

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Lafayette

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Monday, Mar 26	
Monday, Apr 9	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Thursday, Apr 5	
Thursday, Apr 19	
Design Review	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Tuesday, Apr 10	
Tuesday, Apr 24	
Park, Trails, Rec.	7pm
Community Center 500 St Mary's Road	
Wednesday, Apr 11	
Wednesday, May 9	
Circulation	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Monday, Apr 3	
Tuesday, Apr 16	
Emergency Prep.	9:15am
City Offices 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite 265	
Wednesday, Apr 11	
Senior Services	4pm
Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Thursday, Mar 22	
Thursday, Apr 26	
Youth Services	6pm
Community Center, Elderberry Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Monday, Apr 9	

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• upcoming events

Lafayette's New Rink Gets Rolling

By Jonathan Glidden

After over ten years of hosting its roller-hockey league in the parking lot, the Lafayette Community Center is getting an upgrade. On April 2, contractors will break ground on a brand new one million dollar, permanent hockey rink.

The Lafayette Com-

small for players to skate at full speed, and that had to be closed at the slightest sign of moisture. After a couple of seasons, the league became so popular that many families began petitioning the town to build a more suitable facility.

Their pleas were almost met one year ago,

lays, the rink should be finished in August, and ready for its grand opening in September.

The rink will be funded in part by donations from local hockey supporting families, but mainly through parkland dedication fees. In accordance with the Quimby act, every time a developer

recreation expenses. Thus, funds for the rink will come out of sources that can only be used for recreation. No money will be taken from other city departments such as schools or police.

The design of the rink is unique. The rink will be entirely outdoors and will lie on the Northern parking

tiles that can be removed if the necessity arises. The tiles are entirely water proof and thus the rink can be used even in bad weather. The walls of the rink and the bleachers will be permanent, giving the rink what Lafayette Parks, Trails and Recreation Director Jennifer Russell calls "almost an arena feel." Also, planners hope to install misters that will keep players and spectators cool during hot summer afternoons.

Once the rink is completed, the Community Center will resume its hockey league. The league has been suspended for a year, but officials are hopeful that players will return. Perhaps most importantly, the new rink will allow the center to feature a league for high-schoolers. The old rink was too small to be safe for the speed at which high schoolers play.

The league will also have divisions for players all the way from elementary school to middle school. Also, there will be a program called "Little Sportsters" in which children ages four and five will be able to play floor hockey without skates. It is hoped that these younger kids will form the foundation of a very popular new league, and will continue to participate as they grow older.



munity Center first began featuring a roller hockey league in its parking lot in 1994. Games were played on a makeshift rink in the parking lot, that was too

when after raising all the necessary funds, planners found the cost of gas to be prohibitively high and had to postpone construction. Still, despite earlier de-

builds on land that could be used for parkland or builds something that will bring in more people to the community, he has to pay a fee to help fund the city's

lot of the Community Center. The rink will feature a new high-tech form surface called sport court tiles. The surface will be comprised of interlocking

Names To Be Removed from Crosses of Lafayette

Volunteers will remove the names of soldiers from the crosses across from the Lafayette BART station this weekend unless the families have specifically requested that they remain, says Jeff Heaton, organizer of Lafayette Iraq War Memorial.

"The purpose of the 300 names was to solicit a deeper appreciation of the tremendous sacrifice our fallen troops have made and will continue to make," said Heaton. "For those families that believe the names are not appropriate, we will be removing them. We all agree that those families have gone through enough."

A candlelight vigil was held at the site on Monday, March 19, at 7pm to commemorate the 4th anniversary of the Iraq War.



Picture: Lisa Duncan

Rotarian Ed Stokes Honored

Rotarian Ed Stokes Honored On March 15, the Lafayette Rotary Club honored Ed Stokes and gifted him with a shiny new park bench in front of his store, Diablo Foods. Stokes is no stranger to awards, having already been

Diablo Foods with his family since 1968. Working alongside Stokes are his wife Betty, his son Dan, daughter Connie and his grandson Daniel, who help keep the store running smoothly. That has given Ed a chance to be

supporter of Town Hall Theater and St. Mary's College. Ed is known throughout the city as a generous supporter of local schools and non-profit organizations. Jay Lifson, Executive Director of the Lafayette Chamber



The plaque on the bench reads:
IN HONOR OF ED STOKES
HE EXEMPLIFIES THE ROTARY MOTTO "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"
FOR HIS GENEROSITY TO THE CITIZENS AND CITY OF LAFAYETTE

designated Lafayette's Citizen of the Year in 1976 and Business Person of the Year in 1991. In addition, he also carries the title of Honorary Mayor of Lafayette. Ed has earned all of these accolades based on the quality of his

involved with the city he loves. Stokes has been a member of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce since 1968. He served as President, Board Member and now for many years continues to be a trusted

of Commerce, says "The City of Lafayette is forever grateful to Ed and the Stokes family for all they do for Lafayette." During the dedication ceremony Stokes remarked, "I love each and every one of



Stokes Family, Photo provided

business, and his involvement in and support of many organizations within the community. Stokes has been running

advisor. He has been a Rotarian since 1976, serving as President of his club. He is a long time member of the Contra Costa Sheriff's Posse,

you. And some day I am going to come to your business and do the same for you."

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