



LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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Park Questionnaire

Lafayette residents are being asked to help plan the future of our city parks. A parks questionnaire has been included with your August utility statement. Please complete the survey and return to City Hall. Responses will help guide the Planning Commission in developing an improved Parks Master Plan for our city parks.

City utility users (one per household) are eligible to win one of four prizes for returning this questionnaire. There will be one \$100 prize and three \$50 prizes. Winners will be determined by random draw of surveys returned to City Hall no later than August 20, 2011. All prizes will be in the form of a credit on the winners' next City of Lafayette utility bill. City officials and employees are not eligible for prizes.

Completed questionnaires may be submitted at City Hall by mail, in person, or deposited into our drop box located by the front entrance. Please note you must place your name, address and phone number on the completed questionnaire to be eligible for the prize drawing.

If needed, surveys are available to print from the City's website at www.ci.lafayette.or.us

Your opinion is very important to us and we look forward to your response.

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.

Pancake Breakfast is Coming

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

When: Saturday, August 6th, 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.

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 for details. Pre-registration is available online through September 17th. 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 17th, 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!



Help With Water Conservation

- 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.

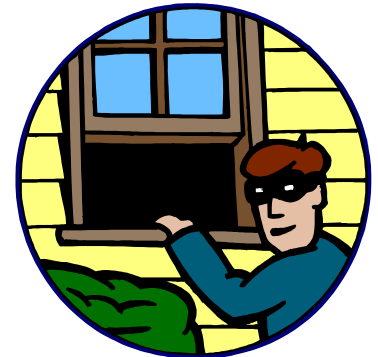


Home Security Tips

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.



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	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 <i>7:00 pm Planning Commission</i>	19	20
21	22 <i>6:00 pm Water Resource Commitee</i>	23	24	25 <i>6:30 pm City Council</i>	26	27
28	29	30	31			

LAFAYETTE PARKS QUESTIONNAIRE

August 2011

\$250 in Prizes !!!

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Please print your name, address, and phone to be eligible for a prize, and return this survey by August 20.
Thank you for your participation!

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

1. Do you live in the NE, NW, SW, or SE portion of the city? CIRCLE A NUMBER
 1. NE is north of 7th Street/7th Street Extension and east of Market.
 2. NW is north of 7th Street/7th Street Extension and west of Market.
 3. SW is south of 7th and west of Market.
 4. SE is south of 7th and east of Market.

2. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is very important and 5 is not at all important, how important are City Parks for you and your household? CIRCLE A NUMBER

1 2 3 4 5

3. On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is very important and 5 is not at all important, how important are each of the following for you and your household? CIRCLE A NUMBER FOR EACH ITEM

Protecting the environment and wildlife habitat.	1	2	3	4	5
Developed parks.	1	2	3	4	5
Quiet, low activity parks.	1	2	3	4	5

4. How often do you use the parks within Lafayette? MARK A BOX FOR EACH PARK

PARK NAME	Rarely 1-5 times/year	Occasionally 6-12 times/year	Often 13-52 times/year	Don't know/ Never use.
Community Pride-Grant/15 th				
Plantation-Cramner/14 th				
Veterans'-Bridge/12 th				
Perkins-Jefferson/Market/7 th /8 th				
Commons-Bridge/Adams/1 st /2 nd				
Terry-south end/N of River				

5. What are your two main reasons for NOT using City Parks more frequently? CIRCLE TWO

1. Not aware of the parks.	5. Lack of recreation facilities at the parks.
2. Not enough time.	6. Too far away from my home.
3. Poorly maintained.	7. Feel unsafe. (Please Explain)
4. Not accessible to people with disabilities.	

 Other, please specify: _____

6. On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being very satisfied and 5 being very dissatisfied, how satisfied are you, overall, with the City's parks? CIRCLE ONE
- 1 2 3 4 5

7. Should a new basketball court be constructed to replace the one removed from Commons Park?

Yes / No

8. If a basketball court is to be constructed, where should it be located? CIRCLE ONE

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| 1. Terry Park. | 4. Veterans' Park. |
| 2. Perkins Park. | 5. Commons Park. |
| 3. A new park to be acquired by the City. | |

9. Prioritize the following from 1 to 8 with 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important based on how important each one is to you. PLACE A NUMBER AT EACH ITEM.

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| _____ Young child play equipment. | _____ Improve lighting at existing parks. |
| _____ Dog waste sack dispensers at all the parks. | _____ Picnic shelter/tables. |
| _____ Basketball court. | _____ Drinking fountains. |
| _____ Paved parking at Perkins and/or Commons Parks. | _____ Soccer field. |
| _____ Master Plan for Veterans' Park (Bridge & 12 th). | _____ Community swimming pool. |
| _____ Little league/softball field. | _____ Open field for drop-in activities. |
| _____ Acquire land for a park in north area of city. | _____ Skate park. |
| _____ Trails/interpretive stations in City owned natural areas. | _____ Tennis courts. |
| _____ Frisbee golf course. | _____ Bathrooms at Perkins and/or Commons Parks. |
| _____ Horseshoes pits. | _____ Youth sports or recreation programs. |
| _____ Shady areas. | _____ Community Center at Commons Park. |
| _____ Dog park (off-leash dog park). | _____ Splash pool. |
| _____ Other, please specify _____. | |

10. How many children 18 years or younger are in your household at this time? _____.

11. How long have you lived in Lafayette? CIRCLE ONE

1. Less than 1 year.
2. 1-5 years.
3. 6-10 years.
4. 11-15 years.
5. More than 15 years.

12. Please indicate your age in years. CIRCLE ONE

1. 5-12
2. 13-18
3. 19-24
4. 25-44
5. 45-64
6. 65+

13. What type of park and open space facilities are most needed by teenagers in Lafayette?

Please specify _____.

14. What is the most important park or open space need in the City of Lafayette?

Please specify _____.