

Lamorinda Community

Calendar, Notes, News

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Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Monday, November 24	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Thursday, November 20	
Design Review	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Tuesday, November 25	
Town of Lafayette:	
http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us	
Chamber of Commerce:	
http://www.lafayettechamber.org	



Take Your Tools and Leave
11/2/08 – Lafayette Police were summoned to a Los Arabis Drive home to calm a dispute between the homeowner and a contractor over work being done at the home. The dispute arose after the homeowner told the contractor he planned to rescind the contract and ordered the contractor to gather his materials and leave the property. The contractor became rather upset and began cursing at the homeowner and demanding payment. The homeowner told the contractor to take him to court and the contractor left with his equipment.

Minor, Marijuana and Music
10/29/08 – An Acalanes student was arrested on campus for possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana on school grounds. The minor also happened to be in possession of a stolen iPod. It is unknown if the minor was listening to Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here" just prior to the arrest.

Broken Passenger Windows at Oakwood
10/29/08 – An unknown suspect broke the passenger windows of two vehicles parked at Oakwood Athletic Club. One owner was missing a nylon briefcase containing his Dell laptop. The other owner is missing a gym bag containing clothes and an iPod. The computer was later recovered after being sold on the street in Montclair. The location of the gym bag and its contents is unknown. A small, dark and mysterious vehicle was seen circling the lot just prior to the break-ins.

Speed Racer Found
10/31/08 – A minor was pulled over by Lafayette Police on Happy Valley Road near Sundown Terrace. The minor was charged with "reckless driving" for driving in excess of 70 mph in a 25 mph zone. The minor will appear in court on November 25.



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Historic Election Party Rocks the Plaza

By Cathy Tyson



The Lamorinda Democratic Club's Craig Cheslog addresses the crowd

Photo Andy Scheck

With a nod to the throngs of people gathered in Chicago and Washington D.C., Lafayette's Plaza Park was the place to go to celebrate a new day for our country, last Wednesday evening. Cars drove by and honked their horns, young children danced on the grass, and flags hanging from the trellises provided a backdrop for this historic celebration.

Mike Anderson spoke passionately about what a momentous, life changing event this is – electing

the first African American president. Lynda Deschambault, Moraga's Mayor, recalled that "we've gone through the good, the bad and the ugly," in this election and introduced the top vote-getter (by ten votes at press time) in the Moraga Town Council race, Karen Mendonca. Host Craig Cheslog of the Lamorinda Democratic Club (LDC) noted that Barack Obama is only the third democrat in the last century to win the majority of the popular vote. He also commented

that Obama has 2.5 million fans on Facebook – a sign of what a campaign can do by reaching out to young people.

Despite having their hands full trying to get local democratic candidates elected, the LDC rallied, pulling together this election party together on short notice. Live music, balloons, campaign buttons and Obama cookies helped set the celebratory tone of the night.

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Eden Comes to Lafayette

Long awaited senior housing nears fruition

By Cathy Tyson

It took five years to get to this point, but additional senior housing is finally coming to Lafayette. Eden Housing, Inc. is well on its way to having its land use permit request granted. Both the Planning Commission and the Senior Housing Task Force expressed their enthusiastic support of the project. Some paperwork on

Conditions and Findings needs to be completed before the final okay, which should be granted at the Planning Commission's next meeting.

The proposed 52,000 square foot structure on .8 acre, will contain 46 senior apartments. The central location between Brown Avenue and Blackwood Lane, next

to the Forge at 3426 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, is ideal. Architect Van Meter Williams Pollack designed the three story building to be set back from the street, and it features two interior courtyards for the residents to enjoy. Almost all of the units, 97%, will be deemed "affordable."

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New Library Nearing Completion

By Cathy Tyson

Everything is basically on schedule for the Lafayette Library and Learning Center (LLLC) to open its doors in approximately a year, in late fall of 2009. The project is the first of its kind to include a unique collaboration of a dozen arts, education and cultural organizations – The Glenn Seaborg Consortium. The over 30,000 square feet structure is more than four times larger than the current library, giving the collection of 110,000 books and audiovisual materials, 42 computers,

186 reader seats, homework center and more - room to breathe.

There was just one interesting delay, having to do with the granite. The master plan of finishes, paint colors and landscaping goes through the design review process just like every other project in Lafayette. However, it took about a year from the time the granite - 80,000 square feet, the equivalent of two acres - was identified until the recent delivery of a current sample.

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