

# Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

# Lafayette

Calendar	
<b>City Council</b>	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, Apr 23 Monday, May 14	
<b>Planning Comm.</b>	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, Apr 19 Thursday, May 3	
<b>Design Review</b>	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Tuesday, Apr 24 Tuesday, May 8	
<b>Park, Trails, Rec.</b>	7pm
Community Center 500 St Mary's Road Wednesday, May 9	
<b>Circulation</b>	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, May 7	
<b>Emergency Prep.</b>	9:15am
City Offices 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite 265 Wednesday, May 9	
<b>Senior Services</b>	4pm
Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, Apr 26	
<b>Youth Services</b>	6pm
Community Center, Elderberry Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, May 14	
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## FIX OUR ROADS – SUPPORT MEASURE C

Guest Commentary  
Submitted By Carol Federighi, Mayor  
City of Lafayette

Measure C on Lafayette's June 5th ballot deserves our community's support. Lafayette currently faces a \$24 million gap between anticipated revenues for roads and the expenditures required to maintain all roads and fix the 118 that have failed. Measure C would provide the necessary monies to bring all public roads to a good quality and maintain them for the next 30 years. Road repair and maintenance would be funded by a parcel tax, not to exceed \$150 per year per equivalent

roads. Currently, 118 in Lafayette are considered to be in a "failed" condition. The City consistently spends \$1 million a year from its General Fund on roads. In addition, it has contributed \$2.6 million from its reserves since 2004 to repair some roads before they failed, but those excess reserves are now depleted. Some residents have questioned why the City has not dedicated to roads money spent on or committed to projects such as the Veterans Memorial, the new library,

Of necessity, the City must balance its scarce resources among many worthwhile interests. Forty-three percent of our \$10 million General Fund budget goes toward our small police force. The rest supports planning, public works, engineering, and administration, several of which generate revenue that helps offset their costs. Cutting the \$5.7 million on non-police expenditures in the General Fund budget by even 10% is not supportable, in my opinion, and would yield only \$570,000 annually, not nearly enough to solve our \$24 million problem.

A vote for Measure C is a vote for fairness. Our neighbors on failed roads have paid their taxes to help repair arterial, collector, and some more highly used residential roads. Owners of commercial real property will also pay their share. A vote for Measure C is a good investment. Once repaired, anticipated revenues

can continue to maintain all roads in good condition, and good roads throughout Lafayette will enhance property values. Without the needed funds from Measure C, our roads will continue to deteriorate, and the cost to repair them will increase substantially. A vote for Measure C is a vote for safety. Good roads are safer for our cars, our pedestrians, and our bicyclists. A vote for Measure C is a vote for an affordable tax, an amount of money many couples spend on only two dinners out in town. Finally, a vote for Measure C is a vote for accountability. Measure C provides for an oversight committee to ensure that moneys are spent for intended purposes.

I urge Lafayette residents to join the Lafayette City Council, the Lafayette School District Trustees, the Lafayette Homeowners Council, the Lafayette Taxpayers Association, the Diablo Valley League of Women Voters, the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the Lafayette Citizens for Fair Taxes and a long list of concerned citizens in voting "yes" for Measure C on June 5.



Camino Colorados, Lafayette

Photo by Andy Schreck

residential unit for thirty years.

Most of Lafayette's homes and the neighborhood roads that serve them were built in the early 1960s. Without maintenance, roads will last for twelve to fifteen years before their condition declines sharply and will fail totally after about forty years. Reconstruction of totally failed roads costs as much as ten times more than maintaining roads in good condition.

In 1995, recognizing that the City did not have the funds to repair and rebuild its failing roads, voters approved a \$13 million bond which financed the repair of arterial and collector streets used by the most city residents. The work contemplated by that bond is complete and the money has now been spent.

While \$13 million was a significant amount, it was far short of that needed to repair all of Lafayette's public

the Downtown Specific Plan, the multi-sport court project, or the Pleasant Hill Road improvements. First, the City could not have legally used funds on neighborhood roads that it spent or is spending – redevelopment dollars, contributions, or state grants – for the Veterans Memorial, the new library, or the Downtown Specific Plan. The multi-sport court will be funded entirely by Parkland Dedication Fees and donations. The City's funds are committed to the parking lot for which Parkland Dedications Fees cannot be used – which will serve hundreds of people who come to the Community Center each month for various programs, events, and meetings. While the City contributed General Fund dollars to Pleasant Hill road improvements sought by scores of neighbors, 85% of expenditures came from outside grants, unavailable to repair neighborhood roads.



Symposium organizers Will Ewing, Helen Bullard, Kennan Cronen, Stephanie Long and Adithi Rajagapuram

## Lafayette Celebrates Earth Day in a Big Way

By Steve Richard

On Sunday, April 22, the City of Lafayette and Acalanes High School are combining two exciting events—Lafayette's second annual Earth Day Festival and a student organized Science Symposium on global warming. The theme is "Global Warming – A Local Event," focusing on the threat of global warming and what we can do about it in Lamorinda.

The highlight of the afternoon is the Science Symposium on global warming from 1:00- 2:00pm in the Performing Arts Theater at Acalanes High School. Acalanes students have been planning the event since the beginning of the year, with the assistance of two teacher advisors—Janet Thomas and Thomas McNamara. The Symposium will be kicked off by seniors Kennan Cronen and Jeremy

Wolff who will introduce the issue of global warming and how it is directly affecting the world in which we live. Wolff said, "We hope to make people realize that even one person can make a difference."

The Symposium's keynote speaker is well-known Professor Dan Kamen, a professor in the Energy and Resources Group and the Director of the Renewable Energy Laboratory at UC Berkeley, who will talk about global warming and steps we must take to improve our situation. Speaker Adam Lerner will shed light on solar panels and Becky Shafi, an agent with AAA, will be talking about how to reduce greenhouse gases by making smart transportation decisions.

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Auto burglary, 4/01/07 Unknown suspect using unknown object broke passenger side window of vehicle. Suspect entered vehicle and removed Dell laptop computer, HP 41 Cx calculator, Nikon digital camera and a jacket.

Suspicious circumstances, lost property, 4/01/07 Graduating St. Mary's college student left purse in Bistro restaurant of the Lafayette Park Hotel.



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