



LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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A Letter From the Mayor

Dear Citizens of Lafayette,

This letter comes to you with exciting information. I believe our city is moving in a very positive direction and along with that, there is good news to report. The Lafayette leadership is listening to the residents and is acting in accord with what you've been telling us. Some key issues are being addressed.

- Multiple streets badly in need of repair will be completed by the end of June. Discussions about additional road repairs this summer are already taking place.
- The Budget Committee volunteers and Council members agreed this month, in alignment with our City Administrator's budget recommendation, that the City has accumulated enough reserves in the City sewer fund to give back to the residents. The recommended manner for accomplishing this, as agreed upon with the Budget Committee, is to provide for a "one month rate holiday" in which the City would pay water and sewer bills for Lafayette households in December. This recommendation will require a final vote by your City Council, and an approval is anticipated, as most of the Council participated in this process.
- We are in the final stages of refinancing our City water bond debt, and due to low interest rates, this is expected to save the City over \$263,500 in interest charges over the next ten years.
- Your City Council has agreed to contract our auditing firm to investigate the City's water debt in an attempt to account for all of the dollars that have been spent on water system projects in past years. I am hopeful this will bring closure to this issue soon.
- Our Fire Department received state recognition for the skill and professionalism they displayed in a life-saving incident at a Lafayette residence. We should all be proud of our local heroes. I have personally benefited from these special volunteers. Please join me in congratulating them.
- Our City Administrator is working many hours to bring resolution to key issues in Lafayette. The City Council overall is pleased with his efforts. He is working with citizens, communicating openly, and leading our City staff in a professional manner.
- The City's Water Committee volunteers have done an outstanding job in bringing closure to some issues, researching water projects, helping to oversee our Dayton water relations, and working with contractors and

consultants to bring viable solutions to the city. They have already saved our community thousands of dollars through their expertise and dedication. This team of volunteers gives many hours each month and continues to work for the best interest of Lafayette.

- I am pleased with our new City Attorney. We ended a ten year relationship with the previous legal firm and have hired new counsel to represent our city's affairs. They are committed public servants and I am convinced they will do an excellent job.

We are interested in citizen input and as Administrator Preston Polasek said recently, "We have an open door." So please let us know how we're doing and consider joining other residents by getting involved through one of our volunteer committees.

It's a privilege to continue serving you,

Mayor Chris Heisler

Fire Dept Volunteers Receive Award

Several Lafayette Fire Dept. volunteers have been recognized for meritorious service stemming from a response in March when they were credited with saving a pregnant woman's life. In May the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association hosted the 10th Annual Oregon Fire Service Meritorious Awards, which pays tribute to Oregon Fire Service members for acts of courage, heroism and dedication to their profession.

Lafayette Fire Department was selected as a recipient of the Oregon Fire Service Unit of Citation for their exceptional performance and dedication to duty during a medical call.

We are very proud that our Lafayette Fire Dept. volunteers saved the life of one of our residents and her unborn child.

The teamwork, professionalism, and training of our volunteer firefighters are outstanding. A plaque commemorating this outstanding award to our Fire Dept. volunteers is proudly on display in the Council Chambers at City Hall.



Here Come the Kids!

On Monday, July 4, all children who live in Lafayette are invited to participate in the **4th of July Kids Parade - "Honoring our Patriotic Heritage."** The parade will begin at 1:00 pm; all parade participants need to be at the Wascher Elementary school parking lot by 12:30pm. Children must be accompanied by an



adult or sibling 16 years or over.

Kids are encouraged to bring their decorated bikes, wagons, scooters, and strollers. (Due to small inclines on route, please don't bring tricycles or other toddler ride-on toys.) Contests will be held and winners will receive their rib-

bons at end of parade. The Fire Department, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts will lead the parade and the Sheriff's Department will bring up the rear. The parade will end at Joel Perkins Park, where children will receive free treats and other goodies.

More details, including a map of the parade route, will be available in mid-June. Hope to see your family at the parade!

If you have questions or would like to help behind-the-scenes, email: lafayettejuly4th@hotmail.com or call City Hall at 503-864-2451.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

There are several events taking place this summer in Lafayette. Mark your calendars now so you can participate in these activities. Additional information will be available at a later date.

Saturday June 11: Fire Department Rummage Sale.

The Lafayette Fire Department volunteers will hold their 2nd Annual Rummage sale on June 11th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at 375 Market Street (vacant lot behind Fire Department/City Hall). Proceeds from the rummage sale will benefit the volunteer department (equipment purchases, toy drive, etc.). If you have items that you would like to donate to the rummage sale, please contact Dot at 971-237-6219.

June 2011: Tanglebox is Back. Another summer of Tangleboxing is set to begin on June 20. Yamhill County Parks and Recreation is currently finalizing this year's passport and they should be ready for purchase the week of June 20th. This year features several new park sites and new clues. For more information, please contact Park & Recreation at 503-434-7463 or at www.tanglebox.org

August: Fire Department Pancake Breakfast. The Fire Department will be sponsoring their pancake breakfast once again this year. Watch for date and location information in your upcoming utility bills so that you don't miss out on this *delicious* event.

September: Fire Chief's 5K Run. The Lafayette Fire Department will be holding their annual Fire Chief's 5K Walk/Run & Challenge in September. More information will be provided as the event nears. Come join the fun, get some exercise and support your local Fire Department.

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