

# LAMORINDA Community •

# Lafayette

## Coming Soon: Rock the Plaza

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Rock the Plaza 2007

Photo Andy Scheck

"Lafayette has countless numbers of musicians, both aspiring and accomplished, as well as music fans," said Raja Singh, owner of Red House and a Lafayette resident. "The 'Rock the Plaza' series is another great way for these musicians to share their music with the local community."

Get your groove on free of charge starting at 6:00 p.m. August 1 with the Red House All-Stars. On stage August 8 will be Stagefrite, August 15 The Ramblers and fi-

nally closing night August 22 will feature The Spazmatics, a personal favorite, their catch phrase is "nerds that rock."

Pack your own picnic or just pick up some delicious food and drink at the park, on the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road. Come as you are, dancing shoes optional. What could more fun than savoring an adult beverage with pals, your toes in the grass on a warm summer night? Carpe the Friday.

## 2008 Concerts

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The Red House All-Stars

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## Mt. Diablo Paving Project

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Associate Engineer Matt Luttrupp noted that many people ask why the paving wasn't done at night, similar to Orinda's recent paving project. "There are quite a few large apartment buildings and many residential homes within 100 yards of Mount Diablo Boulevard and if the work was performed at night these individuals would not have been able to sleep for the last week and half and this was deemed an unreasonable burden."

Updates are posted on the city of Lafayette's website, www.love-lafayette.org every Friday, under the Quick Links section, subhead Cap-

ital Improvements.

One lane will be open in each direction at all times during work hours of 8:30 to 4:30, but there will be delays. Detours will be well marked. Contractor Top Grade Construction and city staff asks drivers for cooperation and extra patience during the project, which they are hoping to complete while minimizing delays and inconvenience. Surely this won't be a problem for normally courteous Lamorinda motorists, who are quite familiar with the joys of road construction.

## Future of Potential Sales Tax Doubtful

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"It was an agonizing, painful decision, because we want the city to succeed, we want our streets paved, we want police services increased," said fellow Chamber member and long time business owner Larry Blodgett. Referring to the difficult business climate for his store lately he continued, "Our story is one of many up and down the boulevard; I don't think now is the time for a sales tax."

The majority of public input was definitely not in favor of a potential tax increase. Marianne Adams of the Yarn Boutique said, "I can't tell you how much I oppose this measure."

"I'm disgusted that you would do something to harm business - it's just as close to go

to Walnut Creek or Moraga and way less hassle," said Gloria Lenhardt.

One of only a few residents that didn't oppose the measure was Geoff Bellenger who said, "I think it's very appropriate that citizens have the opportunity to vote on the tax. I believe we are short on services."

Public comment is encouraged at the second meeting addressing this issue on July 28 at the Lafayette Community Center, 7:00 p.m., a final decision as to whether or not to put it on the November ballot will be made at that time. If the mood of this meeting was any indication, the future of a potential additional sales tax does not look good.

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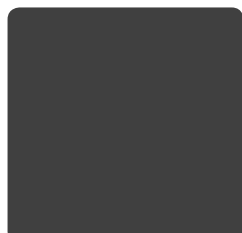
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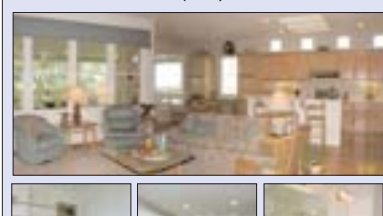
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