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Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Dec. 10, 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

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Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

After Long Delay, Woodbury Condos Coming to Lafayette

By Cathy Tyson



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Calling it thoughtful design on a human scale, Planning Commissioner Karen Maggio and her colleagues voted unanimously to approve a revised version of the upscale Woodbury Condominiums at the former site of the Hillside Motel behind the Veterans Memorial Building.

Proposed in 2007, the ambitious original project had 80 condominium units, later reduced to 65 in four three-story buildings with underground parking. Although it was approved in 2008, the housing market took a nose dive and plans were put on a lengthy hold. The recently approved revised project is smaller and will contain 56 residential condominium units in seven buildings that follow the con-

tour of the hillside on the two and a half acre site. The majority of units, 42 to be exact, will be three-bedroom condominiums, with the remaining 14 to be two-bedroom; the average square footage is slated to be 1,800 square feet with generous private outdoor areas.

Developer Matt Branagh sees the target market for these units as mature Lafayette residents whose kids have grown and gone. "Empty nesters have deep roots in the area and are looking for a high quality, fun place to enjoy their hard work," said Branagh. "The Woodbury's luxury units will offer them the freedom to entertain the family for Thanksgiving and the next day, lock the door and go to the desert for a month, worry-free. It's a vision my

late father created and my brother and I hope to carry forward."

As part of the project, there will be improvements made to the EBMUD aqueduct right-of-way that lies directly south of the project, ad-

acent to the Veterans Hall and associated parking lot. Plans for the strip of land that contain large water pipes include a handicap accessible multi-use pathway, upgraded landscaping, and public art. Another component of the Woodbury project is 18 affordable units for low- and moderate-income residents that will be located off-site, but within downtown Lafayette.

City staff commented that although the project has been significantly revised, the applicant has not abandoned attention to detail. Lafayette-based architect Scott Thomsen of Ward-Young Architects is responsible for the revised design that incorporates shingled buildings with some Craftsman elements.

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Wait - There's More

A new Branagh building across the street



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Looking for final approval in early January, Matt Branagh of Branagh Development and architect Scott Thomsen have teamed up again just across the way from the Woodbury to produce a nearly 10,000 square foot, two-story medical office building on the corner of Risa Road and Mt. Diablo Boulevard, called EcoVive West. "It's a blend of modern and historic agricultural design," said Thomsen of Ward Young Architects. "We envisioned blending Lafayette's past style with Lafayette's current architectural vernacular. We have also worked hard to unite the building with the surrounding landscape, keeping it as natural and untouched as possible."

With the grand Veteran's Memorial Building right across the street, keeping this structure slightly subdued was part of the plan. A recent city staff report noted, "The applicant incorporated a number of mechanisms to break-up the bulk and mass of the buildings, such as utilizing a variety of materials, overhangs and windows and doors of varying shapes and sizes. If all goes according to plan, the developer hopes that construction will start this coming spring.

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LAFAYETTE POLICE	
Police Report	
Nov. 11-24	
Alcohol:	1200 block Cambridge Dr (fraud)
11/19 3700 block Mt Diablo (drunk in public, just down the street from the police department... judgment impaired?)	11/23 600 block Glorietta Bl (petty theft)
Animal control:	3600 block Happy Valley Rd (petty theft)
11/11 1900 block Reliez Valley Rd	Driving:
11/12 1900 block Reliez Valley Rd	11/15 Crestmont @ Happy Valley (accident, major injuries)
11/18 1000 block Sunnybrook Dr	11/17 Moraga Rd @ St Mary's Rd (DUI)
Battery:	Sessions @ Sierra Vista Wy (hit & run)
11/22 1200 block Del Arroyo Ct	11/18 Moraga Rd @ Mt Diablo (hit & run)
Burglary/Fraud/Theft:	1000 block Upper Happy Valley (accident)
11/12 3900 block El Nido Ranch Rd (auto)	11/19 3300 block Mt Diablo (DUI)
11/14 Olympic @ Pleasant Hill Rd (auto)	11/20 Glenside @ Reliez Station (hit & run)
3300 block Mt Diablo Bl (petty theft)	Hwy 24 @ Oak Hill Rd (DUI)
11/15 900 block Leland Dr (commercial burglary)	11/21 3200 block Marlene Dr (hit & run)
11/19 3400 block Moraga Bl (auto)	800 block Mountain View (reckless driving)
11/20 3500 block Brook St (credit fraud)	11/22 Deer Hill @ Happy Valley (hit & run)
11/21 100 block Reliez Valley Ct (auto)	Acalanes @ Hwy 24 (reckless driving)
100 block Del Rey Ct (auto)	Olympic @ Reliez Station (reckless driving)
3600 block Happy Valley Rd (petty theft)	Shooting/Fireworks:
100 block Del Rey Ct (auto)	11/20 900 block Acalanes (shooting)
	11/23 3400 block School St (fireworks)
	Moraga Rd @ St Mary's (shooting)
	11/24 600 block Los Palos (fireworks)
	1100 block Nogales St (fireworks)
	3200 block Camino Diablo (fireworks)
	Traffic stops:
	82, week of Nov. 11-17
	100, week of Nov. 18-24

Lafayette Planning Commission Vacancy

The City of Lafayette is looking for a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the seven-member Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is charged with development of the General Plan, implementation & administration of the Zoning Ordinance and review of development applications including subdivisions, land use permits, and hillside development permits. Applicants must be residents of Lafayette. The Commission typically meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in the Community Hall at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center located at 3491 Mt. Diablo Boulevard. For more information about the Commission's duties, please contact Niroop Srivatsa at 925.299.3206 or nsrivatsa@lovelafayette.org or Greg Wolff at 925.299.3204 or gwolff@lovelafayette.org.

Applications can be downloaded from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us/>. The deadline for filing applications with the City Clerk is Friday, December 14. Interviews will be scheduled in January 2013.

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.