

# Civic News





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**New To Market!**



**3161 Stanley Blvd., Lafayette**

**Pottery Barn Charmer!**

- 3BD/2BA Lafayette home w/ hardwoods, Anderson windows, crown, updated lighting & more
- 2010 Eat-in kitchen w/ white cabinets, built-in banquette, black granite & stainless appliances
- Great location close to Springhill, Acalanes, Springbrook Pool & Lafayette Tennis Club!

**\$655,000**


*J. Rockcliff*

# Lafayette

Public Meetings	
<b>City Council</b>	Monday, October 25, 7:00 pm Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd
<b>Planning Commission</b>	Monday, October 18, 7:00 pm Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd
<b>Design Review</b>	Monday, 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 •**



**Not One, Not Two, but Three Cars, 10/2/10** Two Safeway employees and a McCaulou's employee discovered their cars had been broken into in the rear lot behind Safeway. The three vehicles had their windows smashed, were ransacked and items were stolen. There are no suspects but a surveillance video is being reviewed. Total damage and loss to all vehicles is estimated at nearly \$1,000.

**El Charro Gets Exciting in a Bad Way, 10/5/10** After a verbal altercation with a Lafayette man in the El Charro parking lot, a Lodi man pulled a gun out of the center console of his pickup truck before driving away. The Lodi resident was apprehended in Happy Valley near the intersection of El Nido and Upper Happy Valley Road. A 38 special was discovered in his truck, the truck was towed and the man was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility for booking. A message to the gun welder – "Hit the road Jack and don't you come back no more, no more, no more, no more."

**There it is! 9/26/10** A Brook Street resident called Police to let them know he found the bike that was stolen from his garage on August 28. There it was, locked to a bike rack at the BART station. Surely the new "owner" was a bit surprised to discover "his" bike had been stolen. The bike was not reported stolen a second time. We wonder how long the walk home was.



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**Tuesday-Saturday 10-6**

Tour of Downtown EBMUD Pathway

Possible future multi-use path

**By Cathy Tyson**



Photo Cathy Tyson

## Candidates Congregate at Community Center

By Cathy Tyson



Traci Reilly, Don Tatzin, Brandt Andersson and Dino Riggio Photo Cathy Tyson

Although originally scheduled for the Sequoia Room, an overwhelming turnout made proceeding there impossible, so candidates and guests picked up chairs, complimentary cookies and coffee and moved to the significantly larger Manzanita Room for the candidate presentations sponsored by the Lafayette Homeowners Council.

This helpful, neighborly gesture illustrates the difference between local races and generally more divisive state-wide contests. While Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman duke it out on the airwaves, more civility is required for School Board and City Council candidates that live in the neighborhood, coach your kid's soccer team or are a member of your church.

Following School Board candidates, and presentations on Proposition 22, City Council candidates took turns at the podium highlighting their experience and their platforms if elected. Wrapping up the event were questions and answers that ranged from innocuous – changing a traffic signal on Pleasant Hill Road, to an emotional resident asking if city government is run as efficiently as possible.

Although there were no big surprises, there was a clear divide between more mature incumbents and younger contenders. As expected, well-spoken incumbents Andersson and Tatzin reviewed their qualifications and pointed out their accomplishments over the past four years. Andersson reminded voters that The Lafayette Library and Learning Center has opened, priorities for obtaining open space have been established, and an unprecedented group effort collaborated to purchase the 22-acre Acalanes Ridge parcel. Tatzin focused on the current financial health of the city: AAA credit rating, self supporting Parks and Recreation Department and a fully-funded city employee defined contribution retirement program.

Newcomers Traci Reilly and Dino Riggio promised a fresh perspective and a new generation in leadership. Riggio, 29, was clearly nervous speaking in public and wasn't specific about what that fresh perspective translated to, but a confident Reilly made points that seemed to

resonate with the audience.

She is against the Downtown Specific Plan, calling it "three years and \$2 million on something resident's don't want" and the currently off-the-table Charter City/Property Transfer Tax Measure.

In response to the question regarding running the city as efficiently as possible, none of the candidates answered yes or no. Tatzin acknowledged that the Council implemented most of the recommendations of the Finance Committee, composed of savvy Lafayette business-people. Andersson explained that they may eliminate one engineering position since there have been fewer planning applications, adding that the city is providing services that residents ask for.

Reilly commented that it is reasonable to look at staffing levels and that no one is entitled to a job for life. Riggio agreed with Reilly but also mentioned that the budget was balanced this year with \$500 to spare.

"This is your chance to view democracy in action," said moderator and Lafayette Homeowners Council President Marie Blits in her opening remarks. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 2. New voter registration cards must be post marked no later than October 18. For U.S. Citizens that are over 18 registration forms can be found at most post offices, the library and city offices or go to [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) to register online.

## Don Tatzin for Lafayette City Council

**Don's Priorities:**

- Protect Lafayette's semi-rural environment
- Fix remaining failed roads
- Maintain Lafayette's strong community spirit
- Manage finances prudently
- Support the library and provide high quality programming for all
- Solicit and respond to the views of residents, business managers and property owners
- Provide needed services to youth and seniors

**Don's Service:**

- City Council member since 1985; Mayor five times
- Co-chair of campaigns to improve roads and police
- Library development, financing, and operations
- School district strategic planning committee
- Contra Costa Transportation Authority
- Lafayette Community Foundation board member

**Join Us in Supporting Don**

Tom Adams Don Anderson Mike Anderson & Courtney Murphee Brandt & Patricia Andersson Rhonda Andronico Carl & Sharon Anduri Ann & Peter Appert JoAnne Archer Jeanne & Jack Ateljevich Guy Atwood Ruth Bailey Patty Battersby & Jim Cunha Jim & Jacque Bava Don & Joan Beerline Geoffrey & Sally Bellenger Erin & Eric Benisek Diane Bierwagen Jane & Curt Blomstrand Jon & Ann Bone Marielle Boortz Kathy & Rick Bowles Ken Bozzini Jan & Jack Browne Bill Bucher Howard & Linda Bulos Todd Burlingame Caitly & Lee Burrows George Burt & Gayle Grant Judy & Steve Carney Carey & Bill Carpenter Cathy & Larry Challacombe Darci & Ken Chan Michelle Chan Rita Charles Tom Chastain & Renee Chow Philip Chermis & Chris Voll Matt & Katie Chivers Sereta Churchill Tom & Joan Cleveland John Coleman Whiff Collins Chris & Dean Coons	Steve Cortese Walter Costa Jack Coulter Tom Courtright Sue Cross Rich Cunningham Patricia Curtin-Tinley Marechal & Doris Duncan John & Alex Engs Roger & Pat Falcone Tracey Karsten Farrell & Glenn Farrell Carol & Doug Federighi Tom & Jennifer Fellner Paul Fillingier Jim Fisher Jim Fitzsimmons & Kris Torske Judith & Keith Flachsbar Teresa & Brian Fournier Pamela Freund-Striplin Judy Garvens Teresa & Michael Geringer Lamont Gilbert Mike Gilson & Catherine Blake Bob & Kelly Gotelli Anne & Reigh Granlund Frank & Mary Grannis Dana Green Katherine Greenberg Anne & Marshall Grodin Susan Hahn Tom & Elizabeth Henry Brenda & Gordon Hepler Lynn & David Hiden William & Mary Ann Hoisington Gene & Gretel Holt Robin & Dick Holt Scott & Marilyn Honegger Eriling & Pat Horn Ann Huchingson Eliot Hudson Jane & Ron Huff Rick Humann	Richard & Anne Jacobberger Matthew & Marissa Janopaul Paul & Deborah Jansen Don Jenkins Hilma, Mark, Sara & Steven Jones Suzanne Jones Thomas & Maryellen Judson Art Kapoor John Kiefer Kathy Kovell Dennis Krentz Wei-Tai Kwok Todd LaPorte Kris & Robin Leamy Gwenn & John Lennox Mo & Wendy Levich Adrian & Mary Jane Levy Sharon Lingane Richard & Anna Marie Lininger Don Lively Clyde Long Will & Sallie Lovitt Jim Lucas Budd MacKenzie Byrne & Oystein Mathisen Colleen & Pat McCarty Wendy McClain Mary & Daryl McCosker Roberta McCoy Jan McHale Roni & Paul Melmed Kathy & Mike Merchant Fran Miller Gordon & Nancy Mills Anne & Mark Mitchell Dorothy & Jeffrey Moore Corby Mullins Karen & Tom Mulvaney Ron & Mary Nahas Don & Judy Nelson Scott Newman Cheryl, Chuck & Brayton Noll	Cathy O'Dea John Otto Suzy Pak Marie Parti Caesar & Carmen Perales Ruth Perkins Michele Perrault Jim Perry Ellen & Steve Poling Walter Price Margaret Race Ellen Reinjes Mardy Robinson Bob & Sally Roche Renee Rogers Karen Rose Liz Rosenberg Jeff Rosenthal Ivor & Sharon Samson Jeane & Roger Samuelsen Jerry Schaeffer Chris & Leo Schiavello Joanne Schweibin Cindy Sevilla Shayne Silva Carol & Bob Singer Catherine Sinnott Sarah Sivesind Fran Sticha Chuck Stuart Jean Tajima Dwight Taylor & Carolyn Searls Stephanie & Dan Teichman Janet & Ramsey Thomas Jim & Allison Todhunter Art Ungar David & Janet van Etten Doug Warrick George & June Wasson Richard Whitmore Tom & Pat Whitten Hugh & Mary Anne Winig Peter Zolintakis
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## What Your Neighbors Say About Don

- "Don is one of the most experienced, dedicated and knowledgeable leaders I've ever known. No matter whether the subject is about young children and parks or coordination with our schools or our senior citizens' needs for the future, Don listens so he can offer leadership. I'll be voting for Don Tatzin."*  
*Judy Carney*  
Former Member, Acalanes Union High School District; Former Member, Lafayette School District Governing Board; Member, Lafayette Senior Services Commission; 2009 Lafayette Citizen of the Year
- "Don knows that a vibrant business sector is part of a successful community and has encouraged projects that have made downtown Lafayette more successful and attractive."*  
*Caesar Perales*  
President, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce; 2002 Lafayette Business Person of the Year; CPA; Lafayette business owner
- "Don's idea for financing library operations and maintenance will save the City many millions. Without his help, the library would never have become a reality."*  
*Anne Grodin*  
Former Mayor; 1999 Citizen of the Year; Founding President of the Lafayette Community Foundation
- "With Don's leadership we have been able to strengthen our hillside and ridgeline protections and to move forward with acquisition of open space."*  
*Jeanne Ateljevich*  
Lafayette Planning Commissioner; 2008 Lafayette Citizen of the Year