

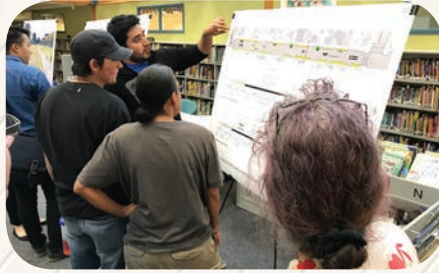
2019
SPRING



The Lafayette Connection

Be a Part of It... COMMUNITY LIFE | HEALTHY LIFESTYLES | SUSTAINABLE LIVING

The Lafayette Connection encourages residents to **BE A PART OF IT**—engaged and informed about **COMMUNITY LIFE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, and SUSTAINABLE LIVING** in Lafayette. The Lafayette Connection is published three times a year, connecting you with your community.



► We Need Your Input!

There are two City documents that help guide our community's planning efforts; the **Comprehensive Plan** and the **Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master (PROST) Plan**. The City has begun the process of creating a new city-wide Comp Plan and updating the PROST Plan.

Both of these plan updates are reliant on the community to provide input relating to municipal services and planning-related decisions. Lafayette residents will have a variety of different ways to engage and provide input for these processes through community meetings, surveys, online surveys, online mapping and engagement tools, pop-up meetings, and more. Processes for both plans will be mindful and inclusive of Lafayette's diverse community to ensure all voices are heard.

Comprehensive Plan

(March 2019 through Summer 2020)

Visit legacylafayette.org

A comp plan is a long-range guiding document and policy framework that helps to allow a community to achieve its broad vision and goals. Elements addressed in a comp plan may include topics such as transportation, land use, affordable housing, sustainability, and urban design. Visit the plan website referenced above to view a list of upcoming community engagement opportunities.



PROST Plan Update

(February 2019 through Fall 2019)

Visit cityoflafayette.com/PROST

With residents' input, the PROST Plan update will carefully determine community needs and provide a framework for projects relating to multi-modal connectivity, ecological land management, recreation and wellness opportunities, and much

more. Visit the plan website referenced above to view a list of upcoming community engagement opportunities.

How Do I Stay Updated on These Plan Activities?

News and updates will be sent to City News subscribers. Go to cityoflafayette.com/NotifyMe and select News Flash/City News then choose to receive either email or text notifications. Each plan's website will also outline upcoming meetings and engagement opportunities and be periodically updated as new information develops.



Sign Up for Important News!

Receive text and/or email notifications from the City for the specific information you choose to follow.

cityoflafayette.com/NotifyMe



cityoflafayette.com/Connect

CITYOFLAFAYETTE.COM



Lea una version en Español en cityoflafayette.com/Conexión.

Message from the New City Administrator



I'd like to say 'hello' and express my appreciation and gratitude for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to serve you as your City Administrator!

Joining a forward-thinking organization that has a reputation for great service delivery and reflects strong community values is something many local government professionals dream about, but are rarely presented with the opportunity. I feel very grateful to be in Lafayette – and I'd like to thank the Mayor, Councilors, city staff, and members of the community for this distinct honor and privilege.

The strong sense of community and warm welcome extended to me has affirmed why Lafayette is such a unique place to live and work. I'm looking forward to working with the members of the community to maintain our unique identity, invite a diverse range of viewpoints into planning, and chart a course for our future — all while maintaining a long-term and sustainable financial framework that will allow us to provide the great services our residents have come to appreciate and expect from their local government.

I've started meeting members of the community, learning about the history and significance of the area, and getting up to speed on the issues and priorities of the organization and community. As I make my way throughout the City to meet people, I admit I have a lot to learn and am very appreciative of the time and kindness extended to me as a new employee. (I just ask for a little patience as the 'new guy' comes up to speed!)

From a leadership standpoint, community engagement and communication are important values I strive to consistently embrace and practice. I'm an open person and strong believer in inclusivity and diversity. I enjoy meeting new people and hearing different perspectives and look forward to getting to know you.

There are many great opportunities to become involved in your City! I invite you to consider serving on one of the City's boards or commissions, or participate in one of the many community meetings or focus groups as the City updates its Comprehensive Master Plan and Parks Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan, both of which are underway.

I look forward to becoming a contributing member of our community!

Regards,

Fritz Sprague
Lafayette City Administrator

SAVORY PIES with COUNCIL

March 21

6:30-7:30pm

Enjoy conversation with City Council
and some delicious snacks



Pioneer Elementary | 101 E. Baseline Rd

City of Lafayette
cityoflafayette.com

► Monthly Chat with Council

The Lafayette City Council hosts monthly chat sessions that run September through May. The format is a casual group conversation that includes participant-led discussions to provide residents with an opportunity to interact with elected Lafayette officials outside of a formal meeting environment. We hope you can join us for the next event on March 21 from 6:30-7:30pm at Pioneer Elementary. View details at cityoflafayette.com/Chat.



VOLUNTEER with us!



Openings on Boards and Commissions

Help shape the future of Lafayette by serving on a City Board or Commission. All open positions, descriptions, and other volunteer opportunities can be found at cityoflafayette.com/Volunteer.

Time commitment for boards is typically one meeting per month.

Current openings:

- Human Rights Commission
- Public Art Committee
- Cultural Arts Committee
- Historic Preservation Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustments
- Senior Advisory Board
- Library Board
- Prairie Dog Advisory Working Group

cityoflafayette.com/VOLUNTEER



Every 2nd Friday
5-9pm • Old Town
May-September

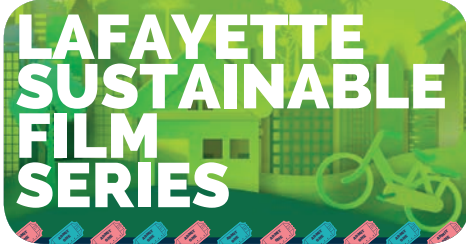
Volunteer!

www.cityoflafayette.com/ANO

Be a Part of...Sustainable Living

► Sustainable Film Series

The Lafayette Waste Reduction Advisory Committee (WRAC) hosts a free, monthly sustainability film series at the Arts Hub covering topics such as food sustainability, minimalism, water, plastic straws, and the future of snow. Upcoming dates are March 12 and April 10. View details at cityoflafayette.com/WRACFilmSeries.



► Congratulations to Public Works!

The American Public Works Association has awarded Lafayette Public Works Department with the prestigious APWA Accreditation designation. As one of 148 designees across the nation, and one of only 9 in Colorado, Lafayette joins this prestigious group for performing beyond the requirements of nationally established management practices.



Visit the City's website to view an extensive list of awards and recognitions; cityoflafayette.com/Awards.

Be a Part of...Healthy Lifestyles

► Farmers Market – Every Thursday on East Simpson Street

The City's exciting collaboration with Boulder County Farmers Market (BCFM) is back again in 2019 offering a weekly, producer-only farmers market every Thursday from 4-8:00pm June through September in Old Town along the 400 block of East Simpson Street.

Purchase locally grown produce and packaged products while joining friends and neighbors to enjoy live music, a beer garden, kids' activities, and more! Visit bcfm.org for details.



Be a Part of...Community Life

► Public Road Strategic Corridor Plan

The first phase of the Public Road Strategic Corridor Plan was implemented on January 22 with the deactivation of traffic signals at Emma and Simpson Streets and the installation of 4-way stops signs. The second phase will begin in March with the permanent removal of traffic signal poles, sidewalk repairs, installation of new pedestrian bump-outs, crosswalk ramps, and a bike corral demo. This second phase should be completed by late April.



Thank you for your patience as we all adjust to these new driving patterns.

Please drive with care in the area as drivers get used to the new intersections. The City will be providing an opportunity in late summer and again in the fall for community members to provide input on the changes. Please visit cityoflafayette.com/PublicRoadPlan for project information, background, and useful videos explaining why the changes were made and how to use a 4-way intersection.

► Photos Wanted: What Makes Lafayette Great?

Help us capture the essence of Lafayette for use on the City website and put those photos that have been sitting in your phone to good use! We're looking to update our promotional materials with images that represent what you think makes Lafayette great.



Photographers whose photos are selected will receive \$25 in Lafayette Chamber Bucks as well as a photo credit on the website. You are allowed to submit multiple photos, and youth are encouraged to participate. The deadline to submit photos is March 30, 2019. cityoflafayette.com/Photos

► Have you seen the new Front Porch Streetscape Project?



These pedestrian-friendly improvements, along the east side of Public Road from Geneseo to Cleveland, were made possible by the Lafayette Urban Renewal Authority (LURA). The intent of the project is to create welcoming "hubs" for shoppers and diners to congregate.



Lafayette Connection Calendar Events *Be a Part of It...*

▶ REOCCURRING EVENTS

March 17, 31, April 14, 28

PAWs to Read

1:30pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

April 21, May 11, May 26

Open Space Trailhead Education Station

1-3pm Public Road Trailhead
cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace

Every 1st Friday

Viva Arts: Arts/Cultural Programs

6-8pm The Collective
cityoflafayette.com/Collective

Every 2nd Saturday May-September

Art Night Out

5-9pm Public Road
cityoflafayette.com/ANO

Every Saturday

Saturday Storytime

10:30am Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

▶ MARCH

March 13

Put Your Heart into Open Space!

9:30am Recreation Center
cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace

March 16

Celtic Steps Irish Dancers

11am Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

March 18

LafayetteREADs 'Newcomers' Book Discussion

6pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

March 19

Reptiles and Amphibians

6pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace

March 21

Chat with Council

6:30pm Pioneer Elementary
cityoflafayette.com/Chat

March 25-29

Spring Break DIY Crafts & Activities

All Day. Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

▶ APRIL

April 2

Grass to Garden Landscape Sessions

5:30pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

April 3

Dementia-Friendly Orientation

5:15-6:15pm Senior Center
cityoflafayette.com/Seniors

April 5

East Boulder County Artist Reception

20th Anniversary Exhibit
6-8pm The Collective
cityoflafayette.com/Collective

April 8

How to Design a Water-Wise Garden Seminar

5:30pm Lafayette Library
Register 303-999-3820 x222

April 11

Best Spring Hikes

6pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

April 13

Easter Egg Hunt

10am Waneka Lake Park
cityoflafayette.com/Recreation

April 13

Drag Queen Storytime

10:30am Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

April 14

My Life as a Migrant Worker

1:30pm Spanish/3:30pm English
The Collective
cityoflafayette.com/Collective

April 16

Bird Watching for Families & Youth

6pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace

April 22 – May 3

Spring Clean Up

Check the website for pick up dates/details
cityoflafayette.com/SpringCleanUp

April 27

Drug Take Back/Document Shred Event

10am-2pm Walmart Parking Lot
cityoflafayette.com/Police

April 27

Youth Poetry Prize: Reading/Awards

2-4pm The Collective
cityoflafayette.com/Collective

April 29 – May 5

Screen Free Week

Bob Burger Recreation Center
cityoflafayette.com/Recreation

▶ MAY

May 4

Lafayette Historical Society presentation

10:30am Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

May 4

Identidad Reception

5-7pm The Collective Community
cityoflafayette.com/Collective

May 5

Bird Watching for Beginners

1-3pm Greenlee Wildlife Preserve
cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace

May 8

Active Minds Seminar: Brexit

6:30pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

May 9

Mystery of Bird Migration

6pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/Library

May 12

Mother's Day Outing on Coal Creek

2pm Public Road Trailhead
cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace

May 15

Older Americans Month Open House

5-6:30pm Senior Center
cityoflafayette.com/Seniors

May 15

Bats of Boulder County

6pm Public Library
cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace

May 18

Kids Fishing Day

8am Waneka Lake Park
cityoflafayette.com/Recreation

May 25

Mulch Give-Away

9am City Service Center
cityoflafayette.com/PublicWorks

May 25

Tour of Open Space & Three Leaf Farm

2pm 445 S. 112th Street
cityoflafayette.com/OpenSpace

Know what's happening in your community!



Go to cityoflafayette.com/CONNECT and

- Sign up to receive News Alerts & Calendar Events via text or email
- Sign up to receive monthly Arts, Library & Recreation newsletters
- Follow the City's Facebook, Twitter & Instagram pages

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

- Bob Burger Rec Center, 111 W. Baseline Rd
- Festival Plaza, 311 S. Public Rd
- Greenlee Wildlife Preserve, 1600 Caria Dr
- Public Library, 775 W. Baseline Rd
- Senior Center, 103 S. Iowa
- The Collective, 201 N. Public Rd



Find Events Online

More events and additional details for all listed events can be found at cityoflafayette.com/Events