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Wascher Elementary Wins Model School Award

The Citizens of Lafayette are proud of the work of Wascher Elementary, the latest state scores show why. Wascher beats the state averages in every category measured in the report, some by double-digits. Wascher's class sizes are smaller, its students are attending more regularly, and student achievement is far above state averages in each category, especially in math and science.



Wascher Elementary's Principal Kourtney Ferrua made a presentation at the Annual Model Schools Conference on the changes that were made when she took over as Principal 5 years ago. Thanks to the hard work of Wascher's teachers

and staff, the school leapt from the bottom 25% of Oregon Schools to the top 10% in growth of the entire state.

"Our staff works very hard to make teaching and learning a positive, empowering, emotionally supportive experience for students. These results affirm for us that strong instruction in a nurturing environment creates an opportunity for incredible outcomes for our kids," Ferrua wrote in her blog before the 2018 Model Schools Conference.



Fire Suppression Rating Improves

Homeowners and businesses should see insurance rates fall after an improved Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of the Lafayette Fire Department goes into effect.

Beginning March 1, 2019, the ISO rating will go from a 6 to 3. The improved rating is the result of many efforts within the department, such as acquiring new equipment and training. ISO's Public Protection Classification (PPC) program measurements include the Fire services and its capabilities, the availability and adequacy of the local water supply, and emergency communication systems. On the basis of points assigned through application of the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS), communities are assigned a PPC code ranging from 1 to 10, with a PPC rating of 1 being recognized as having superior fire-suppression capabilities. Beyond the classification of a fire protection area, the geographic considerations related to the fire station locations, boundaries served, existence of automatic aid and area served by fire hydrants or alternative water all play an important part in correctly classifying the recognized fire department response.

Water supply is crucial to any firefighting and it is a huge part of the review, making up 40 percent of the score. The review by the Insurance Services Office gave Lafayette 36.97 out of 40 points. Water volume becomes an issue for older systems as pipes age.

The new ISO rating will improve insurance rates, but it is difficult to estimate. Each insurer uses different formulas, policies and value variables, such as credit ratings, differently. Please contact your homeowners insurance provider to discuss rate changes for your specific policy.

Community Grant Applications Now Available

Nonprofit organizations that serve the Lafayette community are encouraged to submit an application for potential fiscal year 2019 grant funding. Applications are due to the city by March 29, 2019. For more information about the community grant program or to request an application, please contact Kevin Perkins at 503-864-2451 or kevinp@ci.lafayette.or.us.

City Committee Vacancies

The City is accepting applications from interested residents to fill vacancies on the Lafayette Budget Committee and Veterans Park Committee. Qualified applicants must be Lafayette residents. To obtain an application, please visit City Hall or the City website at: www.ci.lafayette.or.us, click on the "volunteer" tab and select the "volunteer application."



Consider volunteering today!

Home Water Audit Kits

The City is giving away home water audit kits to Lafayette residents. These kits walk residents through the steps to determine the water flow of household showers and sinks, how to easily check for toilets leaks, and provide a complete guide to home water conservation!




Please stop by City Hall to obtain your personal home water audit kit today!

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.

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	 City Hall Closed	6:30 PM City Council Work Session				
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