



# LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER

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## *Christmas Tree Recycling*

Boy Scout Troop 260 will be accepting Christmas trees for recycling in McMinnville. A \$5 donation is requested for each tree. A pickup option is available with a \$10 donation.

**WHERE:** First Federal Bank parking lot, 2nd/Adams Street, in McMinnville.

Saturday, December 29 - 9:00 to 4:00

Sunday, December 30 - 9:00 to 3:00

Saturday, January 5 - 9:00 to 4:00

Sunday, January 6 - 9:00 to 3:00

For more information or to schedule a tree pickup, contact Scouting for Trees at 503-435-8892 or [scouting4trees@gmail.com](mailto:scouting4trees@gmail.com).

## *Water Rate Discount Program*

The City of Lafayette has partnered with the Housing Authority of Yamhill County (HAYC) to enact a Utility Assistance Program for income eligible households. Lafayette residential water customers who meet income criteria and have an account in good standing may apply for a discounted water rate, saving \$90 annually. Customers can apply for the discount by turning in a completed application to the HAYC, attention Mary Jacquez, at either the Abbey Heights Apartments, 219 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Lafayette or at the main office, 135 NE Dunn Place, McMinnville. Qualifying customers will see the discounted rate on their utility bill the month following approval.

Applications along with program guidelines and eligibility requirements can be obtained at City Hall, the two HAYC locations listed above, and through the City's website: [www.ci.lafayette.or.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.or.us) under Departments>Utility Billing. If you have questions about the program, please contact Mary Jacquez at 503-864-9206 or Lafayette City Hall at 503-864-2451.

## *Mayor Pagella Bids Farewell*

Under his leadership, Lafayette has greatly improved over the last twelve years. Chris Pagella started as Planning Commissioner, then City Councilor and Mayor. He championed citizen participation and celebration of our history. The City now sponsors several annual events and has Oregon historical markers commemorating Joel Perkins and Abigail Scott Duniway.

He advocated for investment in public facilities, Downtown Development Standards, and an Urban Growth Boundary expansion. He helped form the Yamhill Regional Water Authority and negotiated for a water intertie with McMinnville, which obtained 88% approval from Lafayette voters in May 2018.

An ardent supporter of Public Safety, Pagella increased law enforcement services and facilitated a multi-year effort to analyze, design, and obtain voter approval for a modern Fire Station that will provide quick emergency response to our community for the next 50 years.

On behalf of all the residents who call Lafayette 'home', we give you a heartfelt **THANK YOU** for twelve years of dedication as our public servant.

## *Fire Volunteers Deliver Toys*

Thanks to the contributions from the Lafayette community, the Fire Department was able to assist 43 families by providing toys for over 100 children this year.



The Lafayette Fire Department would like to send a special thank you to all that helped support our Toy Drive. Because of these generous donations and the volunteers, we were able to bring holiday cheer to Lafayette children.

## Protect Your Home's Plumbing This Winter

Rain, ice and snow can play havoc with water pipes. Below are tips for protecting your home's plumbing this winter:

- Close all foundation vents and fill vent openings with wood or Styrofoam™ blocks.
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas, such as attics, crawl spaces and basements.
- Disconnect garden hoses and drain in-ground irrigation systems.
- Wrap outside faucets or hose bibs with insulation if you don't have a separate outside valve to turn them off. Use molded foam-insulating covers which are available at hardware stores. Newspaper or rags (covered with plastic wrap) are another option.
- When below-freezing weather is forecasted, open cupboard doors in the kitchen and bathrooms. This allows these pipes to get more heat from inside your home.
- If you leave home for several days, put your furnace on a low setting. This may not prevent freezing pipes but it can help.
- Let a slight drip of water run when temperatures dip below freezing. Use cold water to avoid water heating charges.



### WHAT IF PIPES BREAK?

- Close your main water shut-off valve to your house. Most shutoff valves are located where the water line enters the house, either at the front of your house where you connect your hose, or basement near the hot water heater, or inside the garage.
- If you need to have the water meter shut off, this requires assistance from Public Works. Please call City Hall at 503-864-2451, or 971-237-2515 after normal office hours.
- Turn off the water heater and locate the dedicated shut-off valve on the cold water inlet.
- Remember, the repair of broken pipes on the customer's side of the meter is the customer's responsibility. Contact a plumber for repair work.

### Time to Conserve Water


Customer sewer rates are determined by using your average water consumption during winter months. November through February is the time to conserve water to keep your sewer rate as low as possible for the coming year. Water consumption averages are calculated in March and you will see your recalculated sewer rate on your April 1, 2019 bill.

If you have questions regarding your water consumption amounts or how rates are calculated, please contact City Hall at 503-864-2451.



# January



		1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEARS</b>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <i>6:30 PM City Council</i>	11	12
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20	21  <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b> <i>City Hall Closed</i>	22	23	24	25	26
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