

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

1ST & 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 4 PM-7 PM

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 8 AM-1 PM

Please sign in each time you use the recycling center.

APPLIANCES AND TIRES ARE ACCEPTED FOR A FEE

**** NOT ALLOWED ****

ELECTRONICS, TV'S, COMPUTERS, MICROWAVES. NO BUILDING MATERIALS (CONCRETE, ROOFING, WOOD etc.). NO FURNITURE, NO MATTRESS/BOX SPRINGS.

Please Contact the Town Hall if you are aware of illegal dumping and waste along our town roads, phone 715 723-7692.

Contract with our licensed garbage haulers: Waste Mgmt. 715 723-7241
Express Disposal 715 838-0677
Advanced 715 839-9553

For items that you cannot recycle contact:

ELECTRONICS: TC TEK, FIRST CHOICE, 715-514-4664

HAZADROUS WASTE: WRR ENVIRONMENTAL SVCS, 715 834-9624,

"DUMP" INFO: SEVEN MILE LANDFILL, SEYMOUR/EAU CLAIRE, 715 830-0284

CONCRETE: OLYNICK, 715 668-5211

SHINGLES: SENN BLACKTOP, 715-723-8527.

Open Book & Board of Review

Your property assessment is determined by the Town of Lafayette contracted Assessor as of January 1 each year. Questions about your assessment should be addressed to Roger Koski at Bowmar Appraisal Services, 715-835-1141.

Open Book -Mon, July 19 via zoom from 10:00-12:00pm
Board of Review Mon, July 26th from 4:00 -6:00pm

Lafayette Picnic Shelter – Town Hall

Do you need a place to have a family gathering or event? You can now rent out the Lafayette Picnic Shelter connected to the concession stand. It is available for only \$40.

The Town hall has been updated and available for rent also. Call to check on available dates and make reservations. Great for showers, birthday parties and other family events.

STILL SEEKING ACTION PHOTOS

For a new display and promotional purposed, we are seeking action photos of any Lafayette Parks & Recreation activities. If you have photos taken over the years or current, that you are willing to share, please drop them off at the Town hall office. We will scan them into a computer jpeg and return the original photos. Write your name, address and description of the photo on the back.

Town of Lafayette

5765 197th Street

Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Phone & Fax 715 723-7692

www.lafayettetownship.org

EMAIL:

lafayette@lafayettetownship.org

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

1st and 3rd Mondays of Month @ 7pm unless otherwise posted

TOWN CLERK – Laura Konwinski
TOWN TREASURER – Lori Hanson
TOWN CHAIRMAN

David Staber – 715 215-0461

TOWN SUPERVISORS

Dave Hunt – 715 864-5980

Mark Brennan – 715 829-1736

Thomas Larson – 715 723-4703

Neil Mathwig – 715-559-6018

CEMETERY SEXTON

Pete Krumenauer – 715 382-4557

ANIMAL OFFICER

Toni Shilts – 715 404-8470

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBSITE

lafayettetownship.org

Stay in touch and informed about your Town. Subscribe on our website and get updated emails or texts on upcoming events and meetings such as agendas and minutes. On Home bar go to right to SUBSCRIBE, fill in required details such as name, address, email address. In Subscription Settings check all the documents updates you would like emailed to you, select EMAIL AND SUBSCRIBE.

LAFAYETTE'S ABOUT TOWN NEWSLETTER - YEARS AT A GLANCE 2020-2021

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 20, 2021 at 6pm Town of Lafayette Town Hall at 5765 197th St. This is a tentative date due to Covid-19 and social distancing guidelines.

STORM WATER RETENTION PONDS

Storm water ponds and ditches in the Lafayette are there to contain storm water runoff and help prevent basement flooding. DO NOT fill them do not alter them in any way, do not park vehicles, campers, boats or any items in these ponds. If you notice erosion on the side walls of these ponds please contact the Town Office. These ponds are regulated under the Chippewa County Storm Water Ordinance, violations or filing in of these ponds is subject to a citation and monetary penalty. Ponds will be inspected on an annual basis for violations.

PAINT CREEK BOAT RAMP: With the replacement of the Paint Creek Bridge and the development of the former Reiter property, now known as the Wissota Lodge and Conference Center, we needed to make some changes to the Paint Creek Boat Ramp as we discovered that the Township did not own all of the ramp property. After several months of negotiations, we reached an agreement with all parties to allow us to rebuild the ramp and secure ownership of most of the previous ramp area. Having to move the ramp east we needed to build retaining walls on the east side of the ramp and part of the agreement was a retaining wall on the west side as well along with some fencing to protect property rights and discourage trespassing. More work on the ramp will be completed this spring on both the upper and lower ends of the ramp along with the installation of a dock. Signs have been posted for no jumping and diving from the bridge with warnings given out in 2020 but could become fines in 2021. There are safety reasons behind this decision with several close calls in the past between boaters and jumpers.

BRICK BOAT LANDING: LAFAYETTE RESIDENT BOAT LAUNCHING & PARKING PERMIT INFO-Your season permit must be placed on the trailer tongue, driver's side-exposed for camera. ALL trailer less vehicles must display their permit on the driver's side dash. You must provide your boat registration number when purchasing your Boat Launch Permit.

ROAD WORK IN 2020

We try to rebuild 4 miles of roads in Lafayette every year in order to keeps our roads on a 20-to-25-year replacement cycle. Last year with the New Stillson School being built we applied for, and received a 50/50 grant from DOT to rebuild 50th Ave., from the 29 interchange to 160th St. widening it out and adding pedestrian/bike lanes on both sides. In addition to that we paved roads in both ends of the township completing about our desired 4 miles of rebuilding.

ROAD WORK IN 2021

One of the big projects for 2021 is the rebuilding of 190th Street from Hwy X to 70th Ave. This will be a milling or pulverizing and repaving project along with adding additional shoulder width to both lanes. You can expect some traffic delays as the work progresses but it will be worth it in the end. The other 3 miles of roads will be selected from our 5-year pavement replacement program and the PACER report. Watch for more information on the Towns website or FB page.

NEW SUBDIVISIONS IN THE TOWN OF LAFAYETTE

Planning is underway for a couple of new subdivisions in Lafayette. One in the Apple Orchard area and the other is located south of Highway 29 and east of Highway J, along with a couple of smaller ones near the new school and 29 interchange.

RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATES: Lafayette Youth Sports offers spring & fall soccer, tee ball, little league baseball, and fastpitch softball. Our programs are specially designed to offer all kids a chance to learn and play organized youth sports. The sports fields are located behind the town hall. See our FB page, Lafayette Parks & Rec @LafayetteSportsAssociation or the Town's website for more details. Online registration is now open for 2021. If you have questions, please call or text 715-225-9912 (Recreation Director). See you at the fields.

RAYS BEACH IMPROVEMENTS

Rays Beach is going on 20 years old and in need of some updating. What started out as an idea 30 years ago to develop the popular high sand banks, shallow swimming area and party area has turned into one of the most popular swimming beaches in the Chippewa/ Eau Claire area and beyond. This past summer with the quarantine and shut down the beach was more popular than ever.

The pit toilets are in need of replacement or major work and the idea has been brought up to put in flush toilets, running water and a small concession area at the beach. The Town Board will be discussing this at an upcoming meeting and hope to have a plan in place by early summer to do the project this fall having it ready for summer of 2022. **Practice good water safety!**

ELECTIONS / REGISTRATION / ABSENTEE VOTING / INFO @ myvote.wi.gov

First of all, a huge THANK YOU to all the election inspectors that did an incredible job at all of the 2020 elections. The huge response to hiring new election inspectors meant volumes to me. We wanted to make sure that all our inspectors felt comfortable working during the trying times of the pandemic which meant recruiting new inspectors. In November, for the Presidential election, we had a record turnout with 4019 votes cast. Absentee ballots numbered 2613. There were many complements from the voters and even a State representative, on how safe, organized and pleasant the environment was, so I thank all of you for an incredible job.

We encourage residents to obtain information regarding voting and election information only from our office or the Wisconsin Election Commission (including the MyVote website); other sources content is not always accurate. Be aware that 3rd party groups send mailings to voters that may be inaccurate and look like they came from our office. The only election mail you would receive from our office is an official ballot if we have a request on file from you. Our website, www.lafayettetownship.org or the myvote.wi.gov website has information on how to register and what you need to do for, absentee voting, and more. When applying for absentee ballots or registering to vote, please include your phone number. There are often times when ballots or registration forms are sent in, and may be rejected due to missing information. In order to correct it, a simple phone call is usually all it takes. We want ALL votes to count!

WHEATON TOWNSHIP LEAVING CHIPPEWA FIRE DISTRICT

The Wheaton Town Board voted in September of 2019 to leave the CFD after nearly 35 years of membership and go on their own as a standalone department effective December 31st 2020. The CFD now consists of Lafayette, Howard, Town of Hallie and the Village of Lake Hallie. Wheaton's departure left a \$200,000 hole in the budget that had to be made up by the other members with the Village of Lake Hallie and Lafayette absorbing the majority of the cost since our financial participation is based on Equalized Value. We absorbed this by adding additional bowring to our road paving budget.

STILLSON SCHOOL COVID FUNDS

Lafayette Township received COVID relief funds from the Cares Act. Excess from these funds were given to Stillson Elementary School. The funds were used to purchase safety items for teachers who travel from room to room, for cleaning supplies and materials needed to keep students safe. Some items purchased were to help with the new lunch serving procedures. Canopy tents were purchased to use for learning outside this spring. The funds were definitely put to good use and were a great way for the Town of Lafayette to help our elementary students.

PUBLIC WORKS TOWN SHOP ADDITION

A new 40' x 80', three bay, 3200 square foot addition to the Town of Lafayette Public Works Town Shop was recently completed over the winter. With over 92 miles of local roads (and growing) in the Town of Lafayette needing maintenance and snow plowing, it is important that the equipment and vehicles of the Public Works Department be secured and properly stored inside. The general contractor was local company Brown Builders. A special Town meeting for the addition was held October 5, 2020 where the plans were discussed to tie the addition into the east end of the existing building. The project was unanimously approved by all in attendance. Low interest financing through the State of Wisconsin Trust Fund was secured and will be paid off within 10 years.

BRUSH AND LEAF SITE: SEASONAL PASS \$ 35.00 FOR RESIDENTS ONLY (Mother Nature decides the dates)

DAILY PASS \$ 5.00 MUST USE ON DATE PURCHASED/Weekend pass purchased Thursday \$ 15.00

There is a post with a pad located several feet before the actual gate. Enter in the above code, just the number to open the gate.

As you leave, pull up until you hear beeping and stop, the gate will open and close itself.

The site will be open to residents on the 4th Saturday of each month during recycling hours, 8 am to 1 pm, no charge.

Grass clippings, leaves allowed in compost site, they must be removed from plastic bags. Brush, branches, smaller than 6" in diameter, pine cones allowed in brush site. No stumps, no tree roots, no timbers, no railroad ties, no trees larger than 6" in diameter are allowed in the brush site. No cement blocks, landscaping rocks and/or cement items. No garbage, furniture, mattress, sofas, tables, No concrete blocks, chunks of cement or rocks are allowed in either one of the sites. Violators will be banned from the site. The Site is video monitored. Please do not share or give out your code number.

Violator's will be banned from the site. **NO COMMERCIAL SERVICE COMPANIES ALLOWED.**

DOG LICENSE REMINDER: The State of Wisconsin requires dogs to be licensed. The license fees are divided between the Town and the County and help offset the cost of contracting with the County Humane Association; also known as the Howard Gibbs Memorial Animal Shelter, for enforcement and investigations. Our municipality is contracted with the Chippewa Humane Association and any stray dog or cat you recover can be taken to the center free of charge located at 10501 Cty Hwy S South. Residents may also surrender one of their animals for a reduced surrender fee. To report obsessive barking, animals at large, biting, an animal being mistreated, or a vicious animal; call the animal control officer, Toni at 715-404-8470.

Dog Licenses-Tags: Fees \$11.00 for altered (spayed/neutered) dogs and \$16.00 for unaltered dogs. If you have not already licensed your dog, do so before April 1 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Each year we have some residents that seem surprised that they have to renew their dog license on an annual basis. Dog licenses always run from January 1st to December 31st each year. Also be sure that your dog is up to date on his rabies vaccination. We are unable to license a dog if we cannot verify that it is current on its rabies. If you mail in your dog license fees/applications, **be sure to send us a self-addressed stamped envelope** so we can return the tag to you. Be sure to keep your dogs on a leash and clean up after them. Respect your neighbors. Thank you for your cooperation.

PRTL: PARKS, RECREATION, TOURISM AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

The PRTL serves as an advisory to the Town Board. It is also deeply engaged in the effort to improve the environment of Lafayette Township. Some of these efforts include the trail located behind the Town Hall, which is promoted as a hiking, skiing, snowshoeing and soon a 9-hole Disc Golf Course. Across from the Town Hall a newly created Recreation Center provides a tennis court, 2 pickle ball courts and a basketball court. We are engaged with Chippewa County to provide trail maintenance at the Pine Harbor Woods located on 185th St. and 77th Ave. All of the signage in Lafayette is being addressed with consistent coloring, correct placement and posting. The Brick Boatlanding is undergoing a continuous process to make that service more efficient and effective. Those efforts include the removal of invasive species, not only there, but on all Town property. The promotion of local tourism is a focus of the Commission's attention. In discussion are issues such as Ray's Beach Park, Ray's Beach, and a Veteran Memorial. The quest of the 8-member commission is to aid the Town Board in any manner requested or required, and to be a guiding force relative to the enhancement of the quality of life in Lafayette Township. We review and update as necessary all land use planning, zoning issues, re-zoning requests, conditional use permits, subdivision plans, Certified Survey Maps, storm management and the Lafayette Comprehensive Plan. Any resident harboring and idea which may aid in our effort are encouraged to attend our meeting on the second Monday evening of the month.

911 Emergency Replacement Address Signs Available

To improve Emergency Services response of Police-Fire-EMS, the Town of Lafayette is offering to township residents' free replacement of E-911 address marker signs. Many of these red & white dual sided reflective signs, originally installed by Chippewa Cty in the late 1990's are suffering from maintenance issues. If yours is broken, missing numbers, faded or broken off, call the Town hall office and the Public Work crews will install a new sign free of charge, as time permits.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY IS BACK

Saturday, April 24TH, 2021
8 am to 3 pm

Extra dumpsters are brought in for this day only. Donations to cover this expense are excepted. Furniture, building materials, misc. items that you cannot recycle may be accepted.

NO ELECTRONICS.

NO GARBAGE.

NO TIRES.

BURNING BARREL ORDINANCE: Burning barrels have been banned in Residential districts in Lafayette. They are still allowed in the Agriculture districts but must meet new requirements and pay a yearly permit fee of \$10. The full texts of the ordinance can be found on the Town website. Burn dry paper and untreated wood only.

OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS: Burning shall be permitted between the hours of 4:00 pm – Midnight, Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 am to Midnight on Saturdays. No open burning is allowed on Sundays or Holidays or during Prohibited periods of burning.

Contact the Chippewa Fire Protection District at 715 723-5488 for permits (burning outside of open burning hours), large brush pile burning, burning ban info & questions.