



## Lafayette Civic News

### Public Meetings

#### City Council Special Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.  
Veteran's Memorial Building  
3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

#### City Council

Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

#### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

#### Design Review

Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

#### City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us  
Phone: (925) 284-1968

#### Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

#### School Board Meetings

**Acalanes Union High School District**  
Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room at 1212  
Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

#### Lafayette School District

Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting  
Stanley Library  
3477 School St., Lafayette  
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us



## Lafayette Police Department Crime Statistics

**Dec. 29 to Jan. 4**  
Alarm responses (18)

#### Alcohol (D.U.I.)

Acalanes Rd  
Mt Diablo/1st  
Hwy 24/Wilder

#### Auto Burglary

Oakwood Athletic

#### Fireworks (4)

Bacon Wy  
Burton Valley Elementary  
El Charro  
Brook

#### Grand Theft

Oak Hill

#### Prowler

Bickerstaff

#### Reckless Driving

Moraga Rd/St Mary's Rd  
Happy Valley/Mt Diablo Blvd  
St Mary's Rd/Lucille

#### Suspicious Vehicle Stop

St Mary's Rd/Lucille

#### Vandalism

Springbrook  
Gable Ln  
Brown Ave



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## Learn Latest Facts About Climate Change

By Cathy Tyson



Wei-Tai Kwok traveled to Chicago in August to attend Al Gore's training program on climate change. Photo provided

Lafayette resident Wei-Tai Kwok feels so strongly about climate change, he is actually doing something about it. After seeing "An Inconvenient Truth" more than seven years ago, "it got me thinking, am I part of the problem or part of the solution?" said Kwok, adding, "It is my problem, and we don't have a hundred years to solve it." He is concerned about rising levels of carbon dioxide and its consequences around the globe.

He was so inspired that even though he enjoyed his job with an advertising agency, Kwok realized he ultimately was encouraging people to consume more, which in his opinion is not sustainable and not good for the planet. Confronted

with what he calls a moral crisis, he now works for a solar company, reasoning that using more renewable energy is part of the solution.

Looking to be a resource for the community, Kwok is working with Sustainable Lafayette and the Climate Reality Project to deliver an entertaining presentation geared toward teaching the most current facts about climate change. He will discuss the latest consensus of the scientific community, and how extreme weather events are influenced by climate, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 in the Community Hall, Lafayette Library and Learning Center. For more information, go to [www.climateRealityProject.org](http://www.climateRealityProject.org) or [www.sustainablelafayette.org](http://www.sustainablelafayette.org).

## Work in Progress in Lafayette



Photos Cathy Tyson

Although Mt. Diablo Boulevard is still populated with orange cones and traffic diversions, headway is being made on the east end Pedestrian Bike and Streetscape Improvements project between First Street and Brown Avenue. New brick paver crosswalks are being installed along with landscaped medians, decorative street lights and more. The slow and go progression up and down the boulevard gives drivers an up close and personal look. Enjoy the fun while it lasts, since the project is slated to be complete at the end of February.

Just beyond the streetscape workers, is the also under-construction Merrill Gardens building. The crane is gone, but the yellow cladding around the building is hard to miss. When complete, the structure will have a modern prairie design with neutral paint and lots of stonework. Crews are diligently working to have the 89 senior living apartments offering market rate independent living, assisted living and a memory care facility open in May. The frontage along Mt. Diablo will feature retail shops and a gathering place separated from the street by a long curving pool



Empty shell of the former Squirrels Coffee Shop.

that includes an art installation.

Squirrels is just an empty shell of its former self. While there's plenty of activity at the adjacent former Handlebar Toys location, across from Plaza Park, it's all quiet at the former coffee shop. Residents will surely have to wait a while for the grand reopening. A message to the developer, Main Street Properties, was not immediately returned. C. Tyson



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