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Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Board Room AUHSD Office
1212 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
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Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

Someone's Watching, Surveillance Cameras on Campus

By Cathy Tyson

Most folks think we live in a fairly safe community, but recently the governing board of the Lafayette School District approved a proposal from DecoTech Systems for installing motion-activated surveillance systems at Burton Valley, Happy Valley and Springhill elementary schools and adding to more cameras to the Stanley Middle School campus.

"Anecdotal evidence suggests

that we have had less vandalism and theft at Stanley and Lafayette schools, where we have already installed cameras," said Dr. Fred Brill, superintendent of the Lafayette School District. The cameras will cost approximately \$60,000.

"I am confident that there will be a cost savings. With less theft, graffiti and vandalism, our custodians and maintenance staff will be able to spend more time maintaining safe

and clean learning environments for our students," said Brill. "In addition to having copper wire, solar panels, and computers stolen over the years, there have been several incidents of 'smash and grabs' (purses stolen from cars) in our parking lots."

Vandals and thieves beware, Brill wants to spread the message that, "We have these cameras and we have used them to catch those individuals engaging in criminal behavior."

"We're enthused and excited, vandalism has been a problem here," said Office Manager Marsha Dahl of Burton Valley Elementary School. At times there have been small fires set on the Burton Valley playground, spray paint on doors, and the letters in the signboard out front changed into different messages. The semi-rural campus is set back from the street in a quiet residential neighborhood.

Big Turnout for Thanksgiving Breakfast

By Cathy Tyson



Steve Falk and Jay Lifson

Photo Andy Scheck

It was a full house of city leaders and the business community at the 33rd annual Community Thanksgiving Breakfast last week. This once a year opportunity to pause and give thanks, to break bread and muffins, is always inspirational.

After an invocation by Pastor Marylee Sheffer of the Lafayette United Methodist Church, Police Chief Eric Christensen offered moving remarks that started with a surprising travelogue of countries where he was stationed while in the military and lessons learned. As a

young man stationed in Panama, he noted the locals appreciated simply having adequate food, while in Honduras, the government was clearly over-stepping bounds – "That just can't be right," noted the chief – and finally in Korea he learned how people live in fear.

Reflecting on his years in law enforcement in the U.S. he surmised it's all about community acceptance – what the community will tolerate, pointing out that there just aren't teenagers wandering the streets of Lafayette and causing trouble late at night. "There's a level of expectation here that you can walk down the street at two in the morning and not get mugged. You've got so much to be thankful for in Lafayette – you've laid the groundwork that the community cares about children, and expects them to be under control."

Christensen concluded by re-

mind everyone that he and the entire police department are here to help and to be thankful for friends and family, not to waste opportunities to remind folks how much you care.

"Pay attention to the place you hold in community life," advised Reverend Dan Senter from Our Savior's Lutheran Church to the collected group of local merchants, school officials and municipal representatives. "Your work matters to all of us."

The Thanksgiving breakfast was dedicated to Barbara Bupp. Organizers wish to thank the Lafayette United Methodist Church for sharing its facilities, ManorCare for generous sponsorship, along with lovely music provided by harpist Wendy Tamis and a delicious breakfast by Dave's Cuisine and chef Dave Krider, caterer.



Police Report

Week of
Oct. 28-Nov. 10, 2012

Accident

- 11/6 Olympic/Pleasant Hill (major injuries)
- 1st St/Deer Hill Rd (hit & run)
- 11/9 1000 block Stuart St (hit & run)

- Animal**
- 10/28 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl (cruelty)
 - 10/31 Glenside/Reliez Station Rd
 - 11/6 El Nido Ranch Rd/Mt Diablo Bl
- Burglary/Theft:**
- 10/29 3300 block Mt Diablo Bl (commercial)
 - 800 block Tanglewood Dr (ID)
 - 3600 block Happy Valley Rd
 - 3900 block N Peardale Dr
 - 100 block Lucas Ct (grand theft)
 - 100 block Lucas Ct (burglary)
 - 10/30 3600 block Happy Valley Rd (forgery)
 - 3200 block Lucas Cr (auto)

- 10/31 3200 block Lucas Dr (twice)
- 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 11/1 100 block Lafayette Cir (auto)
- 1100 block Bacon Way (auto)
- 1100 block Rahara Dr (ID)
- 4100 block Coralee Ln (ID)
- 11/3 Olympic/Pleasant Hill (auto)
- 11/5 1200 block Pleasant Hill Rd
- 11/8 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl (shoplift)
- 3500 block Springhill Rd (twice)
- 900 block Oak Hill Rd
- 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 3700 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 1100 block Laurel Dr (prowler seen)
- 11/10 500 block Silverado Dr

- Drunk in Public:**
- 10/28 3300 block Mt Diablo Bl
- DUI**
- 11/3 Brown Ave/Mt Diablo Bl
 - 3200 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Hit & Run:**
- 10/30 900 block Hough Ave
- Public Nuisance:**
- 11/2 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Vandalism**
- 10/29 100 block Reliez Valley Ct

- 11/2 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
 - 11/3 1000 block Brown Ave
 - 1100 block Upper Happy Valley Rd
 - 11/5 400 block St. Mary's Rd
 - 11/9 1100 block N. Thompson
 - 1100 block Oak Hill Rd (twice)
 - 100 block Dollis Park Rd
- More than 103 traffic stops recorded Oct. 28 to Nov.3; more than 96 traffic stops recorded Nov. 4 to Nov. 10.



Lafayette Volunteer Vacancies

Community Center Foundation is dedicated to renovating and expanding the Lafayette Community Center.

Downtown Street Improvement Master Plan Implementation Committee (DSIMPIC) The Downtown Street Improvement Master Plan, adopted in 1988, guides developers and staff in making improvements to street frontage in downtown Lafayette to develop a cohesive, positive visual image for Lafayette's downtown while providing amenities to make the downtown a more comfortable, safer and enjoyable place.

Crime Prevention Commission studies safety issues in the City and works to educate the public.

Emergency Preparedness Commission coordinates preparation and planning efforts to mitigate the effects of natural and man-made disasters.

Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission - Reviews and supports effective management and operations of existing park facilities to maximize public enjoyment, continue to seek funding and develop the Community Park, Trail System and other City parks.

To learn more about these volunteer opportunities and to obtain an application visit the City's website www.ci.lafayette.ca.us or call Joanne Robbins at 925-299-3210. Positions open until filled.



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