

YOUR TOWN OF LAFAYETTE 2018-19 AT A GLANCE

Hello Residents of Lafayette. 2018 was a good year. We had a lot of things happening in our Town this year, which we are sure that you have noticed. The Town Board and the Town Office, wanted to give you a re-cap of a few of those events.

PAINT CREEK BRIDGE

Larson Construction, whose business is located in Lafayette, was able to remove the 195th St. Bridge prior to July 4th after its partial collapse on Mother's Day weekend, allowing the Paint Creek channel to be open for 4th of July weekend boating activities. Bids for the replacement bridge will be let in February 2019 and awarded in early March with construction starting in early spring of 2019. If we get a waiver from the DNR, allowing work to start earlier than June 15 in the water, the bridge may be open late July, if not, it will be September or October 2019 before its completed. Projected cost of the new bridge is about \$1,000,000.00 with the Township and County contributing about \$350,000 and the remaining balance coming from DOT funding.

FIRE STATION 3

Construction is completed on the housing and training room at Station 3 giving the crew better berthing quarters and a much-needed expanded training, multipurpose room. We now have a duty crew stationed in Lafayette allowing for a faster response time for both EMS and Fire calls.

NEW SUB-DIVISION

Lemay Acres is the newest sub-division in Lafayette. It's located just east of Bateman airport off County Hwy K. This will be a mixture of 90 single and multi-family homes with home construction starting in the fall of 2018.

OUR ROADS

2018 was a good year for paving with favorable prices from contractors. We were able to reconstruct almost 4 miles of Township roads. 180th St. from Cty OO to 10th Ave, 10th Ave to the Seymour line, 40th Ave from Cty J to 160th St, 35th Ave from 160th to dead end and 15th Ave from 160th to the dead end. We are working our way up the Pacer rating list and hope to be able to do another 4 miles of roads in 2019. With 92 miles of roads in Lafayette and the life expectancy of 20 to 25 years, it's a constant rebuilding process.

With the new Stillson School being built on 50th Ave., we will be looking at rebuilding 50th Ave from J to 160th St. but that may have to wait till 2021 as we are applying for DOT funding to help offset the construction cost.

TOWN HALL REMODEL

After a much-needed updating, the Town Hall has finally been remodeled. The kitchen and office have new cabinets and countertops, all of the lighting has been changed to LED. There are new front entrance doors. Everything has a fresh coat of paint, a new security system is in place, along with many other updates. Come in and check it out. If you have a special occasion or meeting coming up and need a place to hold your event, contact the office for prices and availability. We are proud of our Town Hall and your event will enjoy it as well.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION TOWARDS THE HALL REMODEL PROJECT!!

Lafayette Township Fire Department \$200 * Lake Wissota Lions Club \$300 * Bateman Snow-Riders Club \$500
Thank you so very much for your donations to the improvement of our Town Hall!!

THANKS TO THE WHOLE CREW THAT WORKED ON THE REMODEL. YOU ALL DID A FANTASTIC JOB!!

Naedler Construction/General * Don Cripe/Painting-Drywall* Curran Construction Trim work* Roshell Electric*Access Security * Post Glass Northwood Custom Cabinets * Brown Builders / Entrance Doors * Trim Material / Builders First Source * Charlie Armstrong / cleaning

2019 ELECTIONS

Spring Primary - Feb. 19, 2019
Spring Election - April 2, 2019

To register to vote in the Town of Lafayette, go to MYVOTEWI.com. All you need is a valid driver's license with current proof of residency.

3rd SEVERE WEATHER WARNING SIREN ADDED IN LAFAYETTE

To improve notification to Town of Lafayette residents of approaching severe weather, a 3rd warning siren was added in 2018 at the location of 185th St. and 70th Ave. A sound study identified that this was the best location to install the 3rd siren. The other sirens are located along Cty Hwy X near Lake Wissota boat landing and the other one is located at the Lafayette Fire Station.

These warning sirens are activated by the Chippewa County E-911 Emergency Dispatch Center when either a Severe Tornado Warning or a Severe Thunderstorm Warning is issued for our area by the National Weather Service.

All of the sirens are tested on the first Monday of each month at 11am.

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NEW LAFAYETTE PARKS, RECREATION, TOURISM & LAND USE COMMISSION FORMED

In January of this year, the Town of Lafayette appointed a 7-member organization called the Parks, Recreation, Tourism & Land Use Commission (PRTLUC). The objective is to aid in the orderly operation and development of public parks, boat landings, beaches, trails and the recreational programs, facilities, and fields. Also, to review and update as necessary, and to advise on all land use planning, zoning, rezoning and storm water management plans. The commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Lafayette Parks and Recreation had a great year. The program continues to grow and offers youth spring and fall soccer, t-ball, coach pitch, baseball, and softball. We have a 1/2-mile hiking trail through the woods. Check the map with route details mounted on the wall inside the Recreation building. We also offer a lighted ice-skating rink in the winter months. If you would like more information on registering a child, volunteering, sponsoring a team, or donating for the playground fund (goal is for a new set down by the Recreation building); please call Bruce Kyes 715 225-9912.

YARD WASTE/BRUSH SITE

24/7 ACCESS GATE WITH A FEE BASED SECURITY CODE

The Town of Lafayette has installed a 24/7 Access Gate with a fee-based security code for Lafayette residents only, wishing to use the Yard Waste/Brush Site. With new technology, it often comes with some challenges. We have experienced some hiccups along the way, but we are hoping they have all been resolved. There is a cost of approximately \$10,000 to chip and remove all of the refuse at the end of the season. We appreciate everyone's patience with this new feature in our Township.

There are several options to use the brush site

#1) \$35 Seasonal Pass - This pass grants you 24/7 access to use at your convenience for the entire season which depending on Mother Nature is open May-Oct. The site does have to be closed at the end of the season for chipping and hauling away. There is a cost of approximately \$10,000 to chip and remove all of the refuse at the end of the season.

#2) \$5 Daily Pass - This pass is only good for the day that you purchase the pass. Purchase this pass when the office is open, use it that same day, then the code will be deleted from the system.

#3) FREE Pass - You may use the brush site for FREE on the 4th Saturday of the month during the recycling hours between 8am-1pm.

#4) Recycling Days - You may use the brush site during the times that the recycling center is open. The Recycling operators will collect your \$5 fee at that time for use.

Please be sure to bring proof of residency with you when purchasing your pass. We require this so that it remains open to Lafayette residents only.

Unfortunately, there is still some abuse to the Brush site. If you see anyone dumping garbage or other items that aren't allowed, snap a picture of their license plate and then please let us know. The site is being videoed by the security system as well.

TENNIS/PICKLE BALL AND BASKETBALL COURTS

The current facilities need replacement or extensive repair and their location is not ideal for access. Lafayette Town Board voted to move the courts to the south side of the town hall and east of the Lions pavilion with construction starting this fall for site preparation and completion in the summer of 2019/20, watch for more details on our Facebook page or website.

NEW ATV/UTV ROUTE

Lafayette has opened routes for ATV/UTV's on all TOWN roads East of Cty Hwy K and a route to the Town Hall. An application is pending with Chippewa County to open parts of County Highway K to make a connected route through the entire Township linking with ATV open routes in Anson and Seymour. The Reiter Bridge being out closes a portion of the ATV/UTV route and the snowmobile trail for the 2018-2019 riding season.

TAXES & COLLECTIONS

For a considerable savings to the residents of Lafayette, we no longer send out receipts when you mail in your property tax payments. If you would like a receipt, please send along a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

NEW STILLSON SCHOOL

The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District is actively moving forward with the construction projects approved with the \$65 million referendum. Stillson School's new site will be located North of 50th Avenue just west of the Highway J interchange of Highway 29. The anticipated completion and move in date of Stillson School is August 2020. If you are interested in checking on the progress, planning process, preliminary site plans, and other information regarding not only Stillson School, but also the construction projects at the Middle School and High School, additional information can be accessed on the District's page: <https://cfsd.chipfalls.k12.wi.us/district/>. On the left side of this page, there is a link to Referendum Information. The CFAUSD school board also regularly receives updates on the construction progress at the regular school board meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office, 1130 Miles Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. The public is always welcome.