



# LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## ***PLANNING COMMISSION DISCUSSES LAFAYETTE FUTURE***

The Lafayette Planning Commission has accomplished several important goals in recent years. Included among these achievements were an extensive update of the Lafayette Zoning and Development Code and amendments to the Lafayette Comprehensive Plan, which helps guide growth management for the next twenty years.



Now the commission is discussing the future of the Lafayette community. How do we improve the quality of life for our residents? How do we attract commercial investment and visi-

tors into our downtown? To help focus the discussion at their January meeting, the commission spent time bouncing ideas off of one another and those in attendance in the following subject areas:

- Future Park Facilities;
- Improvements to the Downtown Commercial Corridor; and
- Recruitment and Expansion of Businesses.

The Lafayette Planning Commission is comprised of the following seven individuals appointed by the City Council and authorized to process all land-use applications such as subdivisions, commercial development, rezones, variances, and partitions:

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| Beth Cooke (Chair)    | Jesse Huffman |
| Ron Kerr (Vice Chair) | Doug Cook     |
| Todd Holt             | Sam Dunn      |
| Marian Chasse         |               |

The next Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, February 17, at 7:00 pm, at Lafayette City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend. Please participate and help shape the future of our community!

## ***CITY COUNCIL MOVES FORWARD WITH WATER STORAGE PROJECT***

Better known as the Aquifer-Storage-Recovery (ASR) project, the City Council directed staff to solicit bids for the mechanical work. The ASR project seeks to recover water from Bluebird Spring by injecting spring water into the aquifer that supplies water to Lafayette from Well # 10. The end result from ASR is that more spring water will be available to Lafayette as we move into the drier parts of the year. Although ASR will help to store and recover spring water that would otherwise be lost, it is not the long-term solution in meeting the future needs of Lafayette. Secondary sources of drinking water such as the wells in Dayton prairie will continue to be needed.



If you would like to learn more about the ASR project, please attend the next meeting of the Lafayette Water Resources Committee, which will be held on Monday, February 7, at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

## ***CAR PROWLs ON THE RISE IN YAMHILL COUNTY***

Although the crime statistics are down for 2010 in Lafayette, the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) is warning the public of an increase in the number of car prowls countywide. At the January regular Council meeting, Sergeant Joe Shipley urged Lafayette residents to keep your car locked at all times and not to leave valuables in your car.



Residents are urged to report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office at the non-emergency number: 503-434-6500. When reporting suspicious activity, please record a description of the person or vehicle and a license plate number.



## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

The Lafayette Fire Department is looking for men and women to serve our volunteer department. If you are a Lafayette resident and are interested in volunteering, stop by City Hall and pick up an application.

Along with responding to fire and medical calls, the Fire Department sponsors three annual community events:

- Pancake Breakfast
- Chief's 5K Run / Walk
- Christmas Toy Drive

Becoming a volunteer is a great way to help your community!

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*Other volunteer opportunities may be available.  
Contact City Hall to inquire, or visit our website at  
[www.ci.lafayette.or.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.or.us).*

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|    |   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  |
| 6  | 7<br>6:00 PM<br>Water Resource<br>Committee | 8  | 9  | 10<br>6:30 PM<br>City Council                    | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14  | 15 | 16 | 17<br>7:00 PM<br>Planning<br>Commission          | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21<br>Presidents' Day<br>City Hall Closed   | 22 | 23 | 24<br>6:30 PM<br>City Council<br>Special Meeting | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28  |    |    |  |    |    |