



# LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## Picnic in the Park

The Lafayette Citizen Fund will hold a charity event - Picnic in the Park on Saturday, July 23rd at Joel Perkins Park from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Prizes will be raffled including a 26" color television, a night at the beach, children's bicycle and many other items. Advance raffle tickets may be purchased at Erickson's Auto Body, Lafayette Beauty & Barber Shop and Martha's Tacos. All proceeds benefit community events and beautification.



## Pancake Breakfast is Coming

The Lafayette Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is soon approaching, so get your appetites ready!

**When:** Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**Where:** 486 Third Street  
Lafayette Fire Station

**Time:** 7:00 am to 10:00 am

**Cost:** Adults- \$7.00

Seniors- \$5.00

Kids 12 & Under- \$5.00

This is a great opportunity to meet your Fire Department volunteers and fellow members of the community. Money raised helps support volunteer activities.

## Community Clothing Drive

The Lafayette Community Church will be hosting their 3rd Annual Free Clothing Give-Away on July 9th. This event will take place from 9:00 am till 4:00 pm at the Firehouse Youth Center, located at the corner of Jefferson Street and 3rd Street.

There will be clothes in all sizes for children, teens and adults. You do not need to bring clothes to get clothes. This year's give-away is shaping up to be the biggest yet. If you have additional questions, please contact Brigit Wheelon at 503-560-4662. **Hope to see you there!**

*The City of Lafayette is looking for applicants to fill a vacant position on the Lafayette Planning Commission.*

*The Planning Commission plays an integral role in the growth issues of the city. Responsibilities include assisting the City Council to develop, maintain, update and implement the City Comprehensive Plan, to update the City Parks Master Plan, and to review and take action on development projects and development code provisions delegated to the commission.*

*If you are interested in joining this great group of citizens, stop by City Hall to obtain an application or visit our website at [www.ci.lafayette.or.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.or.us).*

## Fire Chief's Run

The Lafayette Fire Department will be holding their 4th Annual Fire Chief's 5K Walk/Run & Challenge on Saturday, September 24, 2011.

Registration will be at the Fire Department, 486 Third Street, and begins at 7:00 am. The Walk/Run begins at 8:00 am.

You can save money by pre-registering - go to [www.lafayettefd.org](http://www.lafayettefd.org) for details. Pre-registration is available online through September 17<sup>th</sup>. The online cost for adults is \$15.00; children ages 5-17 is \$10.00. The cost for all firefighters is \$15.00.

After September 17<sup>th</sup>, the cost for adults is \$20.00; children ages 5-17 is \$15.00.

Shirts will only be available to purchase online; the charge is \$10.00 each.

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**



## Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

- Water only in the early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation.
- Do not water if soil is damp 1" down.
- Keep lawn cut down to 2½" to help retain moisture.
- Established grass only needs 1" of water a week. Set an empty tuna can in yard while watering - when can is full, your lawn has had enough water for one week.
- Aerating your yard once a year will help it retain moisture.
- Improve the soil structure by working organic material such as peat moss or compost into the soil to help retain water and assist in plant growth.
- Use drip irrigation in gardens to apply water slowly and exactly where it is needed.
- Collect rain from gutter with barrel to use for watering.
- Weed and prune regularly to ensure water is going where it is needed.
- Minimize grassy areas, which require the most water.
- Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- When washing vehicles, use a bucket and a hose with a nozzle that shuts off water when not in use.
- Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine mist, which increases evaporation.



## Home Security Reminders

McMinnville Police Department and the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office have reported an increase in residential burglaries in Yamhill County. Suspect(s) are gaining access through unsecured windows or doors and appear to focus on the kitchen/garage/entryway of these residences. With the gradual summer warming and the limited hours of darkness, it is more common for homeowners to leave windows and doors open or unlocked and to leave exterior lights off. These habits make this kind of burglary easier to commit.

Due to these recent incidents, the Sheriff's Office recommends homeowners turn on exterior lighting (especially motion sensor lights) at night, check ground level doors and windows to ensure they are closed and locked, and store wallets, purses, and currency in bedrooms or other less centralized locations in the house. Neighbors should also keep an eye on their neighborhoods and note anything or anyone that appears out of place. If you notice unusual activity, you can contact YCOM (non-emergency dispatch) at 503-434-6500.



*Have a happy and safe 4th of July!*

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3	4 <i>City Hall Closed</i> <b>PARADE</b>	5	6	7	8	9
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17	18 6:30 pm <i>Joint Mtg with City of Dayton</i>	19	20 <i>Street Sweeping</i>	21 7:00 pm <i>Planning Commission</i>	22	23 <i>Picnic in the Park</i>
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