

LCAT Meeting Minutes*

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 9:00 am-9:30 am
School District of Lodi Board Room

In Attendance: Sergeant Leda Wagner, Chief Smith, Mayor Ann Groves Lloyd, Adria Schroeder, Doug Richmond, Dr. Vince Breunig, Terry Haag, Sara McChesney, and Bryan Bilse

Welcome

General Updates:

- The LCAT website was updated with our strategic plan and new resources, including the Recover Columbia County App. It is now under the School District of Lodi "Community" section. So, please check it out!
- The Summer Safety Fair was well attended. We gave out 10 lock boxes and 10 lock bags.
- The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Summit is an informational event hosted by LCAT. Seating is limited. Please reach out to Bryan Bilse with questions.
- The LCAT trailer continues to be used heavily. It has been reserved by the football and soccer clubs in the fall.

National Night Out (NNO) Planning:

Arrival: Bryan and Sara will be at the park at 2:30 pm

New Vendors (Confirmed): Lodi Youth Wrestling Club, Kinship Mentoring of Columbia County- Youth Mentoring Programing similar to Big Brothers and Big Sisters, they are starting a lunch buddy program in the fall at the OSC/Lodi Elementary, Cub Scout Pack 368, Lodi Girl Scouts, Aspirus/Divine Savior Healthcare from Portage

We are waiting to hear back from the Lodi Challengers 4-H Club and the Lodi Parent Teacher Organization.

New Food Vendors: (Confirmed):The Bucket List is a food truck that serves croffles, which are croissants that are put in a waffle iron. Los Hernandez and the FFA Alumni will also be selling food.

The OSC might have a lemonade stand if they have enough lemons leftover from the Lodi fair.

Vendor Setup:

The Duck the Wall with Art show will not be occurring during National Night Out. It is scheduled for August 1, 2025 with Reach Out Lodi's Chalk the Walk event. This allows more space for vendors during this year's National Night Out. Combining the art show with Chalk the Walk allows the student artists to be the focal point and not get lost in the busyness of NNO.

LCAT will identify vendor locations by placing a laminated sign on a wooden stake with the vendor's name.. This will hopefully make the setup easier.

The Army National Guard will not have its climbing wall at the event. Instead, they are bringing a football/basketball game. They will now be placed on the street with the emergency vehicles instead of inside Habermann Park.

This year, the road will be closed off by 4:30 pm with hard barriers. These hard barriers will be used to block the intersections, and it will not be easy to move for vendors that arrive late. All vendors need to unload their vehicles and have their vehicles off the street by 4:15 pm. Parking is available at the Catholic Church. A detailed email will be sent out to the vendors closer to the event.

A parking space on the street in front of Habermann Park will be coned off for the ice cream truck.

Medflight is unable to attend this year. They rotate locations across the county during National Night Out.

Music

It is the same entertainment that we had last year.

Weather:

If the weather is unfavorable, the event will be cancelled. Chief Smith, Vince, and Bryan will decide by noon on the date of the event. The public will be notified by social media and email.

NNO 2026

Due to multiple street construction projects, Habermann Park will not be available to host the NNO 2026. A discussion around the logistical considerations when selecting a different location was held. Further information and input are needed before selecting a location.

A survey will be created and given out during National Night Out 2025, and shared on social media and with community partners. We want input from the vendors, attendees, and community members.

Other Events:

Duck the Wall with Art Show is on August 1, 2025, in conjunction with Chalk the Walk with Reach Out Lodi. A separate planning meeting for this event is scheduled on June 25.

Susie the Duck Parade is August 9, 2025. LCAT will be pulling the trailer and handing out candy.

Next LCAT Meeting:

No meeting in July

August 20th: Summer overview

September 17th: Guest Speaker Kinship Mentoring of Columbia County

Follow Up:

- Chief Smith uses a specific weather tracking system that has been accurate. He will share the link with Bryan.
- LCAT will reach out to students to see if they are available to help vendors carry large items.
- LCAT will send out a detailed email to all vendors about setting up/parking
- LCAT will create a survey to collect community input on the location of NNO 2026.