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City of Lafayette

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

April 2025

7 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
8– Lions Meeting – Community Center 6:45pm
14 – City Council – 6:30pm Council Chambers
15 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center
25 – All Utility Payments Due!
28 – Ambulance meeting – Fire Hall

May 2025

5 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm
10 – Citywide Garage Sale
12 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers
13– Lions Meeting – Community Center 6:45pm
20 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center
19 – Ambulance Meeting Fire Hall
25 – All Utility Payments Due!
26 – Legion Memorial Day Program

Other City Information:

Recycling Dates:

April 10, 24, May 1, 15 Holiday Schedule Friday
May 30 – garbage only.

Cleanup Dates: Saturdays May 17, October 18 to the curb before 7 am.

Appliance drop: Saturday, June 21 8-11 am

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

Bookmobile Dates:

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!

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

Reminders for 2025 Cat & Dog tags are included in the billing packet.

If you are out with your dog and they drop feces PICK IT UP!



Annual Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Hearing

The April 14 council meeting will start at 6:30 with the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization hearing. In mid-March you would have received your 2025 Valuation Notice of Values for Taxes Payable in 2026. If you missed the assessor's deadline and still wish to appeal your valuation. Contact the county Assessor's Office at 507-934-7062

Become the Garage Sale Coordinator!

This year's dates are May 10 and October 11, 2025.

It is an easy thing to do! Contact previous sales, hang flyers, gather information for the map. **Until someone steps forward as a coordinator, contact the office to sign up for a May 10th garage sale.** The community center is available for that date and there is one already committed. There is room for many! Sign up posters will go out soon.

Holiday Decorating: There is also an opportunity to do the holiday decorations in the bandstand for the tree lighting. There are a ton of holiday décor to choose from.

This & That:

Sump Pumps: Waiver ended April 1st.

Ham Bingo: Fog Youth Annual Ham Bingo – Fire Hall Saturday, April 12, 2025 6pm start

Lion's Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 19 – Lions Kiddie Park 10am

Earth Day: Tuesday, April 22 – Plan a fun Earth Day Activity with your family!

Garage Sales: The Spring Garage sale is scheduled for May 10th

We need a coordinator for the garage sales. Contact Sandy in the office!!

Spring Curbside Cleanup: Saturday, May 17 – to the curb before 7am.

Legion Memorial Day Program: Monday, May 26 – Community Center - Memorial park.

City Appliance & Electronic Collection: Saturday, June 21, from 8 am until 11 am.

Bike & Car nights: May 28, June 11, 25, July 9, 23, August 6, 28, and September 3

The 125th is coming up soon!

Technically its Spring – but, we will have a few months of ugly brown yards before they start greening up. Remember to protect our pollinators hold off until the ground reaches a consistent 50 degrees. With these nice days we get antsy to do yard work...**STOP, it's too early! That being said....** We will be having many visitors in our community this summer! Step back and take a good look at your property from a visitor's point of view. Does it need a little TLC to look inviting to our summer guests?

ORDER YOUR 125TH Celebration T-SHIRTS April 1- June 25!

The 125th Celebration t-shirt shop will be available April 1 until June 25, 2025. All orders will be done online and will be delivered the week prior to our event! This is the same company that did the park & recreation shirts recently. He is also giving a percentage back to the city for the celebration! <https://www.storessimple.com/3jaxdesign/33719>

If you need help ordering, please reach out. The Friends of the 125th can have a station set up at the Pork Chop Feed.

2025 TRI-COUNTY COLLECTION DATES:

Household Hazardous Waste Collections:

Thursday, April 17, 2025 – City of Winthrop – 10am to 3pm

Sibley County Hwy Shop 423 2nd Street

Thursday, May 8, 2025 – City of Le Sueur – 10am to 3pm

City of Le Sueur Maintenance Shop 1213 Hazel Street

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – Klossner– 10am to 3pm

Nicollet County Hwy Shop 57575 Fort Road (County Rd 5)

Tire, Appliance & Electronics Collections:

Saturday, June 7, 2025 – City of Le Center – 8am to 1pm

Le Sueur County Hwy Dept. Co Rd 114 just south of Hwy 99

Thursday, June 12, 2025 – City of Nicollet – 9am to 3:30pm

20 Pine Street (off Hwy 111, Zins Implement) by Grain Elevator & School

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 – City of Arlington– 9am to 4pm

Sibley County Fair Grounds

Saturday, October 4, 2025 – City of St. Peter – 9am to 1pm

Nicollet County Fair Grounds, 400 West Union Street

Watch next month's newsletter for a handout with all of these listed, plus the details for the spring & fall residential curbside cleanups and the Lafayette electronics and appliance guidelines.

Add-ons to your March Billing:

The annual Meter Deposit Interest Refund, which this year is \$1.76 and the Minnesota Department of Health's annual connection fee currently \$9.72 are included in this billing, if it applies to your account.

Reminder that our utility billing only shows ten lines on your bill, which some will not print. Know that your bill amount is correct - call the office if you have questions!

Lafayette Area Lions:

The Lafayette Lions are a service organization that helps so many in our community and surrounding area! Consider joining them!

Thursday: Meat Raffles-Horse Racing-Jemi's Jackpot 6pm start time. The season is ending until the fall – The last date is April 24, 2025.

Saturday: Bingo 1:30 start. The season is ending until the fall – The last date is April 26, 2025. There is no Bingo on Easter weekend.

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

Playground: The Lions 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:

Summer ball sign up is open! Registration forms can be found online and at the C-Store!

2025 Teams:

T-ball Ages 3-7

NJK Construction - Rookie Softball

Pee Wee Softball

Jr. Softball

Rookie Baseball

Peanuts Baseball

Bi-County Baseball

<http://lafayetteparkandre.wixsite.com/minn>

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

**A reminder and a 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 working with the city for updates for the park fencing which is a huge cost.

Legion Post #300:

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

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

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.*

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

Service for Seniors: Tammy Kindem, RN has offered her toe nail trimming service by appointment for seniors or others who have a hard time trimming. She will come to Lafayette. 507-766-4410.

Council Briefs:

3/10/2025

Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Residents Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street, Nick Klingler – Fire Chief, Marg Hurd – 680 Esther Avenue.

Approved: Agenda, as amended and Consent Agenda as presented including the 2/10 minutes, bills totaling \$63,640.95, treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for February, receipts of \$68,565.72, 2025 Payroll 4 & 5 March donations of Lions \$7,500 125th Celebration, to the ambulance cash & check donations & tips, D&G DeBoer \$100, J&D Maidl \$400, J Gieseke \$50, P Guggisberg \$30, D Webster \$50.

Reports: Fox: Submitted his written report and highlighted information of monthly reports and PFAS was below detection in the initial round of samples. Lead service line – round two opened, signed up for a grant.

Tauber: Attended city day on the hill with Fox, met with Senator Frentz, and Representative Schwartz for RO Bonding, STREAMS and OSHA fire regulations and tax relief for volunteer EMS, also attended the LMC leadership, he and Fox met again with the rural fire.

Burger: Submitted report and highlighted that 9.4% of 2025 LGA will be sent on 3/20, Ambulance received \$1676 in donations and tips at the Steak fry. The group will meet with a new ambulance billing company in the beginning of April. Reminder of the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization will be held in April the Council meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Klingler: Relief Ham Dinner March 30th.

Polich: Attended leadership training. There were discussions on Cannabis.

Unfinished Business:

RO: Senator Frentz signed and entered a bill for \$1,893,000 in the senate and Representative did the same in the house; both mad our project top priority in the district. Fox resubmitted the Intended Use Plan (IUP)

STREAMS: Will meet with all cities on Wednesday March 12.

Stormwater Grant: Fox shared a few tentative projects, reached out to Nicollet County, as they would be n volved n right-of-way issues and water management.

Xcel Franchise: Approved Ord. 150 and Walton will prepare a summary of the Ordinance to publish.

Approved: Resolution 2025-07 – Authorizing Title and Summary Publication of Ord. 150, Ord, 151 Amending the Zoning Code Regarding Cannabis Businesses, Resolution 2025-08 - Authorizing Title and Summary Publication of Ord. 151.

New Business:

Approved: purchasing a street sweeper from Jasper MN contingent upon passing inspection, the Nicollet County Local Mitigation Survey, New firefighter, Scott Foster, accepting firefighter Nick Hackers resignation, striking the words “or unofficially” from the policy.

Briefly discussed pickle ball, chicken ordinance, and allowing a member to Zoom into meetings when they are away. Staff will investigate and bring the information to the April council meeting.

The next meeting will be held April 14, 2025, at 6:30pm 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 concert night 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 –1st Lutheran

June 27 –West Newton 4H

July 11 – Open

July 18 – Open

July 25 – Legion 125th Celebration Meal