

Lodgepole Update

May 2024



From the Board

Thank you to everyone who has been attending the Board meetings! We appreciate your comments and participation!

New Ordinances

- **#269** — Establishes the conditions of a recreational vehicle parks zone. (Third and final reading scheduled for May 7 meeting.)
- **#270** — Amend and harmonize the Village code regarding Village board organization. See page 2 for information about the **Community Improvement Board**. (Third and final reading scheduled for May 7 meeting)
- **#271** — Changes the board meeting start time to 5:30 p.m.
- **#272** — Changes sewer rates effective 4/1/24. Note: The changes will show on the April bills.

The full text of these ordinances and other Village documents, including the municipal code, minutes, agendas, notices, and forms are online at <https://lodgepolene.com/documents-forms-and-minutes/>.

3 seats on the Village of Board of Trustees are up for election in November. These are for the 2024–2028 term. The seats for election are RJ Savely, Gwen Devie, and Sam Cheramie. To be on the November ballot, incumbents must file between January 5 – July 15, 2024. Non-incumbents must file between January 5 – August 1, 2024. Village Board of Trustees are considered Low Office and will not be on the primary ballot—only on the ballot in November. More info: lodgepolene.com/job-openings.

April 29 – Monday – 3:30 pm – Fire Hall – Special Board meeting to tour Village properties. 6 pm Planning and Zoning Commission, PAC.

May 1 - Wednesday - 5:30 pm - PAC - Special Board meeting to discuss financial audits

May 5 – Sunday - 2 pm – Community Hall - VISIONS enchilada pick up

May 6 – Monday – 6 pm – PAC – VISIONS meeting

May 7 – Tuesday – 5:30 pm – PAC – Village of Lodgepole Regular Board Meeting (note new start time)

May 11 - Saturday – 8 am – Noon – Pleasantview Cemetery – Annual Volunteer Cleanup Day (if inclement weather, the cleanup will be May 18)

May 13 – Monday – 5 pm – PAC room 16 – Lodgepole Housing Authority

May 24 – Office closed (maintenance available at 308-464-1307)

May 27 – Monday – Office closed for Memorial Day

May 28 – 29 – Office closed (maintenance available at 308-464-1307)

Visit <https://lodgepolene.com/community> for more calendar items. Submit your calendar items to lpclerk@gmail.com.

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Cemetery Clean Up May 11 8 a.m - Noon

Let's make the cemetery look clean and manicured! Bring rakes and mowers. A box scraper to recondition the roads would be helpful. Some trees may require trimming. Questions? Contact Tom Weber, tweber@daltontel.net.

Old Settlers 2024

This year is the Old Settlers 100th Year Celebration—a momentous milestone in our heritage! Your contributions will help fund all the activities planned for the Labor Day weekend festivities. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Donations can be mailed to Old Settlers at 14960 Rd. 24, Lodgepole, NE 692149. Let's celebrate 100 years of history together! We can't wait to see you there! Questions? Contact Dana Hill, nafameli@daltontel.net

Interested in joining the Community Improvement Board?

What: "It shall be the duty of the Community Improvement Board for the Village of Lodgepole to assist the Board of Trustees with economic development, cultural improvement, recreational projects, and beautification projects for the Village of Lodgepole."

Who: 5 members, citizens and residents of the Village.

How: Anyone interested should come to the next board meeting to express their interest or send a letter of interest to the Clerk.

If you would like a copy of ordinance #270 emailed to you, please contact the Clerk, lpclerk@daltontel.net.

Did you know?

Lodgepole Municipal Code 6-313 Misdemeanors: Weeds, litter, stagnant water. The owner or occupant of any lot or piece of ground within the Municipality shall keep the lot or piece of ground and the adjoining street and alleys free of any growth of twelve inches (12") or more in height of weeds, grasses, or worthless vegetation.

6-315 Misdemeanors: Unlicensed or inoperable vehicles. No person shall store, retain or keep on or permit to be stored on a lot within the Village any machine, vehicle, or part of a machine or vehicle which inoperable or unable to perform its intended function or has been unlicensed for a period in excess of four months.

VISIONS Update

June 15 (tentative date)

- Community Garage Sales (individual parties will be responsible for their own advertising)
- Car Wash (funds go to fireworks)
- Bake Sale (funds go to fireworks)

2024 eight-man hall of fame class includes former Lodgepole Panthers running back

A record-setting running back from Lodgepole will be inducted into the eight-man football hall of fame this summer. The Nebraska Eight Man Football Coaches Association announced Josh Frerichs as one of ten players who will be inducted in their 2024 class at the Tom Osborne Family Sports Complex in Hastings on June 15. Frerichs rushed for 2,282 yards and led Lodgepole to their final appearance in the Nebraska School Activities Association state playoffs in 2003. The Panthers notched wins over Banner County and Wallace before falling to Mullen in the postseason. Lodgepole consolidated with Chappell the next year to form Creek Valley. Frerichs still holds the eight-man record for touchdowns and points in a single game. He scored 10 touchdowns and 70 points vs. Minatare in his junior season in 2002.

There will be a Congratulations card available at The Panther Den, 930 Sheldon Street, Lodgepole, NE during the month of May for those who would like to sign & congratulate Josh on this honor. Congratulations, Josh!!

—Submitted by Rita Bartling, VISIONS. For more info email bartlingr@hotmail.com.