

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Monday, September 28	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Thursday, September 17	
Thursday, October 1	
Design Review	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Tuesday, September 22	
Senior Services	3:00pm
Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Thursday, September 24	
City of Lafayette:	
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Farmers de Lafayette

By Glenn Nosse



Lafayette Farmer's Market last Thursday

Photo Andy Scheck

If the statue could speak, the Marquis de Lafayette would have questions. Like, why did it take so long for the city to correctly spell his name, evolving from LaFayette, to La Fayette, to finally Lafayette in 1932, twenty-five years later? The first Farmers' Market in Lafayette finally made the cut on Thursday, September 4, in Plaza Park, fifteen years after it was first envisioned.

"There was resistance from the locals and independent grocers," explains Keith Farley, market manager for the Contra Costa Farmer's Markets Inc. Farley was quick to indicate that major grocery

retailer Safeway welcomed the Market, but company confirmation on this issue remains on the shelves. "We all have differing opinions," said a ranked Safeway employee.

Surrounding businesses also resisted, in fear of losing parking stalls to the peas and carrots. Chamber of Commerce CEO Jay Lifson says, "The Market is doing everything asked of them regarding monitoring the traffic, parking, and polling numerous customers and businesses with a mostly favorable reaction."

Farley defends the Market, saying, "Everyone does it for the love, not the money. The person

who grew it is selling it. We are the poster child for non-profits." Not that all of this matters to the organic fans and their children, like Anna McCarthy, seriously tasting a huge strawberry with little sister Sarah and mom Catherine. "We love the strawberries, I'm a Safeway convert," said McCarthy. She was followed by another hungry crowd that carried away all of the pies and pastries and ran supplies low among all vendors on opening day.

The second Market on September 10 experienced some heat; 103 degrees, by some reports. That, along with a well-attended affair at Acalanes High School, may have kept the count lower. One vendor was a conspicuous no-show when its delivery truck had problems getting to Lafayette, leaving a gaping, gopher-like hole between the onion farmers and bee keepers. "Growing



Shoppers enjoying a taste of fresh local produce.

Photo Andy Scheck

Art and Wine Festival This Weekend



Tom Taneyhill

Photo Cathy Tyson

Look for accomplished Lafayette painter Tom Taneyhill at the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival's Local Artist Alley, located between Chow and A.G. Fer-

rari at the Festival this Saturday and Sunday. He and scores of artists from all over the area will be selling their wares up and down Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

You're a Winner! Not. 8/19/09 An unknown suspect mailed out fake sweepstakes letters and forged checks from Diamond K Supply to various subjects in Lafayette. If you are the recipient of such a letter, pleased be advised that your golden ticket to the chocolate factory is fake and you need to contact the Lafayette Police. To date, no checks have been cashed and the motive is unknown.

Too Many Margaritas? 8/22/09 An unknown and appetite-free suspect burglarized El Charro, ransacked an office and damaged several items in the restaurant. It is possible that the suspect is not playing with a full deck because everyone knows that the good stuff at El Charro is found in the kitchen or behind the bar.

Put Your Toys Away 8/23/09 A Blackberry Court resident called Lafayette Police to report that his son's bicycle had been stolen from the front of the house. The bicycle was outside when the family left for a weekend trip and was gone when they returned a few days later. Missing is a \$200 Haro 10-speed. A more secure bicycle storage arrangement may be a future consideration.

Not Your Average Traffic Stop 9/1/09 Lafayette Police pulled a Toyota Camry over for a routine traffic stop and discovered the vehicle had been stolen from a repair shop in Oakland. A search of the vehicle revealed two large fixed blade knives on the driver's side floorboard and the front passenger on a parole violation for drug-related charges. Both men were arrested and taken to the Martinez Detention Facility for booking.



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