

Lodgepole Update

November 2023

Halloween Events Sunday, October 29

Parade of Pumpkins — Bring your entry to the PAC by 3:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat at the PAC 4:30–6 p.m.

Haunted House at the PAC beginning at 4:30 p.m.

From the Board of Trustees

Next meeting

The next Board meeting is November 7, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the PAC, 630 Orchard Street, Lodgepole, and is open to the public. Finalized agendas will be available online and at the PAC before November 7.

Sewer and Water Rates Update

Projected water and sewer rate increases will be discussed at the November 7 meeting.

Sewer for residential and commercial:

- 1/1/2024–12/31/2024: \$33.50/month + \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.
- 1/1/2025–12/31/2025: \$36.50/month + \$2.35 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.
- 1/1/2026 and beyond: \$40.00/month + \$2.50 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.

Water for residential and commercial:

- Beginning 1/1/2024: \$34.00/month + \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof of usage.

Operating and/or Maintenance Agreement with Nebraska Public Power District

The board will be discussing the possibility of entering into an operating and/or maintenance agreement with Nebraska Public Power District at the November board meeting.

Now Hiring a Utility Superintendent

Visit <https://lodgepolene.com/job-openings> to learn more. To apply, please send a cover letter and your resume to lpclerk@daltontel.net.

Village Hours and Emergency Information

We are in the office every day but if you prefer face-to-face interactions, our office doors are open Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. If you'd like to schedule an appointment outside those hours, simply send us an email at lpclerk@daltontel.net. Schedules may vary but Tanya is in Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday mornings and Linda is in Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays, and Fridays. We look forward to meeting you!

In case of any urgent electric or water emergencies, the emergency number for the Village is 970-458-5305.

Village Holiday Closures 2023–2024:

Veteran's Day	November 13
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 23
The day after Thanksgiving.....	November 24
Christmas Day.....	December 25
New Year's Day.....	January 1
Martin Luther King Day	January 15
Presidents Day.....	February 19
Arbor Day	April 26
Memorial Day	May 27
Juneteenth	June 19
Independence Day.....	July 4
Labor Day.....	Sept 2
Columbus Day.....	October 1

Looking for past issues? You can find the newsletter online at <https://lodgepolene.com/history>.

Library News

We're on Facebook! Follow us!

Join us on Veteran's Day, 11/11, for coffee and doughnuts from 10 a.m. to noon.

When you have chance, stop by the library to sign Christmas cards for Veterans.

Thank you Gary Krueger for the new flag at the PAC!

Lodgepole Depot Museum Combines Forces with Lodgepole Community Fund During 2023 Old Settlers' Days

The Lodgepole Depot Museum combined forces with the Lodgepole Community Fund and held a fundraiser for the Museum during Old Settlers' Days on Saturday, September 3 from 4 to 7 pm. Lodgepole has seen 99 years of Old Settler's Days and hundreds of people flock to Lodgepole over Labor Day weekend to enjoy three days of friends, food and fun.

The museum hosted a chuckwagon dinner serving up a delicious meal of brisket and Monterey chicken, pasta and beans from The Outlaws in Gurley, NE.

String Fling, a local quartet of string instruments, provided beautiful background music and entertainment for the afternoon.

Activities included ax throwing for the kiddos (plastic of course) and a raffle. Individuals were encouraged to brand their family brands and ranch brands into a board that will be on display at the museum.

People enjoyed the delicious food and the wonderful family atmosphere. Gwen Devie, Lodgepole Community Fund chairperson said, "Folks were visiting and having a great time." An anonymous donor covered the cost of food and entertainment, which allowed the museum to raise several thousand dollars toward the repair and renovation work that has begun.

Thank you to the people and donors that came and enjoyed the afternoon at the Museum. And thank you to the group of dedicated volunteers that keep the Lodgepole Depot Museum the wonderful community asset it is.

Old Settlers' Days will celebrate 100 years in 2024. Mark your calendars for a century celebration a year from now. — *Press release courtesy Lodgepole Community Fund*