



# LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## *Harvest Fest* *Saturday October 15*

Come join the fun at Harvest Fest, Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at Commons Park. From 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm rain or shine, attendees can enjoy pumpkin decorating, crafts and activities, a photo booth, food and much more.

This event is FREE for Lafayette residents, so gather up the family and meet us at the park! Commons Park is located at Adams Street and Second Street, at the Community Center.



## *Code Enforcement: Utility Trailers*

Parking in many of our neighborhoods can be limited, particularly in older neighborhoods. One part of the parking puzzle is utility trailers. "Utility trailers" can be anything from a converted pickup bed, a flatbed trailer, a fully enclosed trailer or even a vehicle dolly (travel trailers/RV's have their own rules). The City's Municipal Code allows utility trailers to be parked on the street for no more than 4 hours at a time, for loading or unloading; longer than 4 hours risks a warning or citation. Written authorization from the City is required to park a trailer on the street for longer than 4 hours. Utility trailers may be properly parked on private property for any length of time, unless it becomes a nuisance.

For more information, you can access the City's Municipal Code under the "Government" tab on our website ([www.ci.lafayette.or.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.or.us)) or contact City Hall with your questions.

## *October is Fire Prevention Month*

This year's theme is "Plan, Practice, Be Prepared", focusing on home fire escape plans. If a fire starts in your home, you may have as little as two minutes to get out. Having a well practiced plan in place can make a lifesaving difference. Here are just a few tips:

### *Prepare*

- Install a smoke alarm on every level of the home, including the basement, outside of sleeping areas, and inside each bedroom.
- Inspect all possible exits and escape routes, making sure all doors and windows that lead to the outside open easily.
- Your house numbers should be clearly visible, both day and night.

### *Plan*

- Draw a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows, identifying two ways out of every room and of your home.
- Teach children to escape on their own, making sure they can open windows, remove screens, and unlock doors.
- Identify an outside meeting place in the front of the home at a safe distance, something permanent such as a tree or mailbox.

### *Practice*

- Push the smoke alarm to start the drill.
- Encourage everyone to get low under smoke and get out as quickly as possible, in two minutes or less. Consider using a timer.
- Remind everyone to close doors behind them as they leave.
- Practice using different ways out and go to the outside meeting place.

For more tips and resources, check out the State Fire Marshal's page at [www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov).

## Halloween Safety Tips

Review these reminders to ensure your family has a fun and safe night of trick-or-treating:

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. Unsupervised children and teenagers should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Trick-or-treaters should cross streets at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks if available. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Choose face paint or makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct vision. Make sure costumes are the correct size and fit properly, to avoid tripping hazards.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them be seen by drivers.
- Take extra time to look for children at intersections, on medians and on curbs. Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day.



## Please Bag Your Leaves



Residents and businesses are reminded to dispose of all the leaves from private 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. For hours of operation or questions, please contact Recology Organics at 503-434-1671. Thank you for taking care of your leaves and keeping public storm drains clear.



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9	10	11 <i>City Parks Closed for Maintenance</i>	12	13 <i>6:30 PM City Council</i>	14	15 <i>Harvest Fest Commons Park 2:00 PM</i>
16	17	18	19	20 <i>7:00 PM Planning Commission</i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Halloween</i> 					