



# LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## COVID-19 Micro Grants Available

The City of Lafayette is providing micro grants to individuals and businesses, courtesy of funding from the Federal Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. These grants are available to assist qualifying community members and businesses who have suffered economic hardship during these difficult times. Individual households and businesses located or headquartered within Lafayette are eligible for these micro grants and may be used for payment of utilities or essential services, overdue rent or mortgage payments, reimbursement for business losses due to interruption or closures, and for personal protective equipment for employees.

The grant program applications and eligibility requirements have been delivered to each property, and the form is on the City website. Applications may be submitted to City Hall beginning on November 4, 2020. If you have questions regarding this program, please contact City staff at 503-864-2451.

### Fire Department Toy Drive

The Lafayette Fire Department is accepting donations for our annual Lafayette Toy drive. Donors can deliver any new, unwrapped toys or monetary donations at Lafayette City Hall (486 Third Street) from now until December 11th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as we help to make the holiday season a little brighter for the children of Lafayette.

For Lafayette residents that are in need of assistance, applications will be available at City Hall beginning November 12th. Applications must be completed and returned to City Hall by 5:00 pm December 4th. This program is designed to supplement income-eligible families with children 12 and under. We cannot guarantee that everyone who completes an application will receive assistance, but the Lafayette Fire Department will try to provide gifts to all families in need.



### Join FireMed Program

Have you signed up for Mac FireMed yet? If not, it's easy to join!

FireMed is an emergency medical service that provides local residents an alternative to paying standard ambulance and user



fees. The average charges for ambulance service in Yamhill County are \$2000; however, Lafayette members of the FireMed program will pay a substantially lower, one-time annual fee of \$95.00.

The annual fee covers services such as:

- Medically necessary ambulance service.
- Non-emergency medically necessary ambulance service pre-authorized by physician.
- Pre-authorized ambulance transportation between medical facilities, originating in the McMinnville Ambulance district.
- Blood pressure checks at the McMinnville Fire Department.

For additional information, please contact the McMinnville Fire Department at 503-435-5800 or visit [www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/fire/page/firemed-program](http://www.mcminnvilleoregon.gov/fire/page/firemed-program)

## Get Your Home Winter Ready

- Clean out gutters and clear downspouts of leaves and debris.
- Cut away tree branches that could fall on your home or vehicle during a storm, or that may clog your gutters with leaves.
- Dispose of all the leaves from your property. Please keep storm drains clear of leaves, which can clog drains and cause a mess on streets and neighbor properties. Recology Organics, located at 2200 NE Orchard Ave., in McMinnville, provides free green waste disposal for Lafayette customers. You can reach them at 503-434-1671.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing; Running water, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves in the event of a pipe burst.
- Get your winter emergency kit ready: rock salt or ice melt for your walkways and driveway; snow shovels; extra batteries and candles for power outages.

## Tree Lighting to Return in 2021

The annual Lafayette Tree Lighting event has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic state of emergency and the need to maintain social distancing. We hope to resume caroling and pictures with Santa next year. Our Toy Drive continues in full swing; see front page. Have a safe and joyous holiday season!



## Time to Conserve Water

Customer sewer rates are determined by using your average water consumption during winter months. Now is the time to make sure all outdoor spigots are turned off and fix any water leaks at faucets, toilets and appliances, to keep your sewer rate as low as possible for the coming year. Consumption averages are calculated in March and you will see your recalculated sewer rate on your April 1, 2021 bill. If you have questions regarding your water consumption or how rates are calculated, please contact City Hall at 503-864-2451.

# November

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8	9	10	11 <i>City Hall Closed Veterans Day</i>	12 <i>6:30 PM City Council</i>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <i>7:00 PM Planning Commission</i>	20 <i>Utility Bills Due</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26  <i>City Hall Closed Happy Thanksgiving</i>	27	28
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