

Civic News

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- Public Meetings**
- City Council** Monday, November 22, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd
 - Planning Commission** Monday, November 15, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd
 - Design Review** Monday, November 22, 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
Chamber of Commerce: www.lafayettechamber.org

• Police Report •

Sticky Fingers in the Locker Room, 10/18/10 An unknown and incredibly opportunistic thief entered the boys' locker room at Bentley School during soccer practice and stole items from two unlocked lockers. Missing are two cell phones and a computer valued at \$1700. It may be a good idea to lock things up at Bentley given the number of thefts at that school.

How Many Thieves Does it Take to Load a Bag? 10/23/10 - Three. CVS video showed three unknown female thieves load an empty shopping bag with merchandise and walk out of the store without paying for the items. Loss to the store is \$1,124.11. Sounds like a lifetime supply of gum and nail polish.

Smash and Grab, 10/25/10 An unknown suspect smashed the window of a vehicle parked at an Orchard Road residence and make away with a \$50 gift card and a FASTRAK pass. Damage to the vehicle is \$400. While he may have gotten away with the gift card, the brilliant thief may not realize the FASTRAK pass can be tracked.

Fraudulent Check and a Texting Assist 10/29/10 Police were contacted when the suspect tried to cash a fraudulent check at Bank of America on Mt. Diablo Boulevard. Officers made contact with the female suspect in the bank lobby and detained her while they spoke with the check payer by phone. The payer stated the check had been stolen from a mailbox, altered and that he didn't know the suspect. When police searched the suspect's cell phone, they found the most recent text message instructed her to leave the bank if the teller picked up the phone. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility. A first-timer, perhaps?

City Council Incumbents Win Reelection

By Cathy Tyson



Don Tatzin and Brandt Andersson Photo courtesy of S. Falk

The boys are back in town. Lafayette's incumbents won re-election on November 2 and will serve on the City

Council for four more years. Long time winner Don Tatzin has served on the Council since 1985, when Reagan was President. Brandt Andersson began 2010 as Mayor, but will continue in January 2011 with Tatzin as City Council Members. Both gentlemen will be working for free.

"I am humbled that so many citizens reelected me to another term on the City Council. I offer special thanks to those who assisted my campaign," said Don Tatzin in a statement. "During the campaign, I met many residents either at their homes while I was walking or around town. All of the people I met recognize Lafayette is a special community and want to preserve its charms while making some improvements. I do too, and committed to make Lafayette better during the next four years."

An equally gracious Andersson said, "A campaign allows the candidates to talk to and listen to their constituents even more than usual. It also takes an enormous amount of time. I am grateful to be returned to office, but also grateful that I can refocus my efforts on the real work of governing. The morning after the election I was in the City Manager's office being briefed on possible mid-year budget adjustments. Even though the budget is balanced, we are addressing potential deficits three to five years out. That's how I want to spend my time, working to solve problems we see coming before they arrive."

Senior Housing Overlay District is Adopted

By Cathy Tyson

Looking to provide and encourage a variety of senior housing options, the Lafayette City Council recently adopted a Senior Housing Overlay district (SHO) that specifies senior housing as a land use classification within the Lafayette Municipal Code.

In researching a SHO district, City staff and the Senior Housing Task Force noted a couple key findings: the impact of senior citizen housing developments is lower than other multi-family residential developments, and potential developments benefit greatly from a close proximity to downtown services and amenities.

The new SHO district establishes standards for senior housing developments within the downtown core, which include five different types of senior housing: Alzheimer's/Memory Care

facilities, Assisted Living Developments, Continuing Care Retirement Communities, Independent Living and Senior Residential Care Facilities. Parking requirements are based on the level of independence of the residents. Finally density was increased from 35 units per acre to 45 units per acre, because generally units for seniors are smaller; in addition, Universal Design principles that accommodate wheelchairs and walkers are required.

It should be noted that this special district does not change any underlying zoning requirements. A senior housing permit may be issued for proposed developments that will house seven or more residents. The new senior housing overlay district fulfills one of the goals of the General Plan Housing Element - to provide opportunities for senior housing.



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