

# Civic News



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# Lafayette

Public Meetings	
<b>City Council</b>	Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 pm Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Monday, October 4, 7:00 pm Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd
<b>Design Review</b>	Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 pm Lafayette Library & Learning Center in the Arts & Science Discovery Center at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements  
City of Lafayette: [www.ci.lafayette.ca.us](http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us)  
Chamber of Commerce: [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org)

**• Police Report •**



**Woman Threatened on El Nido Ranch Road, 9/8/10** – A woman reported she had been confronted in a threatening and violent manner on El Nido Ranch Road east of Sunny Hills Road. The woman attempted to drive away to avoid the confrontation but was unable to do so. When officers made contact with the subject, he said he was upset that the woman had parked behind him. When officers explained it was public property, the man was unable to comprehend that he had to share public areas. Although the woman insisted on being anonymous out of fear for her family's safety, the report was taken due to the nature of the public nuisance. What an understatement.

**Stolen Truck, 8/13/10** – An officer noted a truck had been illegally parked on Orchard Road overnight. When the officer ran the plate, she learned the truck had been stolen on the previous day. The truck was towed and the registered owner was contacted.

**What's that in the Plastic Bag? 9/15/10** – An Orinda woman entered the Lafayette Safeway and took three bottles of vanilla extract off the shelf before placing them in a plastic Safeway bag and exiting the store without paying for them. The woman was detained by security until Police arrived. They determined the woman had no money or any other means of paying for \$15 worth of vanilla. The woman was unable to walk unassisted and fell to the ground. In addition to shoplifting, she was booked for being drunk in Public. Safeway intends to prosecute. Déjà vu, anyone?

**Spray Paint Bandits, 9/12/10** – A Reliez Valley Road resident reported that a number of signs and fences had been vandalized in the 1600-1800 blocks of Reliez Valley Road. The unknown vandals spray-painted the signs and fences with black and green paint in the middle of the night

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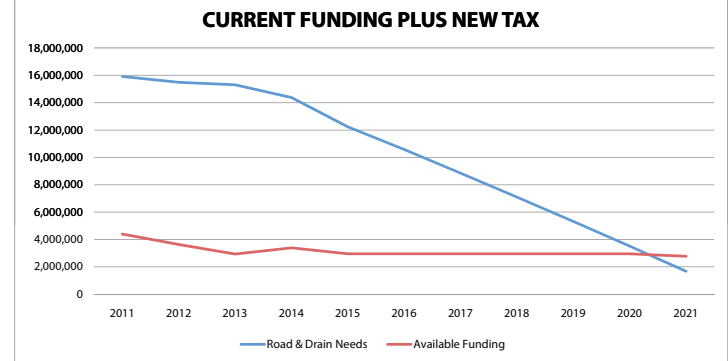
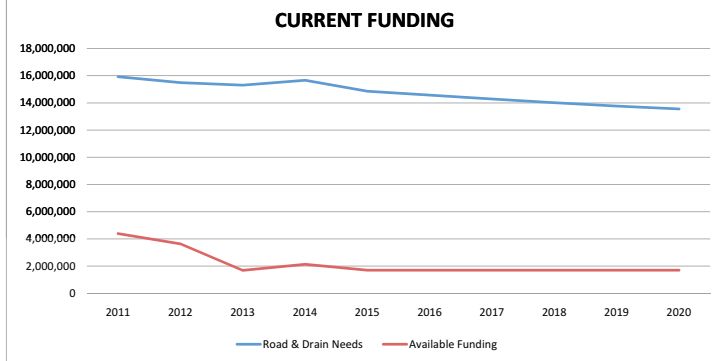
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**Tuesday-Saturday 10-6**

## Want Roads Fixed – Need More Money

By Cathy Tyson



<http://lafayette.waterware.com/docshare/dsweb/Get/Document-4639/September%2013,%202010%20City%20Council20100908122449.pdf> (page 19, 23)

Unless a new revenue source is found, the road repair backlog will never be solved, suggested Tony Coe, Engineering Services Manager, at a recent City Council meeting discussing Lafayette's five year capital improvement program (CIP). "The status quo will not resolve the (road repair) backlog," said Coe. "Staff observes that the backlog cannot be eliminated without sustaining a higher level of capital funding on a continuous basis into the future. Even sizable one-time special revenues such as the Palos Colorados payment will only result in an initial drawdown of the backlog, but they are not large enough to solve the problem entirely over the long term." "Entering 2011 there are 97

streets awaiting reconstruction," said Coe. There is a shortfall of \$14 million to repair all of these roads, plus an additional \$2 million for associated drain repair, a grand total of \$16 million.

Several "What if" scenarios were presented to the City Council to illustrate possible road repair options. Sometimes a picture really is worth a thousand words - Coe had several charts that show a line representing current funding and a line representing road and drain needs. Bottom line - if nothing changes the failed road situation is never solved - the lines never cross.

Another scenario showed the effect of current funding plus an additional \$400,000 annually from the General Fund - in this case the projected time to eliminate the shortfall is around 29 years. At the recent Budget Workshop there was some discussion about adding \$400,000 more from the General Fund to put toward road repairs - but it couldn't be done without un-balancing the budget and dipping into City reserve accounts.

Even with current funding plus \$400,000 from the General Fund plus money from Palos Colorados, plus the Redevelopment Agency (RDA), the shortfall will take 19 years to be eliminated.

With current funding and an unspecified new revenue source that would generate \$1,250,000 per year, the shortfall will be eliminated in eleven years. The lines cross in 2021.

Finally the rosiest picture includes all possible funding sources: current funding plus Palos Colorado plus RDA plus a new tax. This combination is projected to eliminate the shortfall in nine years.

One possible very small bright spot on the horizon is Measure O - proposed by the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority, a \$10 - \$15 vehicle license fee from each car owner. If passed, the measure could bring an estimated \$175,000 per year to Lafayette. While this amount is nothing to sneeze at and would help the situation, as noted above the city needs almost ten times that amount going forward to solve the road repair problem.

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## Grant Awarded to Chateau Lafayette

By Cathy Tyson

It took a few months, but the seniors at Chateau Lafayette - a non-profit senior housing facility - will soon have new energy efficient ranges and more - thanks to a County grant and a generous donation from the Lafayette Redevelopment Agency Board. Sixty inefficient aging ranges will be replaced, along with a new commercial energy efficient water heater and the roof of one of the buildings.

"This will really make life better for residents - we are extremely grateful. A win-win for everyone - we want to thank the City Council and the RDA," said Chateau representative Barry Cammer, accepting the giant check. Eighty-three low income seniors live at Chateau Lafayette on Moraga Boulevard.

The goal of the project was to improve the facility's overall energy efficiency. The old roof will be replaced with a Duro-Last Energy Star rated "Cool" roof that will use substantially less energy in summer and winter.

Part of the funds, a grant for



Noting this is a genuine smile, Barry Cammer of Chateau Lafayette accepts a check from the Lafayette Redevelopment Agency Board. Photo C. Tyson

\$28,712, came from your tax dollars at work, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which is administered by the Contra Costa County Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

"To improve the chances of receiving the grant, the Lafayette Redevelopment Agency Board agreed to contribute \$22,420 in

matching funds to replace the roof of one of the oldest building in the complex with an energy efficient "Cool" roof," said Sarah Allen, Planning Intern. A cool roof can deliver high solar reflectance that reduces the amount of heat that is transferred to the building. It reflects visible, infrared and ultraviolet wavelengths of the sun.



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