

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

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Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Tuesday, Nov 13	
Monday, Nov 26	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, Nov 1	
Thursday, Nov 15	
Design Review	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Tuesday, Oct 23	
Tuesday, Nov 6	
Park, Trails, Rec.	7pm
Community Center 500 St Mary's Road Wednesday, Nov 14	
Circulation	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, Nov 15	
Emergency Prep.	9:15am
City Offices 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite 265 Wednesday, Nov 14	
Youth Services	6pm
Community Center, Eldenberg Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, Nov 5	
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	



Vandalism, 10/02/07 Unlucky victim parked and locked his car on the street in front of his home on Green Place and went inside. Owner returned to vehicle about an hour later and saw that the front passenger window was broken. Nothing was missing from the car and there was no other damage.

More Vandalism, 10/02/07 Two sets of expensive golf clubs were taken via the smashed rear window of a vehicle parked in a driveway on Hidalgo Court. The owner of the car and the clubs didn't hear a darn thing. Two sets of clubs, estimated value \$2,500 each, for a total of \$5,000.

Even More Vandalism, 10/01/07 An individual left his car parked and locked in his Warner Court driveway. An unknown suspect smashed the rear passenger window. Nothing was taken and the car was still locked when the police came to investigate. No leads or witnesses.

Yet Another Vehicle Petty Theft, 10/01/07 At about 7:00 p.m. an Audi A4 was parked in the driveway of a Robles Court home. When the owner came out at about 8:30 a.m. the next morning, he found an unknown suspect had entered the car and stolen a silver Canon Elph camera, valued at \$150, and a set of 12 champagne flutes and a silver ice bucket, valued at \$200.

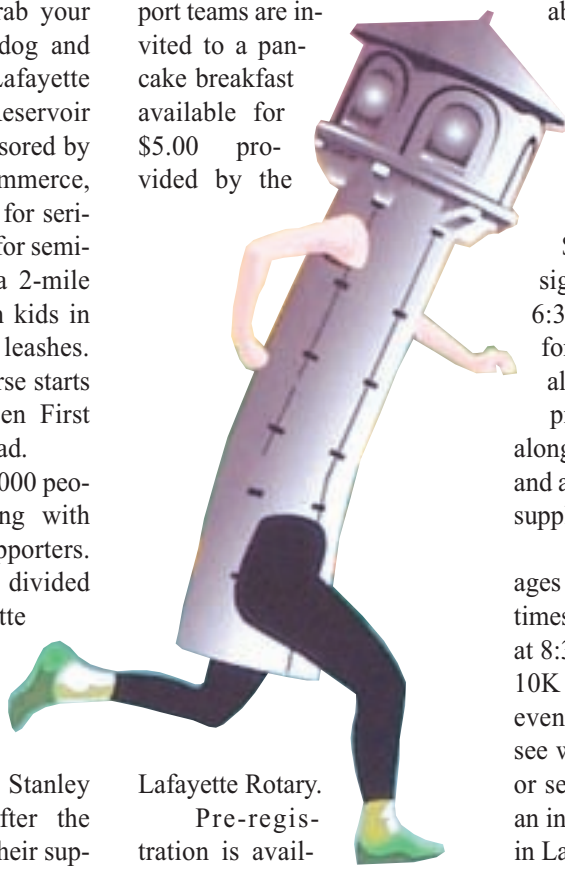
Something for Everyone at the Reservoir Run

By Cathy Tyson

It's not too late, grab your sneakers, get the dog and head to downtown Lafayette for the 15th annual Reservoir Run. The event, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, features a 10K length for serious runners, a 5K run for semi-serious runners and a 2-mile race for families with kids in strollers and dogs on leashes. The out and back course starts at Mt. Diablo between First Street and Moraga Road.

Last year over 2,000 people participated, along with scores of sideline supporters. Money raised will be divided between Lafayette schools and the Chamber of Commerce for their services and programs. Music will be provided by Stanley Middle School. After the workout runners and their sup-

port teams are invited to a pancake breakfast available for \$5.00 provided by the



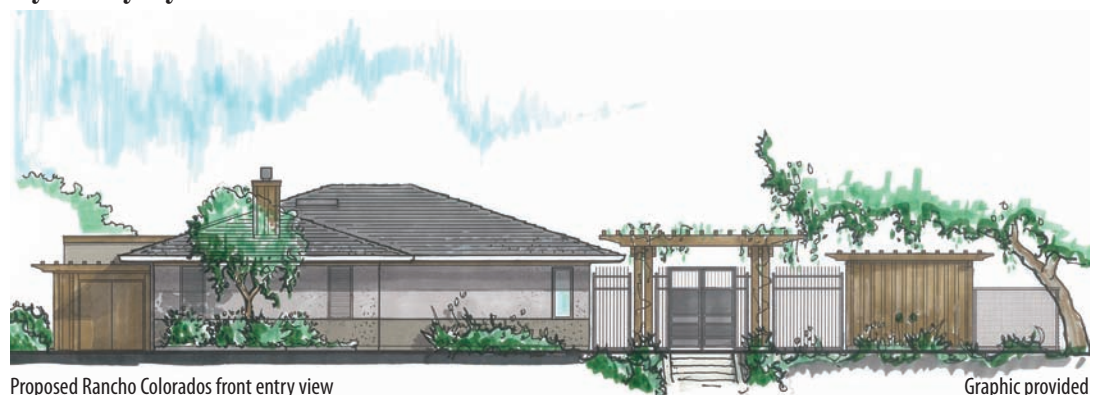
Lafayette Rotary. Pre-registration is avail-

able through the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, www.lafayettechamber.org or www.active.org. Adult pre-registration is \$26, youth pre-registration is \$18., but runners can still sign up on race day from 6:30 on, \$30 for adults, \$23 for youths. The fee includes all the water you can drink, provided at strategic spots along the routes, a goody bag, and a long sleeve T-shirt, while supplies last.

Participants are encouraged to park and BART. Race times are staggered, beginning at 8:30 for the 5K, 8:45 for the 10K and 9:00 for the 2-mile event. For more information, see www.lafayettechamber.org or see www.YouTube.com for an interesting video – just type in Lafayette Reservoir Run.

Rancho vs. The Neighbors

By Cathy Tyson



Proposed Rancho Colorados front entry view

Graphic provided

Before Burton Valley's Rancho Colorados Swim and Tennis Club (Rancho) can proceed with a proposed renovation project, the Planning Commission encouraged Rancho's Board of Directors to come to an agreement with the 18 neighbors on the private portion of Rohrer Drive. Since the main building at Rancho has been there since 1960, and is badly in need of improvement and the last request for a membership increase was way back in 1966, one would think changes to Rancho wouldn't be a problem.

Although 84% of Rancho's current 250 families approved plans last year to hire an architect to proceed with the design, adjacent to Rancho the eighteen neighboring families weren't so sure. Their major concerns aren't even about the proposed new 2,395 square foot Clubhouse.

Rather, their primary concern is about increasing the membership from 250 to 300 families and associated impacts. The neighbors would also like Rancho's Board of Directors to certify that Rancho is in compliance with all conditions of approval and that Traffic Manage-

ment guidelines are enforced. These concerns are included in the Planning Commission Staff Report, where staff recommended 14 project specific land use conditions of approval covering everything from hours of operations, to number of swim meets, parking spaces and more.

After spending quite a bit of time meeting with neighbor representatives, Rancho Board President Todd Mullins said the Club has agreed with the neighbors on a number of issues including, removal of proposed tennis court lighting, hours of use, number of swim meets, limited number of members, noise, and the appointment of a Traffic Manager to oversee parking issues.

A letter to the Lafayette Planning Commission received September 26, 2007 from neighbors William Gavan and Tom Lowe stated, "As of this date, Rancho and the neighbors have essentially reached agreement on all of the major issues as outlined in the draft agreement with the exception of the number of member families that will be permitted." It goes on to say they will compromise and agree to

275 member families.

At the early October Planning Commission meeting neighbor Steve Peers surprised most everyone in attendance and officially withdrew from the tentative agreement between Rancho and the neighbors, citing that year after year Rancho is not in compliance with their current use permit and that the proposed increase to 300 families is just too many. Another neighbor spoke up pointing out that Rancho has reneged on all of its promised compromises. A third neighbor complained that she was okay with 25 additional families, but not special events that might go until midnight.

Brad Fox, Rancho Treasurer for five of the last six years noted that the club has an infrequent parking problem, especially during swim meets. To address that, Rancho has developed a Parking and Traffic Management Plan, which



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