

Mystery Tree Wrap



Photo Cathy Tyson

Is it an unusual art project, possibly the work of a yarn bomber - also known as a knitting graffiti artist - now dabbling in mixed media installations of burlap and hay? Perhaps a sturdy muffler to ward off aggressive deer; maybe a mutant earthworm? No to all of the above - its actually bumper pads for two lovely trees between Chow and the Lafayette Gallery.

"It's a straw wad of material coiled around the trees," said Associate Engineer Mike Moran. "We're working with large equipment right near the trees, and we're trying to keep them as healthy as possible." The Lafayette Circle project includes improving sidewalk cuts and gutters to make them more ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. *C. Tyson*

Motorcycle Police Debut in Lafayette

By Cathy Tyson

For the first time ever police on motorcycles will be out and about looking to enforce the rules of the road starting in early July. Will it take a flurry of tickets to persuade residents that it's time to put away the cell phone, buckle seatbelts and slow down?

Don't say you haven't been warned. Ensuring roadway safety and helping with traffic congestion - especially around schools and during commute hours, is their goal. These

small, stealthy bikes can go where no cruiser has gone before - like the narrow winding roads of Happy Valley Road, Reliez Valley Road, and Springhill Road, along with Moraga Road and St. Mary's Road.

At a recent joint meeting of the Lafayette School District and the City Council, many parents spoke up in support of the motorcycles and are happy that they'll be making kids' commute to school safer.

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