

# LAFAYETTE CITY NEWSLETTER



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## Celebrate Pumpkinfest

Join us in the City Hall parking lot to show off your pumpkin carving skills! The City's Annual Pumpkinfest is taking place on **Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.**

This fun-filled event is **FREE** for Lafayette residents and includes pumpkin carving, fun games, prizes, goodie bags, and face painting!



### *Lafayette Fire Department & Red Cross Home Fire Campaign*

Every day, seven people die in home fires, mostly due to non-working smoke alarms. Sadly, children and the elderly disproportionately lose their lives. You may have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home.

In 2014, the American Red Cross launched the Home Fire Campaign to help save lives in communities across the country. A critical part

of the campaign is Sound the Alarm, a series of home fire safety and smoke alarm installation events. Red Cross volunteers, along with fire departments and other partners canvass at-risk neighborhoods, installing free smoke alarms, replacing batteries in existing alarms, and providing fire prevention and safety education.

On Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 10:00 am, the Lafayette Fire Department is proud to partner with the Red Cross in this important education and safety campaign. If you would like to receive free smoke alarms in your home, please call 503-528-5783 or visit [redcross.org/GetAnAlarm](http://redcross.org/GetAnAlarm) to schedule an appointment.



### *Water Use Restrictions Removed October 1st*

The Level I curtailment measures imposed on water users in Lafayette have now been removed. The City would like to thank our customers for their water conservation efforts over the summer, and we encourage customers to continue to conserve whenever possible.

The water intertie project with McMinnville Water & Light is currently in the design phase. The project is on track to be completed and scheduled to deliver additional water resources to Lafayette by July 2020.

### *City Committee Vacancies*

The City is accepting applications to fill one vacancy on both the Budget Committee and the Downtown Façade Grant Committee. To obtain an application, please visit City Hall or the City website at: [www.ci.lafayette.or.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.or.us), click on the "volunteer" tab and select the "volunteer application." Thank you for your interest in serving!



## To Flush or Not To Flush

When you flush the toilet, everything that goes down makes its way to the City's sanitary sewer system. Just because the package says "flushable" doesn't mean it's true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do NOT degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer back-ups into streets, businesses and your home. This increases the City's maintenance costs to fix pumps and clean City sewer pipes, and can cause costly home plumbing repairs.

The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only large enough to carry minimal waste. Save yourself and the City from a pain in the drain: **Only human waste, toilet paper and water should be flushed!**

These items should NEVER go into the toilet: disinfecting/cleaning wipes, baby wipes, facial tissues, mop pad refills, paper towels, towelettes, dental floss, disposable diapers, tampons and tampon applicators, sanitary napkins, fats, oils and greases, vitamins or medicines, plastics of any kind, bandages and kitty litter. Unless it's toilet paper, please use the trash receptacle.



## 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. If kids are mature enough to be without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- 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.
- 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.
- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- 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.



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