



Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, May 19, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, May 12, 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, May 7, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room at 1212
Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, May 14, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Share your thoughts, insights and opinions with your community.

Send a letter to the editor:
letters@lamorindaweekly.com

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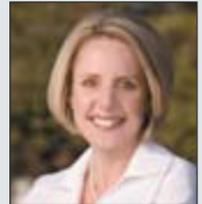
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No More Food at Library

By Cathy Tyson



After July 1 say no to the taco, or eat it outside the library; yes to the water.
Photo Cathy Tyson

Say goodbye to taco Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and Thursdays and so on, inside the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. When the library opened its doors five years ago, the

thought was to invite and encourage patrons to comfortably enjoy the "community living room." With the heaviest users of the facility being hungry middle school kids, there have been numerous

problems and complaints with the food-friendly setup since the beginning. Turns out greasy sticky fingers on the many computer keyboards is a problem, along with greasy tables, finger prints on books, funky smells and more.

After hearing a litany of grievances, librarian Vickie Sciacca and Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation president Beth Needel suggested to the City Council that a new policy should be put in place. After some discussion, council members unanimously agreed. Starting July 1 food will be restricted and only beverage containers with a lid and water will be allowed. Patrons are welcome to eat in the many public outdoor spaces of the library – there are lots of tables and chairs along the First Street side of the building and near the entry plaza. The charming Bookmark Café will still be open for purchases of snacks, sandwiches and drinks.

The library has been a victim of its own success with a parade of kids most every afternoon that appear to come hungry. It's not easy to study for midterms if a fellow table-mate is chomping on French

fries or crunching on nachos. Even though food isn't allowed at the many computers, library staff has to constantly monitor the situation.

Food will still be allowed in the Community Hall, which is used for a multitude of functions and events along with the Arts and Science Discovery Center that also hosts events. After hours festivities in the main library will continue to be allowed.

The Bookmark Café, located near the library entrance will remain open for business, but also on the city council's agenda was a change to their lease. As of July 1, the lease will be assigned to a new operator, Elham Rostami. There are 14 months left of the original five year lease, a long enough time to reconsider rent and evaluate the situation when the lease expires. Mayor Don Tatzin made a special point of thanking current operators Mona Amanat and Soraya Radmanesh, "for their years of hard work and always being cheerful and welcoming."

Green Award Winners Recognized



Green Award winners, from left: Tina Goodfriend, Scott Thomsen, Erika Pringsheim-Moore, Ahmed Shibli, Maria Gastelumendi, Philip Hunsucker, Marie Montoya, Sharon Lingane and Mayor Don Tatzin.
Photo Cathy Tyson

Recognizing local residents and businesses that have made outstanding efforts that contribute to a more sustainable community, the 2013 Awards of Environmental Excellence, also

known as the Green Awards, were selected by Lafayette's Environmental Task Force and announced at a recent city council meeting.

Tina Goodfriend wins the res-

ident award for serving as a good friend to the earth. She chaired the Lafayette Earth Day Festival and is Volunteer Director for Sustainable Lafayette.

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report, April 20-26

Auto Burglary

3500 block Brook St
Acalanes High School (2)

Residential Burglary

3600 block Brook St
3100 block Plymouth Rd

Death, non-criminal

800 block Mt View Dr

Disturbing the Peace

1st St/Mt Diablo Bl

DUI Misdemeanor

Acalanes Rd/Mt Diablo Bl

Fireworks

Thompson Rd/Mt Diablo Bl

Hit & Run

Moraga Rd/Wilkinson Ln

Juvenile Disturbance

Dewing Av/Walnut St
Topper Ct/School St

Loud Party/Music

Burton Valley Elementary (2)
700 block Solana Dr

3500 block Via Los Colorados
Los Palos/Glenside Dr

Panhandling

Post Office (2)

Petty Theft

Safeway
3200 block Park Ln
Library

Reckless Driving

(location n/a)
Reliez Station Rd/Olympic Bl

Suspicious

Circumstances 15
Vehicle 9
Subject 9

Terrorist Threats

3400 block Solana Ct

Vandalism

Lafayette Police Dept

Vehicle Theft

1400 block Pleasant Hill Rd

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