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

June 2025

2 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

9 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

10– Lions Meeting – Community Center 6:45pm

17 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

21 – Appliance & Electronics collection

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

26 – Ambulance Meeting Fire Hall

July 2025

7 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

8– Lions Meeting – Community Center 6:45pm

14 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

15 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

23-27 – 125th CELEBRATION WEEK!!!

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Other City Information:

Recycling Dates:

June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31

Cleanup Dates:

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:

Summer hours are 10:30 to 11:00 am.

Summer dates: June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24,

August 7 & 21. No card, no problem – bring a photo ID and register for a Library card!

Register your cat and dog. There are many unregistered dogs and cats in the city – stop in and get them up to date.

Reminder that "Flushable" wipes **ARE NOT FLUSHABLE!** The only thing that should go down the stool is water and body waste! See a video on the website on what items break down and what does not.
<https://lafayettetmn.municipalimpact.com/water-utilities>

LAST CHANCE

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 to a friend, family or committee member.

Note: Office closed May 29 through June 3rd

The 125th celebration is coming up soon!

See insert for activities and let the office know what you would like to help with! Gather your friends to create a team for Thursday night's Human Foosball or Saturdays' Amazing Race! Are you a crafter or vendor? Sign up in the office for the Craft & Vendor show on Saturday! The quilt show is Saturday and the Quilt and cash raffle tickets are available now! Citizens Bank, the city office, or by members.

Munibilling:

We did it!!! –You will notice a new look to your bill this month! We moved forward to a different utility billing company when we were unable to with gWorks. Munibilling has been great to work with! See the letter on how you can sign up for the payment options available.

Please Respect the Parks:

AGAIN, we have had complaints dogs in the kiddie park and the ball fields. Do not take your dogs into the kiddie park, there are children who are very afraid of dogs, this is a safe place, if your dog is with - tie it to a tree while your kids play. DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE FENCED AREAS!

Keep your dog on a leash or in control by alternative collars when you are out with your dog(s). If you are out for a walk and your dog does their business and you are not in your own yard, be sure you have a bag to collect it or go back and grab it!

Playing with your dog in the ball field is prohibited. The signs have arrived. The Park & Recreation group work tirelessly to keep the fields ready for ball – they should not have to look out your doggie's poo too!

This & That:

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

Friday Socials: Still looking for groups to serve on July 11 & July 18!

Garage Sales: The FALL Garage sale is scheduled for October 11th, with cleanup the 18th.

COMPOST :

When hauling either yard waste or branches to the composting area **PLEASE** get as close to the pile as possible! The guys have to spend a few hours weekly pushing everything back to the actual piles.

Dump your branches ON the brush pile.

Dump your grass clippings and yard waste ON the compost pile.

Annual Consumer Confidence Report:

<https://lafayettetmn.com/ccr1> The 2024 Lafayette Water Facility "Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water" will not be published or mailed to individual addresses. A copy of this report is available at the City of Lafayette office during business hours. If you would like a copy of this report but are unable to stop in, please contact the Lafayette City Clerk at 507-228-8241 to arrange for a copy of this report to be mailed to you.

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

Nicollet County 4-H Camp Adventure

You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend!! See the flyer in the city window or community center window. For details Tuesday, June 10th 8 am drop off, event 9-3pm, pick up following. \$10 – a QR code is on the flyer to sign up!

Lafayette Area Lions:

The summer parade dates that the Lions are participating in are: Nicollet, June 21, Winthrop, July 13, New Ulm, July 20, Lafayette, July 27, and Gaylord, August 9. The Lafayette Lions are a service organization that helps so many in our community and surrounding area! Consider joining them!

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

Playground Upgrade: 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 them 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:

Let the Summer games begin! See the P&R website for information!

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, candy wrappers, frozen food bags, etc. 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.

Inquiry on spraying for mosquitos:

Council member VanDeest asked to put in the newsletter inquiring for thoughts of spraying the city for mosquitos or if it should be left to individuals will take care of their own property. Contact the office with your thoughts.

Council Briefs:

4/24/2025 – Council met briefly to set a public hearing on May 12, 2025 for a CUP submitted.

5/7/2025 – Council and staff met for a workshop to create a draft ordinance for laying chickens.

5/12/2025 – **Guests:** Tad Ulrich – Heimat Properties, Glenn Hauser – Brickside Growers, Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Residents Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street, Mac Aalid – 660 Esther Avenue, Sandie Peterson – 620 Esther Avenue, Bob Peterson – 620 Esther Avenue, Phil Lund – 640 Esther Avenue, Nancy Reinhart – 600 Adolph Avenue, Earlene Rusch – 221 6th Street, Alyssa Besemer – 491 Lafayette Avenue, Dale Miller 491 Lafayette Avenue, Brian Longtin – 360 6th Street, Marj Hurd – 680 Esther Avenue, Laura Isaacson – 491 Main Avenue, Kevin Isaacson – 491 Main Avenue, and Norm Langhoff – 1020 Skyview.

CUP Cannabis Public Hearing: Mr. Hauser gave a brief summary of the project before a few in attendance voiced strong opinions of some of the following concerns: not the right use for the building, okay, but not in my neighborhood, children's safety, crime, may have to move out of town, etc. Hauser explained the multi-level security, keeping up the property, employing ten full-time good paying positions, State regulated, etc. There were a few questions on traffic changes, transporting end product out, smell, etc. Tauber explained that with a CUP, they need to meet the criteria of the CUP approval set forth in the city ordinance for conditional use permits.

Public Comment: N. Langhoff shared his concern of the recycling blowing all over from the county recycling containers near him, The city has been in contact with the county – they are looking for land to purchase to build a fenced area to house the bins.

Approved: Agenda and Consent Agenda including the 4/14 minutes, bills totaling \$47,741.38, the receipts totaling \$40,680.13. The treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for April, the 2025 payrolls 8 & 9 and Resolution 2025-11 - May Donations totaling \$7,558.50; all towards the 125th either sponsoring or donating to the event including; \$500 Joe & Deb Maidl, \$500 Winthrop Publishing, \$3,458.50 Friends of the 125th Celebration volunteer group, \$2,000 United Famers Cooperative, \$100 Nicollet County Dairy Association, and \$1,000 Bernadotte 4-H.

Reports: **Fox:** submitted his report and highlighted completion of center floors, landscaping around new sidewalks, vents in park restrooms, ceiling fans in fire barn. WWTF UV installed & repairs to clarifier, Lead & Copper sample results 3 of 20 were high, public notification needed, CCR competed and will be in the newsletter. **Burger:** Submitted her report and updated the council on utility billing, 125th committee events, permits approved for Isaacson Sales & Service addition, Aalid corner posts, Tauber Plumbing & Heating - new concrete, Ord. 140 to 151 sent to American Legal for entering into the online code and code books. **Klingler:** All new firefighters passed tests except on needs to finish Hazmat and is scheduling it.

Unfinished Business: **RO:** Waiting on bonding bill. MPCA – update on Sulfate Variance. **Stormwater Grant:** Met w/ Nicollet Couty for tentative projects and possible permitting. **STREAMS:** Met again with MPCA to review the permitting & PPL scoring. **Council Technology:** Council approved the purchase of an OWL, which is a portable camera and microphone.

New Business: After reviewing the "Findings of Fact" the council approved the Resolution 2025-12 CUP. After minor adjustments the council approved the first reading of Ord. 152 - Amending the Animal Code related to backyard laying chickens and discussion of P&R liability insurance and the AED for the pop shack. Council approved the purchase of the AED - it will be in the Pop shack during the summer season and at the city office the remainder of the year.

The next meeting will be a workshop on Wednesday, May 7 to review a possible chicken ordinance and the next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 9, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the council chambers 791 Main Avenue.

Green flyer last month - save it, but change the Fall clean-up date to October 18 – the week following garage sales.