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Summer Events in Lafayette

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School's Out. Let the Summer Fun Begin!



Melyssa Snyder helps launch the new Splash Pad at the Moraga Commons with Parks and Rec Director Jay Ingram Photo Doug Kohen

At the Lafayette Library:

June 12 - Sweet Thursday Special Event - Lisa See, author of Snowflower and the Secret Fan and Peony in Love at Stanley Middle School, sponsored by Friends of the Lafayette Library and the Lafayette Book Store, 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

At the Lafayette Community Center:

June 15 - August 14, Wheels on Wednesdays, play games and enjoy music every Wednesday throughout the summer 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. \$3. Bring your skates or scooters down to the Rink at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road.

June 26 - The Magic of Going Green - a magical, musical and educational magic show about recycling, waste reduction and energy conservation, featuring Tye the Magic Guy and Tiffany. Friday 11:00 at the Lafayette Community Center, \$3 per

person.

July 10 - Boswick the Clown - enjoy the antics of Boswick the Clown, a former Ringling Brother's Circus Clown. Magic and juggling packaged in comedy, Friday 11:00 a.m. Lafayette Community Center, \$3 per person.

July 17 - Mad Science "Fire & Ice" - Children will be dazzled and entertained as they interact with our Mad Scientists! Event includes foggy dry ice storms. Volunteers from the audience can taste special Mad Science "burp" potions. 11:00 a.m. Lafayette Community Center, \$3 per person.

July 31 - The Amazing Marcus - A high energy show that will make all that watch laugh themselves silly. With hysterical antics, extraordinary escapes, amazing magic and great juggling. 11:00 a.m. Lafayette Community Center, \$3 per person.

August 14 - Free Dodgeball Movie night, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Come down to the Lafayette Roller Hockey Rink to play dodgeball and view the movie, "Dodgeball." Bring blankets and wear sporty clothing. Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road.

August 14 - Capt'n Jack Spareribs - Who knew? A pirate that can juggle and entertain right here in Lafayette. 11:00 a.m. Lafayette Community Center, \$3 per person.

Other events of interest:

An Evening in the Garden with Wine and Roses

On Thursday, June 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Orchard Nursery in Lafayette is hosting an evening of wine tasting, gourmet-treat eating, and culture to get the summer started in good style. Live music, a book reading, an art exhibit (by Lafayette artist Vicki Pierpont), and presentations on rose care and botanical arrangements are all part of this fun, first-time event. To make a reservation, call (925) 299-5444.

August 14, 21, 28 - Rock the Plaza, 6:00 p.m. - Three Friday concerts at Lafayette Plaza Park at the corner of Moraga Road and Mt. Diablo Blvd. Sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and Red House Studios, see Chamber website for band information, www.lafayettechamber.org. Free.

Anytime: The Lafayette Reservoir

The Lafayette Reservoir is ideal for fishing, hiking, jogging, fishing, boating and picnicking. Open every day for all visitors, the recreation area is also open for bicyclists (and for those who prefer roller skates, roller blades and scooters) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon until closing and on Sundays from opening until 11:00 a.m. on the paved Lakeside Trail (2.7miles) and roads. See www.ebmud.com/services/recreation/east_bay/lafayette/ for rules, fees and permits required.

Amenities

- Whole access fishing dock

- Bait shop
- Launching docks
- Rental boats (Private rowboats, canoes, kayaks and small sailboats allowed if carried atop vehicle - no gasoline engines)
- Picnic areas (including 2 group sites available for reservation)
- Children's playground (located on the East lawn)
- Native Garden
- Senior and disabled persons discounts

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