

April 2010

Dear Lafayette residents:

City Administrator Justin Boone submitted a parks proposal in February and suggested a parks course of action to City Council in March. The City Council will be voting on this proposal and we hope to start seeing park improvements implemented this summer.

Starting in April, Lafayette enters the annual budget review process. The Budget Committee has been named and consists of the city administrator, City Council and seven residents. The Budget Committee meets on Tuesday nights to make recommendations for the annual operating budget for Lafayette. All meetings are open to the public. The city's overall projected expenses and expected income will be reviewed, as well as how discretionary general funds should be spent and what projects should be invested in. If you have an opinion, now is the time to let us know. In several weeks, when the review process is complete, the City Council will inform residents of the recommendations made for the 2010-11 budget year.

With the arrival of spring, keep in mind that tall grass and weeds are a violation of city code and are a potential fire hazard as the weather dries out. Please be attentive to the condition of your yard to keep from possibly being cited for a city code violation and putting your and other resident's homes in potential danger.

In March, the City Council voted on a new water conservation plan. Effective April 1 through Oct. 31 each year, an odd-even day water usage policy will be in effect. This will hopefully ensure that Lafayette does not put its water resources at risk, especially during the dry weather that often occurs during the late spring to fall months. The City Council will send out a reminder in April with specific details, including the fact that residents can be fined if the water conservation policy is not followed.

Each year at this time, an automatic water/sewer rate increase occurs. City Administrator Justin Boone has recommended continuing with the \$1 base rate increase and the City Council accepted his recommendation at the March 11 meeting.

City code infractions are now being logged and monitored more concisely. Infractions are addressed as they are reported. If you see possible code violations, please contact City Hall at 503-864-2451. Residents can report potential infractions anonymously. In addition, the City Council is in the process of reviewing current city codes. If you have any input, please e-mail any City Council members.

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