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Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Planning Commission

Monday, July 2, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Design Review

Tuesday, June 25, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center
in the Arts & Science Discovery
Center at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, June 20, 7:30 pm
Board Room AUHSD Office
1212 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Thursday, June 21, 7:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting
LAFSD Office
3477 School Street, Lafayette
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What's Happening with the Proposed Bike Park?

By Cathy Tyson

Seems like only yesterday when discussion started on a bike park as a way to combat unauthorized mountain bike and BMX riders who were using the fragile creek habitat near the Community Center as a bike-jump area, but it was actually more than three years ago.

After a series of discussions with riders and stakeholders, which resulted in the Lafayette Bike Jump User Group and extensive research, a

comprehensive report was presented to Parks Trails and Recreation Commission. Eventually the City Council agreed to investigate the feasibility of a bike park in early 2010, looking into environmental issues and regulatory permits.

As it stands now, "An Administrative Draft of an Initial Study, which includes the environmental assessment, is going through final internal review by Planning and Legal staff,"

said Jennifer Russell, director of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Department. "When they're done, their comments will go back to the consultant who puts the final document together. Then staff will schedule a public hearing."

After the public hearing, the City Council will decide whether it wants to go forward with the bike park and permits would need to be obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers,

the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game. There's no specific timeline going forward. With limited staffing in the City's Planning Department, which is currently handling the large and controversial Christmas Tree Lot multi-family project along with other items, Parks, Trails and Recreation "is patiently waiting its turn," said Russell.

New Location and Market Operator for Lafayette Farmers' Market

By Cathy Tyson



Josh Assink, Urban Village Market Manager, and Ricardo Yereña, of Yereña Farms of Watsonville, with a variety of strawberries and raspberries.

Photo Cathy Tyson

With uniformed Boy Scouts on the corner waiving signs, it was hard to miss the suggested parking area behind Panda Express for shoppers coming to the new loca-

tion of the Lafayette Farmers' Market. Much easier access for shoppers versus last year's Farmers' Market at Plaza Park and new market management - Urban Village Farmers' Mar-

ket Association, conveniently delivered a bounty of ripe, delicious nectarines, carrots and more to happy families, singletons and seniors.

Look for the new Lafayette Farmers' Market to be open year round on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the long and narrow cul de sac that is the south BART parking lot off of Happy Valley Road.

Shoppers were lining up for bakery items, the Hummus Guy, Pizza Politana, spices and of course a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. "It's going really well," said Market Manager Josh Assink, adding that customers recognize the value in organic and locally-sourced produce. He cautioned that the only possible friction, in an otherwise fantastic opening day, may happen when the market closes and the vendors need to carefully exit.

Assink recently spoke with Souheil Ben Sala, the health inspector Urban Village has been working with on permitting. "He (Ben Sala) men-

tioned that the Lafayette Farmers' Market is officially the largest in all of Contra Costa County! Not only the largest by volume, I can assure you that we filled the space with some of the best farms and food businesses the bay area has to offer."

"We're very excited that the launch is actually here," said Gina Dawson of Sustainable Lafayette, the organization that is sponsoring the Market. She and her family had breakfast and lunch there. "We can attest that the crepes, waffles, and fish tacos are scrumptious. Foodies from all over will appreciate this market!"

For those who love to eat, but not necessarily cook, there are a number of unique offerings like Nago Asian salad dressing and seaweed salads, a number of bakeries, Orland Creamery with cow's milk cheeses and Marshmallow Mischief, gourmet rice crispy treats and India Clay Oven with Naan wraps and rice bowls, along with Blue Bottle Coffee to wash it all down.



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