



# LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## *Tips For Fire Safety*

During wildfire season, even within a community, our homes and property can be vulnerable. Early warning from a working smoke alarm plus a fire escape plan can save lives. Learn what else to do to keep your loved ones safe!

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Remember to test them every month.
- Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- Put together a 'Go Kit' in the event you need to leave your home, and register for emergency notifications from Yamhill County.
- Clear roofs, gutters and eaves of all leaves, pine needles and flammable debris. Remove all dead vegetation from around your home and keep grass cut short to maintain a clear, five-foot defensible space around the home.
- If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

Additional wildfire safety tips and preparedness tools are available at [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov).

## *Join the Lafayette Fire Department Team Today!*

Fire volunteers get involved to help their community and neighbors in emergency situations. If you are interested in serving your community through fire service, a good way to start is to volunteer and learn about emergency response here in Lafayette. All the necessary equipment and training for volunteers is provided by the Fire Department. The Yamhill County Firefighter Training Academy begins October 22.

If you are interested in becoming a fire volunteer, stop by City Hall to obtain an application.

## *Code Enforcement:*

### *Street Frontage Maintenance*

Residents are often surprised to learn of their responsibility to maintain any property between their fence or property line and the asphalt surface of the vehicle travel lane. As is typical across cities, Lafayette requires homeowners and renters to maintain the right-of-way in front of their home, which may include a planter strip, drainage ditch, or parking area. Weeds and grass in the right-of-way must be mowed or trimmed below the maximum 10" height allowed.

If you have any questions regarding property maintenance requirements, please contact City Hall or call Lafayette Code Enforcement at 971-287-8413.



## *November General Election*

The City of Lafayette will have four positions up for election on the November 8 ballot. The available seats will be for Mayor (two-year term) and three Councilor positions (four-year terms). A candidate packet with petition for signatures can be obtained from the Elections Officer at City Hall beginning August 10, the first day to file as a candidate for these offices. The last day to return a petition to the Elections Officer is August 30. For information on campaign finance rules and state election laws, please visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.oregon.gov](http://www.sos.oregon.gov).

November 8, 2022 Election Calendar	
First Day to File as Candidate	08/10/2022
First Day to File Voter Pamphlet Statement	08/10/2022
Last Day to File as Candidate	08/30/2022
Last Day to Withdraw as Candidate	09/02/2022
Last Day to file Voter Pamphlet Statement	09/12/2022

## Wascher Elementary Summer Meal Program

Wascher Elementary School is offering free meals to children this summer. Any child, ages one through 18, can receive a federally funded free meal at Wascher through August 25. To see the complete schedule, please visit McMinnville School District's website at [www.msd.k12.or.us](http://www.msd.k12.or.us). The program is back to its pre-COVID operations following U.S.D.A. guidelines, which include requiring that meals be consumed on-site within the advertised meal times. Food may not be taken off site, and adults may not eat any part of a child's meal. For more information, contact Nutrition Services, 503.565.4046.

## Public Input Requested on Stormwater Plan

Cities in the Willamette River Basin are drafting a stormwater plans to reduce mercury levels. Maintaining water quality standards in stormwater run-off is important for clean rivers, recreation areas, and fish habitat. If you would like to review the draft implementation plan, please visit the City's website at [www.ci.lafayette.or.us/stormwater](http://www.ci.lafayette.or.us/stormwater). You may provide input on the plan by sending an email by August 30, 2022 to Kevin Perkins, Assistant City Administrator, at [kevinp@ci.lafayette.or.us](mailto:kevinp@ci.lafayette.or.us).

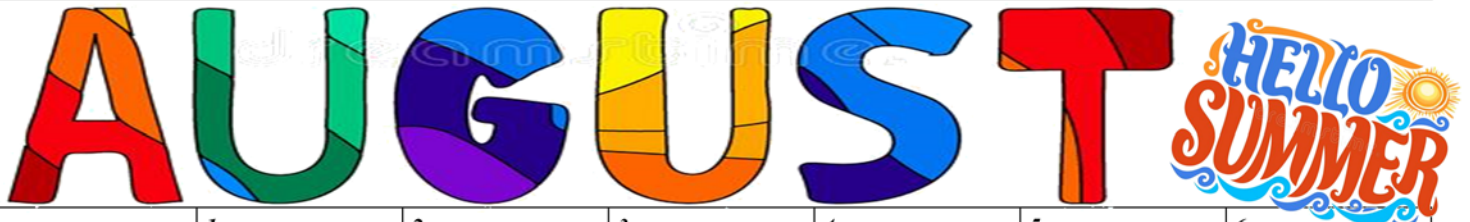
## Back to School Tuesday, September 6th

Our children will be headed back to school Tuesday, September 6th, which means it's time for drivers to pay more attention. When traveling through neighborhoods, please watch for kids as they make their way to and from the various bus stops.

Wascher Elementary needs your help so that morning student drop off runs smoothly. Please observe the following guidelines:

- Students should exit the vehicle as soon as the car pulls up to the sidewalk (Please do not wait until you are the first car to have your child exit).
- If you need to help your student exit the car, walk into the building, or to watch them enter into the hallway, please park and walk your child in.
- Do not under any circumstances leave your car unattended in the drop off line. There is no parking in the loading zone.
- If you park, please do not walk between cars in the drop off line; instead use the crosswalks on 7th Street Extension.

Thank you for helping us keep kids safe and reduce the number of tardies at school each morning. Doors open for students at 7:30 am, but you are welcome to drop them off early for morning recess.



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