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

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!!!

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

28 – Ambulance Meeting Fire Hall

August 2025

4 – Fire Meeting – Fire Hall – 7:30pm

5 – Annual Night to Unite – Lund Park

11 – City Council – 7pm Council Chambers

12– Lions Meeting – Community Center

6:45pm

19 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

23 – Lion's annual Pork Chop & Corn Meal

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Other City Information:

Recycling Dates:

July 3, 17, 31, August 14, 28

Cleanup Dates:

October 18 to the curb before 7 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: 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 dogs and cats in the city that are not registered or registration updated – stop in and get them up to date.

Plastics: Clean STRETCHABLE plastics - no receipts or labels, check at the office for a list of acceptable and non-acceptable items. Drop off at the bank, PO or city office. Working toward a bench!

Our 125th Celebration is here! Get ready for fun times!

125th News:

The celebration is almost here and hundreds of visitors will be in our fair city in a few weeks! Please look at your yard and see how you can make it inviting! If you struggle – reach out to a neighbor or friends. If you are out for a walk, take a bag with for garbage. If you are walking your dog - clean up afterwards!

Main Avenue Street Closures: The plan is to street sweep on Monday the 21st, we ask that there is NO PARKING on that day until it is completed; park on a side street. The street between 6th and 8th will also be blocked as soon as the tent is set up on Wednesday for Bike & Car night. Starting Friday through Sunday - Main Avenue between 6th Street and 9th Street will be blocked off for safety reasons.

T-Shirts: If you ordered t-shirts they will deliver to the office the week prior, a FB post will let you know. We did order a few extras to sell for the event.

Magnet: There will be a magnet for sale as well – showing our Memorial Park flag!

History Books: Original History books are available for pre-order; a sample is in the office – they are a beautiful softcover for \$40. The 'Next 25-Years' book is at press and will be on hand for purchase as well.

Amazing Race: Due to the amount of preparation needed a minimum of five teams are needed to continue the planning - Deadline to sign up your team is July 16th.

Contact Sheri Portner at slportner@gmail.com to sign up your team of 2 to 4 people ages 14 +.

Human Foosball: Only Captains needed to sign your team up now! 6+ to a team, entry forms at Dave's Place.

Medallion Hunt: The 1st Clue will be at 6pm Wednesday July 23, for the beautiful 125th Medallion. Cash prize!

Quilt-CASH Raffle: There are still tickets available! City office, Bank & committee members. Only \$1,000 total! Winners pulled after the parade!

Silent Auction: Looking for Silent Auction items for Saturday-Sunday – Auction ends after the parade. Drop off your silent auction items at the city office!

Volunteering: There are so many things going on! We will need help at each event. Stop up when you are able to help and we will send you to a needed event!

Historical area: We will start setting up after the July council meeting - if you have items to show donate or borrow, bring them to the office.

There are SO MANY things going on! Follow the Lafayette Celebrating 125th Facebook page and website for updates!

Munibilling:

We made it through the first month of Munibilling with a few hiccups, which is normal when changing to a new system.

*ACH payments are now working and will draft out of your account as usual. This month they were drafted on the 25th, after a few struggles.

*Online e-checks are now working and will draft out on the 20th.

*To access the portal, it seems typing in the website address seems to work better. If you are newly signing up there should be a line that states that, follow the setup using the code on the bottom of your bill.

*We are no longer using the UBMMax, so your information is not current on there.

2025 Band Concerts – Friday Night Socials Wrap up this month

The concerts start at 7:30pm, except during the 125th concert night will start at 6:30pm to allow for the transition to the concord singers.

July 11 – There was no organization booked, so Nicollet County will present their Community Health assessment at 6:30 prior to the band performance. Learn about our county and then enjoy the band! **July 18** – Open, **July 25** – Legion 125th Celebration.

Lafayette Area Lions:

Annual Pork Chop & Corn Meal 4:30 to 7:30 pm

The summer parade dates that the Lions are participating in are: 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:

Summer games will wrap up this month.

Join the P&R at the July games, sponsoring 125th activities and the Little Miss crowning, and August 23 crowning of the new Miss Lafayette!

Don't forget the annual **NIGHT TO UNITE**, held at Lund park on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Starting at 6 until 8pm.

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

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

****Remember to recycle your cans at the wagon at the C-Store.**

Youth Soccer ages 4- 8 Tuesday nights, 9/2 through 9/30 from 6 – 6:45 pm. \$10 fee.

Legion Post #300

Join them for the 125th Celebration Pork Chop meal Friday, July 25th!

<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.

Council Briefs:

6/9/2025 – Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Residents Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street, Nick Klingler (Fire Chief) – 330 Griebel Lane, and Brennan Moldan – 1091 Lafayette Avenue

Approved: Agenda and Consent Agenda including the 5/12 minutes, bills totaling \$44,544.46, the receipts totaling \$34,484.90. The treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for May, the 2025 payrolls 10, 11 & Council 1st half and Resolution 2025-113 June Donations totaling \$71,265; all towards the 125th either sponsoring or donating to the event including: \$500 Happy Tails, \$500 Isenberg Electric, \$225 Mark Dick Construction. Also included the Summer 2025 street closures for the 125th celebration Bike & Car nights and & the Lions Pork chop feed, and the temporary liquor license for the Relief beer & wine sampling event on July 25.

Reports: Fox: submitted his report and highlighted worked with P&R group on an emergency plan, he discussed the park fences; P&R would like to replace both for over \$109,755, not including demo or the other option to repair the first base line of the softball field to reset 24 poles to the appropriate depth Council approved fixing the first base line. Council also approved fixing the 10th street minimum maintenance road. **Burger:**

Reported that the first billing in Munibilling went through, updated council on the 125th, Reed and her attended a county board workshop along with Nicollet and Courtland about registration and compliance of cannabis businesses. **Klingler:** Asked for council to waive the non-profit fundraiser fee for the current year. **Dick:** attended Air Ambulance training, all new equipment is installed and personnel trained. The fire hall stairs were built and the new chair lift was used on it for training and it worked great!

Tauber: Read a letter from Lois Warren (Wellnitz) thanking the city for the tribute to her dad Kurt Wellnitz.

Unfinished Business: RO: Waiting on bonding bill. MPCA – update on Sulfate Variance. **Stormwater Grant:** Fox handed out the Stormwater resiliency Assessment and Action plan for council to review **STREAMS:** Preliminary engineering request has not been received by Kimly-Horn, MESERB suggested to look to another engineering firm for project management activities, Kimly-Horn is no longer on the project. SEH estimates for the next phase are \$75,000 or \$18,750 per city. Council approve Resolution 2025-14 Approving continued participation in the Regional Wastewater Treatment Planning and Authorizing Additional Funding. Approved Ord 152 Amending the Animal Code to allow backyard laying hens, Ord. 153 Amending the Fee schedule to add Chicken permit and violation fees, update Resolution 2025-01-02 Appointing the Chicken Compliance Officer and Deputy.

New Business: Set a public hearing for the July 14 Council meeting for ZONE 2025-05 Xcel Energy installation of a new substation, replacing poles and reconductoring.

Other: There were no replied of spraying of the city. No action taken. VanDeest inquired about painting by intersections he will connect with Fox.

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the council chambers 791 Main Avenue.

DNR ATV SAFETY Class to be held August, 3, 2025

Effective July 1, 2019 all youth ages 10-15 must complete the ATV course. There is an on-line course that needs to be completed before the ATV field day on Sunday, August 3, 2025. Registration starts at 9:30am. Preregistration contact Steve: rykhussteven@gmail.com or 507-276-3521 (leave a message) or Shawn mninstructor@outlook.com or 507-276-7394 (leave message). See flyer in the office for complete details.