

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

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Calendar	
City Council 7pm Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, Sept 10	
Planning Comm. 7pm Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, Aug 30	
Design Review 7pm Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Tuesday, Sept 11	
Park, Trails, Rec. 7pm Community Center 500 St Mary's Road Wednesday, Sept 12	
Circulation 7pm Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Tuesday, Sept 4	
Emergency Prep. 9:15am City Offices 3675 Mt, Diablo Blvd. Suite 265 Wednesday, Sept 12	
Senior Services 3:30pm Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, Aug 23	
check online: Town of Lafayette: http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us for: • all meeting notes • calendar updates Chamber of Commerce: http://www.lafayettechamber.org for: • local businesses • upcoming events	



Attempted Phone Fraud, 8/14/07 There was a suspicious telephone call to an elderly Stowe Lane resident, in which an unknown person told victim to write a check for \$500.00. The caller told the victim the check would be picked up and in exchange the victim would receive \$5 million dollars from Western Union. There are no witnesses or suspects at the moment.

Water Balloon vs. Car, 8/09/07 A 23 year old woman was driving southbound on St. Mary's Road near Eastwood Drive at 9:15 p.m., when a water balloon was thrown at her car by a vehicle going in the opposite direction. Unfortunately her left headlight and turn signal were broken.

Auto Burglary, 8/08/07 An unknown suspect forced entry into a locked vehicle parked on Kelley Court. Personal property valued at \$1,350 dollars was taken. Items include an expensive Canon camera, an Apple video iPod, and CD's. The passenger side window was smashed. No suspects or witnesses at this time.

Get Out Of Juvenile Hall Semi-Free

By Cathy Tyson



Youth Services Officer, Mark Greenwood Photo by Cathy Tyson

"Juvenile detective," no longer. As of April of this year, the Lafayette Police Department has a Youth Services Officer, Mark Greenwood, who heads up the juvenile diversion program. As Youth Services Officer, Greenwood's emphasis is on, "making good choices, and realizing the choices you make now affect your future."

Under the direction of Chief Mike Hubbard, the department wants to have a positive influence on kids and the schools they attend. The younger kids at Stanley seem more receptive so far, according to Greenwood, perhaps because they're younger and not as susceptible to the 'cool factor.' During the school year Officer Greenwood can be found at dances, football games, visiting at lunch at both

Acalanes and Stanley. "Its good community relations," he says, "My main focus is to support the schools."

In a nutshell, first time juvenile offenders who make a bad decision get one "freebie." The goal is for these kids to learn from their mistakes. This program is not an option for kids who commit violent crimes. But for the majority of good kids with otherwise clean records who get caught shoplifting, for vandalism or perhaps even a possession ticket, this is a wonderful opportunity. To qualify, kids need to have a good attitude, be remorseful, and have a desire to keep their record clean, along with parents who are willing to be supportive in enforcing the arrangement. Through this program, if a juvenile completes the requirements, his

crime won't show up on his criminal record. Both Moraga and Orinda have teen diversion programs as well.

Then there are four steps that must be completed. First, the young participant must write an essay; generally about 'what I did wrong, how could I have made a smarter choice, what have I learned from the experience.'

Second, community service hours, for example washing the police cars. There was a young man doing just that when we visited the department. Lafayette Parks and Recreation always needs help picking up litter. Sometimes Officer Greenwood leaves it up to the parents, and gives them the paperwork to keep track of hours worked.

Third, the juvenile takes an "offender" class for eight hours at the Concord police department. Classes specific to the minor's infraction are offered, for example drugs and alcohol or vandalism.

Fourth, a curfew can be assigned, trusting that the parents will enforce it - strictly on the honor system. In addition phone probation might be enforced. Officer Greenwood would call the youth, asking about their weekend plans, and what choices they plan to make.

Finally, if any kind of damage was involved, restitution has to be paid.

In addition to his duties as Youth Services Officer, Officer Greenwood can be found on bicycle patrol, working on domestic violence situations, following up on traffic accidents and more. He adds, the police know where kids can be found partying, and encourages students to think twice and make good choices.



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Concert for Lafayette Seniors

By Mei Sun Li (edited to fit)

Knee to knee on a plane flight over the central plains of America, strangers Mark Shaw, Lafayette Re/Max Realtor, and Sue Cross, Board Member of Emeritus College (a creative study program geared for older adults), found themselves enjoying a mile high chat to break the monotony of their journey home. Soon Mark's passion for fiddle playing and fiddle music became the core of their conversation which eventually resulted in the hard working realtor delivering an Emeritus College musical interlude and lecture to an enchanted audience at the Lafayette Senior Center.

On Friday August 24th, Mark Shaw will, for his third engagement, perform in a special concert at the Lafayette Senior Center



Mark Shaw

(500 St. Mary's Rd) from 1:30 to 3:00 in the afternoon. He will share the stage with vocalist and guitarist Ray Carpenter. Their program includes a wide range of tunes from oldies (folk music) to recent pop. There is no charge but donations at the door are appreciated. Call (925)284-5050 to let staff know you are coming so we have enough lemonade on hand.

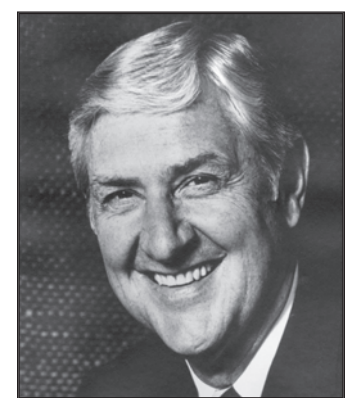
Lafayette Library Wins Grant

The Lafayette Library has been selected to receive a We the People Bookshelf grant award of 15 classic books on the theme of "The Pursuit of Happiness," made possible through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA). The bookshelf program encourages people of all ages to read classic books and explore themes in American history, culture and ideas.

"In an increasingly digital age, the local library

continues to be a friendly place for children and families to gather and share the ideals that united us," said NEH Chairman Bruce Cole. "This year's We the People Bookshelf gives readers young and old an opportunity to reflect on the diverse stories of the great American melting pot, as past themes have provided to an opportunity to reflect on the great American virtues of freedom and courage."

See page 6 (Not to be missed) for current events.



James Gordon Holmes, second Mayor of Lafayette

With our Aug. 8 story about Dr. James Gordon Holmes, "Celebrating a Life Well-Lived," we inadvertently printed the wrong photo. We have corrected the photo in our archived story which is available for download at www.lamorindaweekly.com, and apologize to Dr. Holmes' family.

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