

New ordinance allows e-bikes on trails



In response to the rapid rise in electric bike (e-bike) popularity and ridership in Lafayette and Boulder County, City Council passed a new ordinance in June to allow the use of Class 1 and 2 e-bikes on City trails. E-bikes are limited to 15 miles per hour unless specific signage prohibits their use.

This new ordinance aligns with Lafayette's strategic outcome of being a mobile and connected community and offers many positive benefits. E-bikes support healthy lifestyles, expand inclusionary access for aging populations and those with limited mobility and disabilities, and provide commuters with a sustainable travel option while alleviating traffic congestion.

Check your mail for information about the 9% July water rate increase

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Water for Our Future
Agua para nuestro futuro

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9% increase in July - Water rates only
Aumento del 9% en julio: solo tarifas de agua

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Typical utility bill (water only) comparisons by season:
Winter increase: \$7.48
Summer increase: \$5.91

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For additional information about rates and water conservation and to view a copy of the postcard sent to Lafayette households, please visit lafayetteco.gov/WaterForOurFuture.

LEGACY LAFAYETTE

Have a say in Lafayette's land development

Land use codes, also known as zoning codes, are a set of regulations that govern how land can be used within a city. They typically include regulations for buildings and the location of roads, parks, and other facilities. Land use codes are intended to encourage orderly development and are based on a community's vision for the creation of a livable, vibrant future.

Because Lafayette's land use code was last updated in 1986, it no longer aligns with community goals or the latest planning practices. A process is underway to rewrite these codes utilizing the newly adopted Legacy Lafayette Comprehensive Plan and community input.

You can get involved today by participating in a mapping exercise, meeting with City staff at your convenience, organizing a walking tour, or attending a working group meeting. Learn more and connect with staff by visiting lafayette-listens.com/LandUseCode.



City Hall hours

Public hours of operations for the City Hall building, located at 1290 S. Public Road, have returned to standard business hours; Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. Many services can also be conducted online like water bill payments, permit applications, municipal court fee payments, reporting a problem, and more. To view a list of online services and contact information, please visit lafayetteco.gov/2476.

Summer heat relief at the Lafayette Library

High temperatures in Boulder County can be potentially dangerous, especially for individuals 65 and older or with chronic medical conditions, households without air conditioning, infants and children, persons who are unhoused or who live in manufactured housing, and everyone - when temperatures rise above 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

Air conditioning is the most effective way to stay safe during a heat emergency. Fans are not effective at keeping high-risk populations safe. Boulder County residents have access to air conditioning through local public library branches, like the Lafayette Public Library, during normal business hours. Hours vary, so be sure to check times and locations.

Learn more about how to stay safe in extreme heat from the Boulder County Public Health Department at boco.org/ExtremeHeat.

WATER FOR OUR FUTURE CONSERVATION TIP OF THE MONTH

Water twice a week

Watering twice a week will make grass roots grow deeper and allow grass to last longer without water. Cycling sprinkler system run times can prevent excess water runoff; visual inspections after an initial watering cycle will make this apparent.

An example of a better watering schedule is setting each zone to water for five minutes then wait an hour, water for five minutes again, wait one more hour, then water for a final five minutes. This breaks up the 15 minutes of watering into three cycles, allowing the water to have time to absorb into dense and compact soils.

Calendar of events

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

■ **Lost and Found: Art with found objects** 🕒

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

■ **Threaded: Curated by Tya Anthony of Redline Gallery** 🕒

Aug. 16-Oct. 1 — The Collective Community Art Center; opening reception, Aug. 18, 6-8pm

■ **Community Police Academy** 🕒

Aug. 23-Nov. 8 — Wednesday evenings 6:30-9:30pm, Lafayette Police Department

■ **Archives Drop In** 🕒

Tuesdays — 2:30pm, Lafayette Public Library

■ **Maintenance Week Closure**

Aug. 5-13 — Bob L. Burger Recreation Center

■ **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

Aug. 5-13 — Lafayette Public Library

■ **Tunes and Tales**

Aug. 9 — 6:30-8pm, Outdoor Classroom Amphitheater

■ **Picnic on the Plaza with Graciela Alvarado**

Aug. 10 — noon-1pm, Festival Plaza

■ **Art Night Out**

Aug. 11 — 5-9pm, Festival Plaza

■ **Chat with Council**

Aug. 11 — 5:30-8:30pm, Festival Plaza, Art Night Out

■ **Picnic on the Plaza with Dave and Diane**

Aug. 17 — noon-1pm, Festival Plaza

■ **Lyle, Lyle Crocodile - Movie in the Park**

Aug. 18 — 8:30-10:30pm, Waneka Lake Park

■ **Lafayette Peach Festival**

Aug. 19 — 9am-4pm, Public Road, lafayettecolorado.com

■ **Drop In Tech Help**

Aug. 20 — 1pm, Lafayette Public Library

■ **Poetry in the Creek**

Aug. 26 — 10-11:30am, Coal Creek at Elysian Field

■ **Sunset Paddle*\$**

Aug. 30 — 7-8:45pm, Waneka Lake Park - Boathouse

■ **Lafayette Birds!**

Sept. 3 — 1-3pm, Greenlee Wildlife Preserve

■ **Mental Health Partners Wellness Crafts**

Sept. 5 — 3pm, Lafayette Public Library

■ **CSU Extension - Putting Your Landscape to Bed***

Sept. 7 — 1-2pm, Lafayette Senior Center

■ **Bilingual Storytime**

Sept. 7 — 5pm, Lafayette Public Library

■ **Art Night Out**

Sept. 8 — 5-9pm, Festival Plaza, Art Night Out

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