

Lamorinda Community

Calendar, Notes, News

Lafayette

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Monday, July 28	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Wednesday, August 7	
Design Review	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Tuesday, August 12	
Park, Trails, Rec.	7pm
Community Center 500 St Mary's Road	
Friday, August 13	
Senior Services	3:30pm
Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Thursday, August 28	
check online:	
Town of Lafayette:	
http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us	
• all meeting notes	
• calendar updates	
Chamber of Commerce:	
http://www.lafayettechamber.org	
• local businesses	
• upcoming events	



Bank fraud 7/11/08 A young woman who lives on Topper Court called police to report and an unknown suspect took \$9,000 from her checking account. The victim had no idea how this happened. She didn't give anyone permission to take her funds.

Theft from car, 7/08/08 Between Saturday night and Sunday morning a thief took a pair of binoculars and a cell phone charger from an unlocked car parked on El Curtola Boulevard. The items had been in the glove compartment before they disappeared. Estimated value \$40 total for the two items.

Theft from car, 7/07/08 A Marlene Drive resident parked her car in the carport in front of her place, unsure if she locked the doors. The victim went to her vehicle the next morning and noticed that her coin box was missing. Estimated loss, coins in the coin box valued at \$5.

Tools taken, 7/1/08 Tools were taken from a Moraga Road construction site during the night. The same location was burglarized a week before, the unknown thieves used the same point of entry to sneak in.

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Mt. Diablo Paving Project

By Cathy Tyson



Hard-working employees of St. Francis Electric, a subcontractor of Top Grade Construction Photo Cathy Tyson

It's déjà vu all over again. Drivers along Mt. Diablo Boulevard from Dolores Drive to First Street might be flashing back to the Moraga Way or EBMUD paving projects while stuck on Lafayette's main thoroughfare. Because of significant signs of wear and tear and having not been paved in over fifteen years, now is the time to get it done.

The first layer of pavement was placed last week. The last layer is tentatively scheduled for July 28 and 29; residents are strongly encouraged to avoid the project area on those two days. Remaining miscellaneous work is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Lafayette residents will be pleased to find out that city staff made the deal of the century with regard to funding this project. The three-fifths of a mile long project will cost approximately \$865,000. More than half of the funds, \$540,000, came from a federal grant; \$240,000 came from regional mitigation money, that could only be used on arterial roads, and the balance, a mere \$85,000, was spent from gas tax revenue received from the State and is required as a matching contribution in order to obtain the federal grant.

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Coming Soon: Rock the Plaza

By Cathy Tyson



Graphic provided by Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

Lafayette's Plaza Park, also known as Elam and Margaret Brown Plaza Park, will once again be the place to enjoy quality music on the first four Friday nights in August with the summer music series, "Rock the Plaza." Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Red House Studios, this will be the third summer this popular series will have downtown jammin'.

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The Lafayette City Council is seeking applicants for the opening on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). The Citizens Advisory Committee provides citizen perspective, participation and involvement in the CCTA's \$3 billion voter-approved Transportation Expenditure Plan and Growth Management Program. **Applications available on the city website www.ci.lafayette.ca.us or call 284-1968 and ask for Joanne Robbins, City Clerk.**

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Future of Potential Sales Tax Doubtful

By Cathy Tyson



Jay Lifson, Executive Director Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Photo Wendy Schreck

In the first of two City Council meetings looking for public input regarding a potential additional sales tax for Lafayette, many anti-tax advocates expressed their opinions including the influential Chamber of Commerce. A recent survey of Lafayette residents by the Tramutola/Godbe research firm showed general support for the measure; 59% of polled residents were in favor, even after hearing arguments against it.

At issue was a potential increase of .75% to the current 8.25% tax rate, which if approved would have made Lafayette, at 9.00%, the city with the highest sales tax in the Bay Area. The additional funds would be used to pay for badly needed road repair, pay for downtown twinkle lights, banners, landscaping, parks and preserved open space and police services.

"After a two hour discussion our Board of Directors voted to oppose. This is not the right time; our downtown is made up of small businesses that are already feeling the effects of a poor economy. A sales tax is not the way to solve the revenue problems our city faces," said Jay Lifson, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

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