, the treasurer’s report including the bank reconciliation for June, receipts totaling \$214,28.98, 2024 payrolls 12 & 13.

Guests: Attorney Jim Kuettner and Glenn Hauser were on hand to inform the council of their intent for the empty school building. They will submit an application for a state license to create an indoor, secure, cannabis cultivation facility – there would be no sales, only growing. The playground equipment was offered to the city, but was declined. The consensus of the council was that the city could find a place in Lund park for the exercise stations. (The memory garden and little library can stay on the property.)

Reports: Fox: Updated that park is too muddy for completion of the playground. Other things being worked on: steps and rail to bandstand, install benches and street sweeping and spraying started. The last Lead & Copper samplings were within the compliance thresholds, next round in September, if they are also good, we will be on a three-years cycle. **Burger:** In addition to her submitted report, she shared election information, LMC regional training on Artificial Intelligence, the Ditch 40A redetermination -the city share is over \$14,000. **Peterson:** Food trucks are doing well, 125th committee met. **Klingler:** Raffle and Craft Beer tasting coming up, one new application, recruitment flyers posted. **Dick:** Four new members wrapping up their training. Ambulance is working with Nicollet and Sibley Counties, Gaylord and Winthrop ambulance to link their systems together to help with daytime calls.

Unfinished Business: Fox updated council on the progress of all the projects. RO: the EPA is reviewing the packet for any further submittals that may be required, the PSIG grant application needs a resolution and final engineer review to be submitted ahead of schedule. Council approved a resolution authorizing the City to submit the Point Source Implementation Grant to the MN PUC and authorize city officials to execute the grant agreement on the city behalf.

STREAMS: Fox gave a brief recap of the July 2 meeting. The next meeting will be July 18, 2024 at 9:00 am. **Ord 148:** updated wording on code 33.04 Reimbursement of computer and computer related equipment - it is posted on the website and tabled until August. **Blight properties** progress made; follow-up letters sent to encourage continued work. **Liability policy update**, Polich reported it is working on a few more items before they present to council.

New Business: Approved the July donations of \$13,277.00, which included \$13,000 from the Lions and \$25 from Kolbinger for the new playground, Donations of \$252.00 to the 125th celebrations as follows \$200 from Winthrop News, \$52 from the FillMeUp bucket. Also approved a payment plan, the ESST policy update exempting the volunteer fire and ambulance from the program, and rolling over the entire amount of the CD when it matures in August to another 15-month CD.

The next council meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 7pm and the first budget workshop on Monday, August 19 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.