

Be part of a historic moment in the making



The historic building located at 300 E. Simpson St. has served many remarkable roles throughout Lafayette's history and has withstood the test of time under a variety of different names. The time has come to rename this building, currently referred to as the Mary Miller Theater. The community is being asked to contribute ideas to honor this landmark's rich legacy and historical significance.

The current structure was originally constructed in 1893 as the First Congregational Church. Over the years

it served as an emergency hospital, a library, and most recently a performing arts theater. In 1983 the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Residents have recently raised concerns with some believing the Miller name is too closely associated with the 1923-1935 Ku Klux Klan history in Lafayette.

Learn more about this interesting piece of Lafayette history and share your nominations for a new building name at lafayetteco.gov/RenameTheTheater.

Analysis identifies need for water rate increases effective July 1

The City has been actively working to update water utility revenue and expenditure projections to ensure rates and fees are sufficient to cover costs now and into the future. In late 2022, a comprehensive Utility Rate and Fee

Study was initiated which is helping to

provide additional insight and a more thorough understanding of ongoing funding needs.

WATER FOR OUR FUTURE

This study has identified that significant revenue increases are required to meet projected expenditures for capital construction projects, aging infrastructure, water storage, water treatment capacity, additional water rights, and cost escalation. As a result, a 9% increase to water rates will go into effect on July 1 to help begin aligning revenues with expenditures over the next several years.

Please watch for an informational postcard to be delivered to your home in the coming weeks. Additional information will be available at lafayetteco.gov/WaterForOurFuture.

Spanish language access efforts expand to City Council meetings

The City of Lafayette is committed to building and supporting an inclusive, engaged, and well-informed community. We're pleased to announce a number of new opportunities to better connect Lafayette's Spanish-speaking community with elected Lafayette officials and City information.

- All regular City Council meeting agendas are now available in Spanish
- Residents may request Spanish interpreter assistance to provide public

comment or public hearing testimony during regular City Council meetings

- The online City Council Public Input Form accommodates those who prefer to submit written input in Spanish

With these efforts, and the Google translation widget on the website, the City hopes to foster stronger connections and engagement with our Spanish-speaking residents and ensure information is more accessible for everyone.

So... you want to be a City Councilor?

Or maybe you haven't thought about it yet! This November, four Council members will be elected to the Lafayette City Council.

Qualified candidates are required to:

- be a current Lafayette resident who has resided within City limits for at least twelve consecutive months since the date of the last election (November 7, 2022)
- be a registered voter at least 18 years old
- not be in financial default to the City or any other state or government agency

Beginning August 8, prospective candidates may pick up a nomination packet from the City Clerk. Candidates must circulate a petition to obtain signatures of at least 25 registered Lafayette electors and submit the petition no later than Aug. 28. A candidate information booklet will be available beginning in July at lafayetteco.gov/CityCouncil.



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Share your ideas and input on current City projects at Lafayette-Listens.com.

Lea una version en español en lafayetteco.gov/Conexion.

Receive text or email notifications for the information you choose to follow. Visit lafayetteco.gov/NotifyMe.

Water quality report

When you turn on your kitchen faucet to get a drink, the water from your tap has made a long trip from mountain snowpack, through creeks and reservoirs, to the treatment plant, to your glass. The Environmental Protection Agency requires community water systems to deliver a Consumer Confidence Report, also known as an annual drinking water quality report. These reports provide information about residents' local drinking water. To view a copy of Lafayette's annual report, visit lafayetteco.gov/WaterQuality.

Be a Bioblitz scientist!

Help gather data for the developing Wildlife Plan by participating in a BioBlitz, or biological inventory, of our surrounding areas. It's easy to contribute to community science. Submit observations on the dedicated Lafayette BioBlitz iNaturalist project page through July 31. Prizes will be awarded. Visit lafayetteco.gov/3874.



104th Street Trail now open

Phase one of the new 104th Street Trail is now open and provides an important north-south connection between the heavily used Coal Creek and Rock Creek Regional trails. Find details at lafayetteco.gov/Trails.



Plastic Free July

Small steps make a big difference! Take the challenge and view a list of upcoming events at lafayetteco.gov/GoGreen.

Have a positive impact on your community

Openings include Human Rights Commission, Senior Advisory Board, Historic Preservation Board, Youth Advisory Commission, and Public Art Committee. Visit lafayetteco.gov/Volunteer to apply.



WATER FOR OUR FUTURE CONSERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH

Let grass grow longer before mowing

Raise lawn mower blades and protect lawns from heat by letting grass grow longer (3-3.5"). A taller lawn provides shade to the roots and helps retain soil moisture so your lawn requires less water. Visit lafayetteco.gov/WaterConservation for additional conservation tips.

Calendar of events

🕒 Reoccurring events | * Registration required | 💰 Fee-based program

■ Picnic on the Plaza 🕒

Thursdays, June 1-Aug. 17 — noon-1pm, Festival Plaza

■ Lost and Found Exhibit 🕒

June 28-Aug. 13 — The Collective Community Art Center

■ Zumba at Festival Plaza *\$

July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7, Aug. 21 — 6:45-7:45pm, Festival Plaza

■ Tunes and Tales

July 12 & 26 — 6:30-8pm, Outdoor Classroom Amphitheater

■ Art Night Out

July 14 — 5-9pm, Festival Plaza

■ Chat with Council

July 14 — 5:30-8:30pm, Festival Plaza

■ Instrument Petting Zoo with Michael Stanwood

July 15 — 11am, Lafayette Public Library

■ For the Love of a Tree

July 15 — 1-3pm, Coal Creek at Centaur Village

■ Ecomedia Collage Workshop

July 15 — 1-3pm, The Collective Community Art Center

■ Zimbabwean and Southern African Music

July 15 — 3pm, Lafayette Public Library

■ Hatha Yoga in the Park *\$

July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6 — 10:30-11:30am, Waneka Lake

■ Medicare Basics*

July 18 — 11am-noon, Lafayette Senior Center

■ Sustainability Film Series "Going Circular"

July 20 — 6-9pm, Lafayette Art Collective

■ "Make Believe and Beyond" with BackStory Theatre

July 22 — 11am, Lafayette Public Library

■ Plastic-Free July Upcycling Workshop

July 25 — 10am-3pm, Lafayette Public Library

■ Grandparents and Grandkids Adventure at Great Outdoors Waterpark! *\$

July 26 — 10:30am-3:30pm

■ Mayan Worry Dolls

July 29 — 11am, Lafayette Public Library

■ National Night Out

Aug. 1 — 7pm, LPD officers will visit your neighborhood get-together

■ Creatures of the Creek

Aug. 5 — 10am-noon, Coal Creek at Centaur Village

■ Friends of the Library Book Sale

Aug. 5-13 — Lafayette Public Library

■ Lafayette Birds!

Aug. 6 — 1-3pm, Greenlee Wildlife Preserve

Please check the City calendar for updates. For info about these and other events, visit lafayetteco.gov/Events.