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Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

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

Design Review

Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, June 5, 7:30 p.m.
Del Valle Education Center, 1963
Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek.
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Thursday, June 20, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Design Solution for Medians on East End Found

By Cathy Tyson



Jill Watase and Valerie Watase

Photo Cathy Tyson

After receiving some blowback from concerned business owners on the east end of town, city lead-

ers thought perhaps more input should be gathered on a potential project to add landscaped street me-

dians to Mt. Diablo Boulevard from First Street to Brown Avenue. Balancing the desire to beautify the streetscape, not make it difficult for customers to come in and out of driveways on both sides of the street, and ensure pedestrian safety is clearly a challenge.

Last month city council members, along with Engineering Services Manager Tony Coe, collaborated with business people and residents gathering input, both positive and negative as the large group strolled down the boulevard.

The current situation, lots of asphalt with a two-way center turn lane dividing the road, is functional but not as attractive as the lush trees and shrubbery on the west end of town. The two senior residential buildings currently under construction are a reminder that crosswalk upgrades are a good idea. Currently pedestrians need to make a run for it to cross five lanes of fast moving traffic.

Large tables with maps were spread out at the Lafayette Community Center to clarify specific options and recommendations from neighbors and business people to ensure a workable solution to the median issue.

The roundabout concept at the intersection of Golden Gate Way and Mt. Diablo originally suggested, but later rejected last fall, went over like a lead balloon; this meeting of the minds proved a constructive exercise to bring in stakeholders and come up with a workable solution.

At the end of the meeting, seven plans were presented, discussed and voted on. Jill Watase of Lafayette Physical Therapy, located in the Corporate Terraces development, worked on her own time with like minded-business representatives, forming the East End Coalition to make changes to the city's plan that wouldn't hinder the flow of traffic as much. Their plan received the most votes from members of the public as well as the city council. "I was really surprised how everyone worked together," she said, "and very impressed that the city council would allow this kind of meeting," explaining the unusual method of soliciting friendly feedback.

The new plan will be presented at the next city council meeting May 28. The additional hot topic of paying for landscape maintenance will also be discussed at that time.

Changing Driver Behavior in Burton Valley is Expensive

By Cathy Tyson

Speeders, texters and those running stop signs in the residential, family-friendly Burton Valley neighborhood got residents riled up enough to do something about it.

Gina Ney is one of the folks spearheading the pedestrian and bicycle safety effort. She knows that mailboxes, fences and landscaping have been mowed down by speeding drivers. "We see cars absentmindedly weaving into the shoulder, coming towards us when we are on foot, as that is where we have to walk as there are no sidewalks."

Both Merriewood Drive and Silverado Drive off of Rohrer have become relative thoroughfares due to homeowners going to work, kids getting picked up and dropped off at Burton Valley Elementary, and a nearby swim club as well as a wed-

ding site, Wildwood Acres located in Hunsaker Canyon.

Concerned neighbors got together to form a neighborhood ac-

tion team (NAT) and met with the city of Lafayette to evaluate a series of proposed solutions. After a number of meetings with the NAT, a

draft plan was formed and recently presented to the Circulation Commission.

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Auto Burglary
Upper Happy Valley Rd
Mt Diablo Bl (3)
S Thompson Rd (2)
Del Rey St
Bickerstaff St (4)
Evelyn Ct
Lafayette Cr
Brook St
Springhill Rd

Commercial Burglary
Glenside Dr

Residential Burglary
Deer Hill Rd
Hough Av
Los Palos Dr
Sweet Dr

DUI

Mt Diablo Bl

Drunk in Public
Lafayette Circle
Mt Diablo Bl

Grand Theft
Moraga Rd

Petty Theft
Mt Diablo Bl (6)
Pleasant Hill Rd
Brook St

Promiscuous shootings (7)

Stolen Vehicle
Lafayette Cr

Vandalism
Stow Ln
Happy Valley Rd (4)
Silver Dell Rd
Golden Gate Wy/Mt Diablo Bl

Traffic Stops (133)