

# LAFAYETTE NEWSLETTER



*Welcome* to the new monthly newsletter that will be distributed to the citizen's of Lafayette in an attempt to keep the citizen's as informed as possible in the events of the City.

The City would like to form a committee to help with the design and distribution of the newsletter. Please come to City Hall and fill out a volunteer application to join this committee.

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## CITY COUNCIL

The City Council currently consists of three members: Acting Mayor Neil Meads, Gary Filpi, and Bob Cullen. As a result of the recent recall, the Council declared an emergency at a November 12, 2001 Special Meeting which made it possible for the City to hold an *Emergency Election* to fill the vacant Council seats. There are 5 Council positions and the position of Mayor to be filled. The election will be held on February 26, 2002. If you would like to run for City Council, please come by City Hall and pick up a packet. The deadline to receive completed packets is December 10, 2001 @ 5 p.m.

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## MEETINGS

City Council meets:  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall

Planning Commission meets:  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

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## COMMITTEES

The City has a Traffic Safety Comm., Heritage Days Comm., Budget Comm., Watershed Comm. and possibly a Newsletter committee. They are all in need of volunteers!! Please come by City Hall if you would like to join any of these committees.

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

The City has been aware for at least 10 years that both its water and sewer systems would soon require major improvements. By the late 90's, new development had begun in Lafayette on a major scale. Both problems had to be addressed. The City sold water bonds in the amount of 3.275 million dollars (voters approved the sale of 4.5 million in 1997 but the City chose to only sell 3.275 mill.), and raised water rates in order to proceed with the needed improvements. What is this bond money and your utility bill paying for???

- A \$700,000+ water main replacement project throughout town that should be complete by December 1, 2001. This project will improve water pressure, reduce water loss through leaks in the pipes, and improve water quality.
- Rehabilitation of the City Park well, which is now online. This provided the City with an additional water source and allowed the water restrictions to be lifted this summer.
- Soda Ash Injection System in the watershed. This will reduce the lead and copper level that is in the water.
- Joint water project w/Dayton. This project includes the construction of a new water reservoir and treatment plant. Additional water sources (wells) will also be drilled. The drilling of the wells is expected to begin this winter.

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Please call City Hall with questions, concerns, or comments- 864-2451.

City Council and Staff wish everyone  
a safe and happy

*HOLIDAY SEASON!!*

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