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Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.
Del Valle Education Center, 1963
Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek.
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, April 10, 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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www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

County Supervisor Andersen Visits Lafayette

By Cathy Tyson



Jay Lifson, executive director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, and Supervisor Candace Andersen pose at her first Brown Bag Lunch event.

Photo C. Tyson

A mix of local business people, concerned residents and city council members attended a recent brown bag lunch event with relatively new county supervisor Candace Andersen. In her first low key, interactive get together to update folks on

what's going on with the county, the meeting was off to a positive start with the generous platter of homemade butterscotch brownies she brought to share.

The former Danville mayor was elected after the retirement of Gayle

Uilkema as Contra Costa County Supervisor for District 2; she says the issues and concerns are similar on the county level to Danville, but there are more zeros in the costs.

Top on her discussion agenda was the fire station situation in Lafayette, cautioning that the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District has serious fiscal issues and that while property tax values are going up in Lamorinda, the rest of the county has not been as lucky with its tax base that supports the district, along with pension worries.

She supports the shared Lafayette-Orinda fire station concept and is looking forward to the results of two studies that are not yet complete that will provide insight into how to best deliver fire and emergency medical services. The first examines how the county responds to emergencies; the second looks specifically at ConFire's service model and how it could work more effectively. Both studies should be complete by

the fall of 2013.

Other discussion points included how the county delivers health services via its hospital and clinics - the advent of Obamacare in the not too distant future could be a huge cost savings. The board of supervisors is also working on ways to streamline the process and cost of obtaining home-based business permits from \$800 to \$100.

Dealing with the fallout of AB 109 is a challenge for the board - the bill requires realignment of thousands of non-violent state prisoners to local jails. It "seems to be going well so far," said Andersen. She commented that she enjoys her job and has been surprised at how fiscally conservative her fellow supervisors are. "We've got our work cut out for us," she said, and "we have to live within our means." Words of wisdom considering the upcoming union contract negotiations, county-wide infrastructure issues and unfunded facilities maintenance that all need to be addressed.

Countdown to Earth Day

Sustainable Lafayette and the Chamber of Commerce are hosting an Earth Day Celebration at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sun-

day, April 21. It's a picnic and party with live music, a bounce house for kids and interactive activities about all things earth. Kicking off the busy family friendly day is a self-

propelled parade that departs at 10:45 a.m. from Stanley Middle School. The public is invited to bring festively decorated bikes, skateboards, scooters or sneakers

on the stroll from the school to the library. Yummy organic food from local vendors will be available to enjoy al fresco. (See article page B1) C. Tyson

LAFAYETTE CONSIDERS BAN ON PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

The Lafayette City Council will soon consider an ordinance that would ban single-use plastic bags and charge a small fee for paper bags. At the April 22 meeting the environmental task force will recommend the ban to the city council. Those interested in voicing their opinion on the matter are welcome to comment at the meeting which starts at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall, Lafayette Library and Learning Center. C. Tyson

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Lafayette Police Department Crime Statistics

Two-week period: March 17-30, 2013
Alarm responses (50)

Battery (3) Betty Lane
Hidden Oaks Dr
Dewing Ave

Burglary
Auto (5) Legion Court
Mt Diablo Blvd
Corte Rinaldo
Walnut St
Sundale Rd/Village Ctr

Commercial (1) Mt Diablo Ct

Residential (1) Moraga Rd
DUI (3) Mt Diablo Blvd
Pleasant Hill/
Springhill Rds
Olympic/Pleasant Hill

Grand Theft (3) Reliez Valley Rd
Walnut Lane
McGraw Lane

Petty Theft (7) N Lucille Lane
Mt Diablo Blvd
Moraga Blvd (2)
Middle Rd
Solana Ct

Stolen Vehicle (2) Mt Diablo Blvd
Marlene Dr

Traffic Stops (218)

Vandalism (3) Pleasant Hill Rd
Mt Diablo Blvd
Morecroft Rd

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