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

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

18 – Council-Staff Budget Workshop 7pm

19 – Legion Post 300 – Community Center

23 – Lion's annual Pork Chop & Corn Meal

25 – All Utility Payments Due!

25 – Ambulance Meeting Fire Hall

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Other City Information:

Recycling Dates:

August 14, 28, September: Holiday Schedule

Friday, 5 – garbage only, Recycling 11 & 25

City-wide Garage Sale: The date for the fall is Saturday, October 11. Contact Kathy Eckstrand or Rachel Hoffmann to sign up. \$10 covers the cost for advertising and printing maps - please pay this if you will be participating.

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: 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.

Next up... Night to Unite!

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 6 to 8pm

Night to Unite is an annual event to foster community connectivity! We have many people who are new to Lafayette these past few years, please come out and meet your neighbors!

Join the Park and Recreation and all the sponsors and participants at Lund park! See the flyers for further details!

IMPORTANT Reminders:

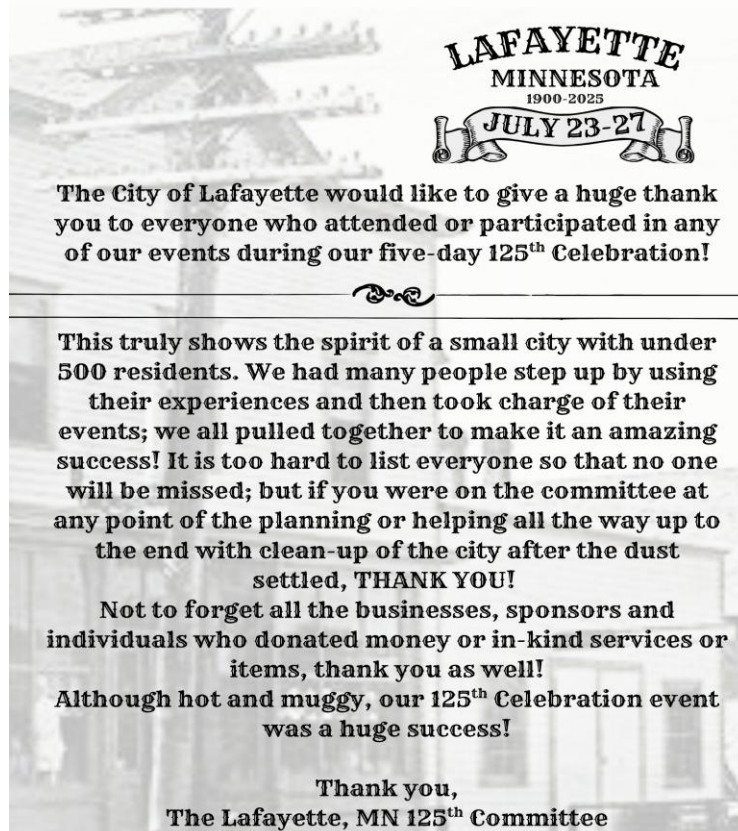
Only branches 3-inches or less are allowed in the brush pile – recently there were five full trees dumped. At the same time there were garbage bags full of dog waste and ceiling tiles. These are permitted sites and if they would have been inspected at that time, we could have the permits pulled! Council is considering cameras posted to catch infractions such as this and enforce! We cannot let a few people spoil it for the entire city!

Historical Items:

If you brought in items for the City 125th Celebration's historical display and have not picked them up, please stop by the office soon!

Munibilling:

If you are having issues trying to register for online access, try clearing your browsing history. It also 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.



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: 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 for the 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

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

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

Bike & Car nights:

Only a few dates left! Wednesday, August 6th & 20th and the grand finale is Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

TREX Plastics Recycling for Benches:

The garden club is at 443# of our goal of 1,000#s! We are a earth conscience community and everyone likes to recycle the plastics and slowly we have gotten the wrong items out of the collection process! 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! 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. We have the process down pat – are you willing to do it next?

*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.** Turn the bags inside out to be sure they are clean & empty, 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:

7/14/2025 – Guests: Doug Hanson – Winthrop Publications, Residents Jessica Tauber – 551 5th Street, Myron Isaacson, and Ella Clobes and Brian Sullivan representing Xcel Energy and Jason Tews – United Farmers Cooperative (UFC).

Public Hearing: Mr. Sullivan explained the Xcel project for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP), There were a few questions and there were no comments to the clerk prior to the hearing, mayor Tauber closed the hearing and proceeded with the council meeting.

Approved: Agenda and Consent Agenda including the 6/9 minutes, bills totaling \$160,103.15, the receipts totaling \$245,893.49. The treasurer's report including the bank reconciliation for June, the 2025 payrolls 12, 13, & 14 and Resolution 2025-16 July Donations totaling \$2,864.00 - Compeer donated \$250 to the ambulance fund and all of the remaining towards the 125th Celebration, either sponsoring events or donations, as follows: \$200 Pheasants Forever, \$500 Carita Hoffmann, \$30 C-Store bucket, \$250 Sibley Nicollet Corn and Soybean Growers, \$200 from the descendants of John and Anna Lindquist, \$125 from the Winthrop Golf Course, \$300 from Franta Farms, \$1,000 from CIA.

Reports: **Fox:** submitted his report and highlighted infractions at the compost site – full trees and a garbage bag of dog feces. These are monitored and could be shut down. Cameras were suggested. MPCA inspection - a warning due to the bypass during a rain event, Fox will respond. **Burger:** Munibilling is going well - a learning curve. A lot of advertising and final things for the 125th, Code update in the final stage.

Dick: ambulance will not be manned during the event – if minor take care of it and if more, call 911. **Tauber & VanDeest:** both had inquiries of weeds in the street – Moldan sprayed the east side and working the rest this week.

Unfinished Business: **RO:** PFA need to resubmit. CDS (Congressional Spending EPA asked for updated time frame. The funding is there and ready to draw once construction starts. **Stormwater Grant:** Fox asked if council had any questions on the report given last month – there are three options, one would take care of the flooding in the park area, the others would either be a one-acre retention pond or a two-acre retention pond. EPA has a grant opening soon for the next step. **STREAMS:** State Bonding request has been submitted; the cities will need to meet soon.

Approved: Resolution 2025-20 Authorizing Lafayette to submit a Point Source Grant Application (PSIG), Resolution 2025-15 Authorizing a Title & Summary for Ord. 152 – Pertaining to chickens.

New Business: Approved Resolution 2025-17 Maidu-Xcel subdivision and 2025-19 UFC Subdivision, Resolution 2025-18 – Conditional Use permit for Xcel. Approved going forward with the cleanup of a blight property, personnel policy update pertaining to increases with specific certification or licensures.

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 11 , 2025, at 7:00 pm in the council chambers 791 Main Avenue. Budget workshop 8/18, 7pm.

LOST & FOUND items and items for SALE:

There are water bottles, socks & shoes, a key and a scooter that were left over the 125th – claim at the office.
125th t-shirts only XXL remain \$24 each.

The Centennial book 1900 -2000 - available for pre-order \$40
The Next 25 years 2000-2025 available at the office or bank \$30

The City of Lafayette is seeking candidates for the position of FT city clerk-treasurer. Contact the city at 507-228-8241, email lafcityclerk@gmail.com, or stop in to the office at 791 Main Avenue Lafayette for a complete application package. A full job posting will be on the website Lafayettemn.com and Facebook page, and will run in the Winthrop and New Ulm paper. Resumes and completed application packet may be dropped off at the office or mailed to: City of Lafayette, P.O. Box 375, Lafayette, MN 56054.