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City of Lafayette

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

October 2024

7 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
8 – Lion’s Meeting – Community Center
10 – Bookmobile – 10:15 to 10:45am – Esther Ave
12 – Citywide Garage Sales
14 – **City Council – 7pm Council Chambers**
15 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center
19 – Residential Curbside Cleanup
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25 – **All Utility Payments Due!**
28 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

November 2024

4 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
5 – **General Election Day**
7 – Bookmobile - 10:15 to 10:45 – Esther Ave.
11 – **Veterans Day – Office Closed**
12 – Lion’s 45th Anniversary – Hahn’s Winthrop
13 – **City Council – 7pm Council Chambers *Date change from schedule.**
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28 – Thanksgiving – Office Closed
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Garbage & Recycling info:

Recycling Dates: October recycling 10 & 24 Nov. 7, 21 and Friday 11/29 is a holiday schedule garbage only.

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

Lost/Found: A single key on a blue advertising key-chain shaped like Wisconsin for Sherwin Williams, Ashland, WI. It was found by the post office on Wednesday, August 21st and dropped in the city payment slot.

Note from Mayor Sandie Peterson:

Welcome Fall ! The leaves are changing, we don't have to mow as much and camping will soon be over. Harvest has begun, so be watchful of the farmers and equipment. Have a safe harvest!
Fall cleaning starts so don't forget about the city-wide garage sales and clean up this month to get rid of unwanted stuff. The compost is still open for yard and garden waste and tree trimmings.
Start thinking about the 125th celebration coming next July. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Sandy at the city office with your availability.
Have a safe and warm fall

Sandie

Hydrant Flushing and Hydrant Pressure Testing:

We will be doing the annual hydrant maintenance October 7th through the 18th It will be posted on the City Facebook page. They will flush approximately between the hours of 7 am and 3 pm. You may see sediment or discoloration if you pull water into your house during the flushing in your area.

Sump Pump Waivers

Sump Pump waivers are needed 11/1 to 4/1 for sump discharge to be turned into the drain. Included in this billing for those who have gotten the waiver in the past. Please sign and return it with your payment. If it is returned before the October 14th council meeting it will be approved that month, if it is turned in after that it will be approved at the council meeting following the receipt of the waiver.

General Election Day – Tuesday, November 5, 2024

All **Registered Voters** should have received their ballot packets the week of September 23, 2024. To check if you are registered use the link below. * If not registered – the pre-registration closes on **Tuesday, October 15th**, make sure you register online before that date at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote>. After that you can register at the government center in St. Peter

Reminder: **DO NOT THROW YOUR BALLOT AWAY!!!**

You can mail your ballot or drop your ballot in person at the courthouse anytime from September 20th to November 5th at 8pm, when all polls close.

Fall Citywide garage sales! October 12, 2024

To join contact Kathy Ekstrand 507-276-1912 keckstrand560@gmail.com
Fall Residential Curbside Cleanup 10/19/2024 by 7 am

Upcoming Community Events:

Sunday, October 6 – 1st Lutheran Church’s Drive-through meal and fall market
Thursday, October 24 – Meat Raffle and Horse Racing. Daves Place
Saturday, October 26 – Bingo resumes! Dave’s Place
Thursday, October 31 – Lion’s Halloween Trick or Treating – Memorial Park
November 5 – General Election Day
November 18 – Bloodmobile
November 23 – Turkey Bingo – Community Center
November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Church service
November 28 – Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!!
December 10 – SANTA DAY!! Lighting of the Christmas trees in the bandstand!
December 10 – Lions announce annual Holiday decoration contest winners

LOST/Found: Found on 9/3/2024 in the updated kiddie playground under the merry-go-round. The metal keychain has 14 keys of various kinds, like house keys, business door keys, lock box etc., it looks like a set someone may really be missing!
Both lost keys are in the window by the payment drop box - if you want to see them.

gWorks: We have started the pre-onboarding, which will start October 7, 2024. If you have not contacted me to verify or update your contact information and verify your garbage service, please do so now. Just drop it off in the drop box, mail with your payment or email me your updates to [lafcityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lafclicylerk@gmail.com). Thank you!

Red Cross Bloodmobile:

The next bloodmobile is on Monday, November 18, 2024, from 1pm to 7 pm at the Community Center. If interested in volunteering, contact Lori Dick or Traci Abrahamson.

Trimming of Trees and shrubs:

Fall is that time of year to look at the trees and shrubs on your property and if needed, trim them. Code 90.01 (C) Trimming of trees: nine-feet over walkways and 13 feet over the street. Reminder only branches of 3-inches or less can go to the compost's brush pile.

Lafayette Area Lions:

Thursdays Meat Raffles and Horse Racing will begin October 24th!

Saturday Bingo starts October 26

October 31 – Lion's Trick or Treat Event

Holiday Lights Contest – See posters for details closer to event

December 10 – Save the Date! Santa Day!

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

Lafayette Park & Recreation:

Website: lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn

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

Legion Post #300:

Annual Turkey Bingo – Saturday, November 23 – Community Center. 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>

Lafayette Study Club:

The 2024-2025 season has begun! If you have a love for reading and would like more information contact Sandy Hartley or Sandy Burger.

The club meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month.

Garden Club:

Thank you to the Garden Club for beautifying the Memorial Park this year! They are always looking for more members and ideas! Contact Lori Dick or Sandy Burger

**125th Celebration! Save the Dates!
Wednesday, July 23 – Sunday, July 27, 2025**

The planning committee met on September 16, 2024

Next meeting is on October 21, 2024 at 6pm - city office

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

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

Historical displays in the community center's display cases and city office, craft & vendor in the community center, 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. Kiddie parade Possible adult ball tournament and possible fireworks.

Sunday: Prayer Service in Memorial park, Dad's Belgium waffles – fire hall, possible kid's pedal pull, parade and possible NU Battery for a grand finale shooting the cannons at Lund park. We will need a lot of volunteers!

Council Briefs: 9/9/2024 7:00pm

Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop News, Resident Jessica Tauber, Dean Sabacky -REMAX, and John Upton.

Public hearing - certify delinquent utilities, no comments at the meeting or to the clerk prior to the meeting.

Approved: Agenda as amended by removing the Fire SOG update.

Consent Agenda including the 8/12 minutes & 8/19 Budget workshop recap, bills totaling \$44,112.58, the treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for August, receipts of \$49,552.92, 2024 payrolls 17 & 18.

Reports: Fox: Submitted report & updates: spillway in the park will be done in September, council approved a quote of \$9,695 to update the driveway to the ball parks, remove and replace the gravel by the

community center pavilion and maintenance work to the gravel park access road running parallel to 9th street. **Burger:** In addition to her

report, updated council on the Post Office, gWorks onboarding, mentioned the November council date was changed to Tuesday, due to the Veteran's holiday – this now falls on the Lions 45th celebration and suggested the **council meeting be moved to Wednesday November 13** –

council approved the change of date. **Peterson:** Shared an invitation to send off troops - no council was able to attend, Mentioned Burger has been with the City for 10 years. **Polich:** attended RS Fiber meeting

Unfinished Business: Fox updated council on the progress of all the projects and funding. No word from MPCA for WWTF permit. Stormwater grant: EPA sent a Delta Institute memo – next step will be a MOU that sets options for what may need to be done. **STREAMS:** Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding and authorizing planning related to the establishment of a regional wastewater treatment facility. They are holding technical meetings every Wednesday. **Blight properties:** Burger updated council that letters were sent and received and proper time has passed. The tree and vehicle items were taken care of before the council meeting, but not the mowing/weeds. Council approved Fox to have our mowing contractor cleanup the two properties.

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Wanted: Lafayette Historical Items!

We will have a historical display in the city office/council chambers and we are looking for Lafayette historical items to showcase. You can drop them off at the city office. They will be documented for whose it is and for returning it, Any information about it, please share that as well. So far, we have an old Lafayette band suit, and will be getting Tippi's umbrella from the centennial parade! Looking for any memorabilia from the area! Bob Youngblom and Caren Grotberg have been working on a display of items from their parent's memories in the Community Center showcases!

Great local story tellers also wanted to share stories at the historical display! Contact Sandy in the office if you will help!