

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Lafayette

Calendar

City Council 7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room
500 St Mary's Road
Monday, May 29

Planning Comm. 7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room
500 St Mary's Road
Thursday, May 17

Design Review 7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room
500 St Mary's Road
Tuesday, May 22

Park, Trails, Rec. 7pm
Community Center
500 St Mary's Road
Wednesday, June 13

Circulation 7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room
500 St Mary's Road
Monday, May 21

Emergency Prep. 9:15am
City Offices
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite 265
Wednesday, June 13

Senior Services 4pm
Community Center, Alder Room
500 St Mary's Road
Thursday, May 24

Youth Services 6pm
Community Center, Elderberry Room
500 St Mary's Road
Monday, June 11

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for:
• all meeting notes
• calendar updates
Chamber of Commerce:
<http://www.lafayettechamber.org>
for:
• local businesses
• upcoming events



Possession of Marijuana, 5/04/07 17-year-old student was parked in vehicle near Acalanes High School and consented to a vehicle search. A green plant substance was found on person and in vehicle. Cited and enrolled in Lafayette Juvenile Diversion Program. Released into father's custody.

Residential Burglary, 5/2 - 3/07 Condit Road. Resident gone overnight, from 5/2 - 5/3, returned home and found home broken into. Extensive number of items stolen. No suspects at this time.

Stolen Vehicle, 5/01/07 Unknown suspect removed blue 1991 4-door Acura Integra from apartment carport on Dewing Avenue.

Highway 24 Rehab

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Orinda and Lafayette residents living near the freeway should be aware that it's going to be noisy. They're grinding concrete out there, and that's loud work. Caltrans will keep work and heavy equipment to one mile of roadway to "localize" noise. Some one-mile stretches are not heavily populated, but if that one mile of roadway is in your backyard it's going to be a bumpy ride.

Caltrans spokesman John Cunliffe says, "Residents can check our website after 4:00 on Friday afternoon to find out which stretches will be worked on during the coming week." http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist/4/24_rehab/. However, a quick check last Saturday morning revealed no current information. Noisy work will not happen nightly, but when it does occur it may continue on consecutive nights. Cunliffe hopes residents will consider the noise "a short term effect, and take whatever mitigation measures they feel are necessary."

Coming Soon To The Mercantile Building
By Cathy Tyson

With construction almost completed on the upper portion of the buildings, retail tenants will soon be handed their respective spaces on the ground floor of the landmark Mercantile Building on Mt. Diablo Boulevard. "Store fronts are done by the tenants, they bring their own crew in," says Main Street Property Services' Craig Semmelmeier. He expects approximately 90 days for the build-outs. Shops should be open in late August.

Yankee Pier Restaurant signed a contract for 3,300 square feet of the 23,000 square foot ground level. Yankee Pier is part of the Lark Creek Restaurant Group, which also



Moving in with the grandparents over in Rossmoor for a couple of days, perhaps?

Drivers should note that most of the work, including ramp and lane closures, will be done on weeknights from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. but will be flexible depending on type of "work, location and weather. Caltrans expects "little or no delay" for morning commuters. Signs will be posted 72 hours in advance of a ramp closure, and traffic will be re-routed to the next most convenient on/off-ramp. Detour signs, already up in Orinda, will direct traffic along surface streets.

Questions or comments can be submitted to Caltrans using a web form: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist/4/24_rehab/24rehabcontact.htm or you can call them at (925) 957-2001. A recorded message directs you to the website but also offers the opportunity to leave a question of comment and a call-back number.

owns One Market in San Francisco. JoS. A. Bank, a men's clothing store, "Duchess" a women's boutique, an upscale day spa and a home furnishing store round out the current tenant list. At the moment there are only 2,000 square feet available, 633 of which would be perfect for a small take-out food shop.

Upstairs leasing is handled by Grubb and Ellis. Because its such a unique building, Mr. Semmelmeier opines that it won't be difficult to fill. First choice goes of course to Cortese Investments, the developer. When it's your building, you get dibs.



Seniors enjoying the dance

Photo by Cathy Tyson

Senior SOCK HOP Fund Raiser Sunday May 6th
To Benefit the Lamorinda Senior Transportation Program
By Cathy Tyson, Lamorinda Weekly Reporter

A Good Time Was Had By All

On a warm, sunny afternoon, many dolled up seniors came to the Lafayette Community Center for upbeat music, provided by the Tice Valley Swing Band of Rossmoor, to trip the light fantastic. Not only was this a fun party for area seniors, but it was a fundraiser for the Lamorinda Spirit Van transportation service. This service is a lifeline for seniors who don't drive. Every day the van, which is funded solely by the City of Lafayette, picks up seniors from Moraga and Orinda taking them wherever they need to go. Unfortunately the Town of Moraga and City of Orinda, have not contributed to the service even though it serves seniors from those communities. Ann Freitas, a Lafayette resident, says she

came for the entertainment, but was mainly there to, "support the van service. We need it."

Aletha Anderson and Mei Sun Li are the Co-coordinators of Lafayette Senior Services, who organized this event. The "ballroom" was done up with streamers and balloons, a long table filled with food added to the festive atmosphere. In addition

to the Sock Hop, every Wednesday, a "Tea Dance" is held at the Community Center, a bargain at \$2. with refreshments provided.

The Co-Coordinators even arranged for professional instructor Adrian Flores, a handsome fellow with perfect hair and very shiny shoes, to give dance lessons to eager participants.



Tice Valley Swing Band

Photo by Cathy Tyson

Whole Foods is Coming to Town

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Whole Foods - Whole People - Whole Planet

A lofty motto, but Whole Foods Markets' track record does indicate that it actively supports sustainable agriculture, re-use and recycling, and the use of environmentally sound products, and it has a program in place that offers financial incentives to employees who engage in voluntary community service. Individual stores hold 5% Days (or CommUnity Giving Days),

donating 5% of that day's net sales to a local or regional non-profit or educational organization.

What About Supporting our Local Family-owned Businesses?

Is there room for another grocery store in Lafayette? Will community friend and mainstay Diablo Foods suffer a loss of business once Whole Foods Markets moves in? Similar fears arose when Trader Joe's arrived, and were

dispelled as shoppers came from outlying areas, drawn to Trader Joe's, and shuttled from one end of the parking lot to the other to shop at both stores rather than just one (c'mon, you know you've done it, too). Local optimists believe that there are enough shoppers in Lamorinda, some of whom currently trek to Whole Foods in Walnut Creek every week, to make this work.



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