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Are We Overpowered?

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Antenna tower at Saint Mary's College as seen from the Lafayette-Moraga trail. Photo Andy Scheck

Marks, executive director of the grassroots non-profit organization, the California Brain Tumor Association feels the public is not informed about these potentially dangerous technologies, and she feels there is compelling data on the adverse health effects of electromagnetic radiation.

Marks became involved when her husband Alan was diagnosed with brain cancer a few years ago. "The public deserves the right to know that the fine print in cell phone manuals tells one to never hold the phone to the body," she says. "Also, cell towers do not belong near schools."

The cell tower issue has been a hot topic in Lafayette recently with concern over a potential AT&T cell tower at St. Perpetua church and school. The event is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. May 29 in the Lafayette Library Community Hall. Admission is free but seating is limited. Organizers ask that you register your seat at Overpowered.brownpapertickets.com.

In related news, Susan JunFish, director of Parents for a Safer Environment is concerned about chemical use at the Acalanes Union High School District. There is a meeting scheduled on May 21 at the District offices to discuss the issue, which the public is welcome to attend. "We care about student safety, along with maintaining the taxpayer's investment," said Steve Fishbaugh, AUHSD director of maintenance.

AUHSD has a pesticide application notification that lets parents and students know what may be used in and around schools, for students who are sensitive to chemicals. Upon request, the district will supply information at least 72 hours before application. The herbicide RoundUp Pro with the active ingredient glyphosphate and the insecticide Nisus Terro-Pco Liquid Ant Bait with an active ingredient of Borax is used - both are categorized as Category III (least toxic) materials.

Are cell phones and cell towers dangerous? Is there reputable research about negative health effects of both? What exactly is electromagnetic radiation? Concerned residents have a chance to hear about these topics at an upcoming event at the Lafayette Library. W.I.S.E., Wireless Education and Safety Education is sponsoring "Overpowered," a presentation on the health effects of cell phones, cell towers, smart meters and other devices. Author Martin Blank, Ph.D., has studied the subject for more than 30 years and earned his doctorate from Columbia University. He'll be speaking at the event about the biologic effects of wireless and electromagnetic devices and how to keep our families and communities safer while using this valuable technology.

Also featured will be special guests California State Senator Mark DeSaulnier and KTVU Health and Science Editor John Fowler.

Organizer and sponsor of the event Ellie

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