



Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, July 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

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

Design Review

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

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Detour Jamming Moraga Road

By Cathy Tyson



Evening walkers at the intersection of Reliez Station Road and Olympic Boulevard near one of 17 utility structures undergoing work. Photo C. Tyson

Burton Valley residents aren't thrilled; neither are Moraga drivers.

Reliez Station Road is getting its pavement freshened and storm drains addressed, along with some utility updates, for the first time in 11 years. The project has diverted a number of Lafayette residents and many Moraga drivers as well who would normally take the "back way" out of town, via

Olympic Boulevard, to hop on the freeway. The rerouted traffic has added to the volume of cars on already congested Moraga Road. Motorists can usually be confident that during the summer months, when school is not in session, heading down to Mt. Diablo Boulevard on Moraga Road is a breeze. If all goes according to schedule, the breeze should come back in August.

The well-traveled artery is slated to be closed through the end of July on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The road was last overlaid in 1993 and received a slurry seal in 2003 according to Farzaneh Sanders, a senior engineer with the City of Lafayette.

Utility structures, 17 in total, also require work, and at each location the contractor needs to demolish and reset

the structure top to match the level of the future new pavement. Those structures include sewer manhole inlets, EBMUD valve boxes and manholes, along with storm drain inlets that need a facelift prior to the final coat of pavement being installed. Also on the project list is removing and replacing damaged sections of guardrail.

Project manager Jason Balatti, of Argonaut Constructors, said that while there may be some unforeseen variables out there, they are slated to finish on time at the end of the month. "It's tough to close down a major artery, but we appreciate everyone's patience." Argonaut crews are also working on road resurfacing projects throughout Lafayette that are part of the 2014 Road Rehabilitation Project.

Residents with property on Reliez Station Road, and other streets that are being worked on, are on notice that vegetation that encroaches into or overhangs the roadway will need to be pruned to allow for construction equipment.

For updates on the project's progress, go to www.love-lafayette.org, then click on Hot Topics and go to Reliez Station Road Paving.

Narrowing Options for Old Library

By Cathy Tyson

After meeting roughly twice per month for the last six months, the Old Library Reuse Task Force has come to some conclusions on two city-owned properties, the old library structure and the parking area and adjacent doctors' office across the street at 949 Moraga Road.

"At the end of the day it's all about money," said Tracy Robinson,

administrative services director. She explained that there is an obligation to taxpayers to be fiscally responsible, and to make sure that "it makes financial sense."

Seeking the highest and best use of both parcels isn't easy. After much discussion, thorough presentations from a number of interested parties, and careful weighing of options, the task force narrowed the options down for the pair of properties.

Suggestions will be made to the Lafayette City Council later in July on the old library parcel; its required purchase, for roughly \$2 million, was part of an agreement made in the 1990s with Contra Costa County. The task force's recommendations to the council include two options: city offices or the Lafayette School District.

The city currently leases space in Desco Plaza on Mt. Diablo Boulevard for approximately \$280,000 per year. "The most compelling reason to move the city offices to this location is to save taxpayer money," stated the proposal prepared by City Manager Steven Falk. "Current studies suggest net present value savings of \$1.9 million over 30 years for the purchase option."

The Lafayette School District is in the process of wrapping up a facilities study at the moment, and won't be able to determine a firm level of interest until that's complete; the district is aware that there is a sense of urgency in completing the study.

The fate of the parcel across the street at 949 Moraga Road, which contains a parking area and vacant

doctors' office, has been narrowed down to three possibilities at this point, each with its own set of pros and cons: a low income housing project by Eden Housing, expanded parking – with a potential parking structure – or a boutique hotel.

One of the benefits of low income housing is that it could help the city with its Housing Element requirement to provide the potential for affordable housing, possibly family housing. A parking structure could generate revenue and provide needed additional parking inventory, including employee parking, thereby opening up spaces for customers near businesses. A small boutique hotel could generate revenue via occupancy tax.

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Lafayette Police Department incident summary report, June 22 to July 5

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| Alarms | 70 |
| 911 Calls | 19 |
| Animal Cruelty | |
| 50 block Lafayette Cr | |
| Burglary | |
| Auto | |
| 900 block East St | |
| Residential | |
| 70 block Silverwood Dr | |
| 10 block Dianne Ct | |
| Counterfeit | |
| 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl | |
| Disturbance | |
| Juvenile | |
| 3700 block Mt Diablo Bl | |
| Safeway | |
| Springhill Elementary | |
| Other | |
| 800 block Broadmoor Ct | |
| Hwy 24/Oak Hill Rd | |
| 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl | |
| Fireworks | |
| Stanley School | |
| 1300 block San Reliez Ct | |
| Springhill Elementary (2) | |
| 1200 block Quandt Rd | |
| Plymouth Rd/Chatton Ct | |
| 1300 block San Reliez Ct | |
| Hit & Run | |
| 3200 block Rohrer Dr | |
| Safeway | |
| Mt Diablo Bl/Moraga Rd | |
| Hough Av/Lafayette Cr | |
| 700 block Solana Dr | |
| Moraga Rd/Oliver Ct | |
| 2nd St/Mt Diablo Bl | |
| Missing | |
| Adult | |
| 700 block Moraga Rd | |
| 900 block Risa Rd | |
| Juvenile | |
| 300 block E Lowell Ln | |
| Petty Theft | |
| 1000 block Carol Ln | |
| Acalanes High School | |
| 500 block Silverado Dr | |
| Whole Foods | |
| 1000 block Hampton Rd | |
| Safeway | |
| Springbrook Pool | |
| Grand Theft | |
| 1000 block Carol Ln (2) | |
| Promiscuous Shooting | |
| 1st St/Mt Diablo Bl | |
| 1300 block Reliez Valley Rd | |
| Prowler | |
| 600 block Murray Ln | |
| Public Nuisance | |
| Old Jonas Hill/Moraga Rds | |
| Lafayette Community Park | |
| 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Reliez Station Rd/Glenside Dr | |
| Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Bl | |
| 1100 block Glen Rd | |
| Pleasant Hill Rd/ Hwy 24 | |
| Hwy 24/Oak Hill Rd | |
| Reliez Valley Rd/Pleasant Hill Rd | |
| Pleasant Hill Rd/Hwy 24 | |
| Mt Diablo Bl/Happy Valley Rd | |
| Suspicious | |
| Circumstances | 16 |
| Vehicle | 22 |
| Subject | 15 |
| Traffic Stops | 51 |
| Trespass | |
| Lafayette Reservoir Entrance (2) | |
| Vandalism | |
| Trader Joe's | |
| Pleasant Hill Rd/Rancho View Dr | |
| Warrant | |
| 700 block John Wy | |
| 700 block Toffelmire | |


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