

# Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

# Lafayette

Calendar	
City Council	7pm Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, Aug 13
Planning Comm.	7pm Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, Aug 2
Design Review	7pm Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Tuesday, Aug 7
Park, Trails, Rec.	7pm Community Center 500 St Mary's Road Wednesday, Aug 8
Circulation	7pm Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, Aug 20
Emergency Prep.	9:15am City Offices 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite 265 Wednesday, Aug 8
Senior Services	3:30pm Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, July 26

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• all meeting notes  
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• local businesses  
• upcoming events



**Grand Theft 7/07**  
Roller bag with lap top valued at \$2000 inside was found missing from unlocked car parked in the driveway of Sky Hi Circle residence overnight. No suspects, no leads or witnesses.

**Bike Stolen 7/10**  
Lucas Circle. At 7:30 pm, middle aged male left his garage door open due to the heat, intending to close it before retiring for the night, but forgot. Older model white mountain bike valued at \$300 was discovered missing at 7:30 am the next morning. No suspects or witnesses.

**Food Flung 7/17**  
Silver Springs Rd. Neighbor checking on house, discovered a large amount of food products spread on and around the residence, driveway and car while the residents were on vacation. A former classmate of high school aged daughter is suspected.

**Wallet lifted 7/17**  
Unknown suspect entered unlocked vehicle parked at Springbrook Pool Parking lot and took wallet from purse left on front passenger seat.

## New Library and Learning Center Board Seeks Members

**By Lee Borrowman**  
The Lafayette Community Foundation (LCF), having completed their highly successful capital campaign, raising \$12.5 million to help the building of the new library in Lafayette, has announced the formation of a new entity – the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation. The Library Foundation will take the reins as the primary fundraiser, partnering with the city, county, schools, Friends of the Lafayette Library and other community partners to support expanded hours, programming, the collection and building operations at the new Library and Learning Center. "What makes a unique library is its unique programming," says Lois Laine of the Lafayette Community

Foundation and Friends of the Lafayette Library, "Sweet Thursdays and our Children's Program have been very successful, drawing people from all over the East Bay. We are looking to create a panorama of programs, with regional appeal and for people of all ages, from children to seniors." The job of the new Board of Trustees will be to raise funds to make the new facility a place where this can happen. Laine explains, "Trustees will be offering a critical public service to the community, and will have an exciting opportunity to actually create something brand new." The Board will also coordinate activities of the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium, a

"first-ever" collaboration among 12 high-profile arts, education, and cultural organizations that will turn the soon-to-be-built local library into a regional resource and which will bring a wide variety of events, activities and expertise to the new library. If you have the time to attend meetings of the Board and subcommittees and an interest in raising funds to ensure the ongoing success of the Library and Learning Center, go to [www.lafayettelib.com](http://www.lafayettelib.com), [www.lafayettecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.lafayettecommunityfoundation.org) or [www.ci.lafayette.ca.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us). Applications will be accepted and interviews conducted over the course of the summer; the final application deadline is Sept. 14, 2007.



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  - Greenbelt Alliance
  - John F. Kennedy University
  - John Muir/Mt. Diablo Health System
  - Lindsay Wildlife Museum
  - Oakland Museum of California
  - Oakland Zoo in Knowland Park
  - Saint Mary's College of California
  - University of California Institute of Governmental Studies
  - University of California Lawrence Hall of Science

## Today, Lafayette; Tomorrow, Le Tour?



**By Lee Borrowman**  
Let the race begin!  
Some wore jeans and t-shirts, others stayed cool in shorts and tank-tops, and a few were adorably clad in pint-sized versions of the colored team kits worn by their cyclist parents. Many local adult cyclists from around Lamorinda did quite well in the 3rd annual Lafayette Criterium on July 15 (view the race results at <http://www.c4racing.org/www/events.htm>). For many lining the streets of Lafayette that morning, the real stars of the day were those too young to race for a team but who pedaled their little hearts out nonetheless, to the delight of a crowd of cheering spectators. All proud little racers received ribbons, and some will always remember their first race!



Brennan O'Connell rolls across the finish line first in the 6-7 year old race

## Rock the Plaza Returns

Back for its second season, the 'Rock the Plaza' live concert series will take place in Lafayette's Plaza Park at the corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd and Moraga Rd. each Friday in August. The series features local musicians focusing on various genres of rock & roll. Food and beverages will be available or you can pack a picnic. will provide a wonderful opportunity for music fans to enjoy Lafayette.

**All shows start at 6:00pm and are presented free of charge. Here is this year's line-up:**

August 3rd: Good Question	August 17th: Total Eclipse
August 10th: Stone Soup	August 24th: Stage Frite

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## Planning Commission Struggles

**By Andy Scheck**  
The members of the Lafayette Planning Commission have had a difficult role to play of late. There is a carefully crafted General Plan for Lafayette, there are areas in the city that are in need of major improvement and there are developers that want to do the job. The Woodbury development, proposed for 3758 Mt. Diablo Blvd. behind the Veterans Memorial Building, is a perfect example of how the Design Review Board, City Staff and Planning Commission work together to get a project ready for a final decision by the City Council. How many improvements to a proposed development can be made? How closely must it adhere to the guidelines of the General Plan? Step by step, KO Architects has followed the advice of the Design Review Board and the

Planning Commission. Over the course of many meetings, a proposal was forged which, after a 4-2 vote of the Commission, will be presented to the City Council at its next meeting on August 13. The Woodbury development will replace an existing motel and the surrounding area with four stylish townhouse buildings creating eighty condominiums, of which twelve will meet the affordable housing requirement. The Woodbury is a big step towards the General Plan target of bringing multiple housing units and affordable living to Lafayette. In looking at this area, it is important to note that there are two more properties between the existing Veterans Memorial Building and the new development. The East Bay Municipal Utility District owns the space behind the Vet

building, complete with right of way rights and use restrictions. Rick Stover, the developer's landscape architect, presented a plan for the possible use of the EBMUD property. A bike path, walkways, grassy playground and pleasant seating areas will make this open space enjoyable. In voting against sending the project to the City Council, Commissioners Will Lovitt and Mark Mitchell again addressed their concerns about the height of the buildings, which at 41 feet exceeds the 35 feet maximum. At its next meeting on August 2nd, the Planning Commission is expected to hold its final vote on the extended building heights and the rezoning of the property from C (General Commercial) to P1 (Planned Unit Development).

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