



# Lafayette Civic News

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Monday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Planning Commission

Monday, Aug. 4, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Design Review

Monday, Aug. 11, 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



## Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report, July 6 to July 19

**Alarm Calls** 62

### Auto Burglary

- 900 block S Thompson Rd
- Red Bark Ct/Silver Dell Rd School St
- 1100 block Nogales St
- 500 block Arrowhead Dr
- 1000 block Carol Ln
- 10 block Wallabi Ct
- 500 block Silverado Dr
- Acalanes High School
- 1800 block Del Rey St
- 3200 block Mt Diablo Ct
- 3200 block Sharon Ct

### Battery

- 900 block Risa Rd

### Commercial Burglary

- 3300 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 3100 block Camino Diablo

### Drunk In Public

- 3200 block Mt Diablo Bl

### DUI

- Olympic Bl/Pleasant Hill Rd

### Grand Theft

- 10 block Hidden Valley Rd
- PD (report)
- 3700 block Mt Diablo Bl

### H&S Violation

- 1st St/Mt Diablo Bl

### Harassment

- 3200 block Hillview Ln
- 10 block Rancho Diablo Rd
- BART
- Trader Joe's

### Juvenile Disturbance

- 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 900 block Anita Ct

### Loud Music/Noise/Party

12

### Petty Theft

- 800 block Mountain View Dr
- 600 block Glenside Dr
- Library (2)
- 300 block Read Dr
- 3300 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Acalanes High School
- 3400 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 3700 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 200 block Lafayette Cr
- 20 block Sweet Rd
- 900 block S Thompson Rd

### Residential Burglary

- 4100 block Coralee Ln

### Suspicious:

- Circumstances** 10
- Subject** 17
- Vehicle** 27

### Threats

- 1000 block Brown Av
- 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 3800 block Palo Alto Dr

**Traffic Stops** 107

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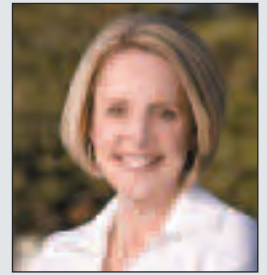
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# New Homes, Site Plan Debut at Scoping Meeting

By Cathy Tyson



Plan 1B



Plan 2B



Plan 3B

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The proposed Terraces of Lafayette project, now called The Homes at Deer Hill, was back before the Planning Commission for a supplemental environmental impact report scoping session, to look at changes from the original report, prepared for what was then a 315-unit multi-family development, to the current project that has been downsized to 44 single family homes. The city must "scope" the supplemental EIR to identify topics to be analyzed in the document.

This meeting is just the first step in a long process. Going forward, staff anticipates the draft EIR will be ready for a 45-day public review period starting in August. Then a public hearing will be held in September focusing on comments from the draft supplemental EIR ahead of preparing the final supplemental EIR. Discussion on the merits of the project will start in September with the Circulation Commission, then move through the Design Review Commission, Parks Trails and Recreation, then finally back to the Planning Commission and Lafayette City Council.

Perhaps more newsworthy than the scoping process was the debut of a new site plan and conceptual drawings of the single-family bungalow craftsman style homes on the 22-acre parcel. Preliminary plans by new the architect, KTG Group of Oakland, incorporate front porches, open-concept kitchen dining and living spaces, with two-car garages and private courtyard patio space, in three and four bedroom homes that range from 2,300 square feet to 2,800 square feet.

Home fronts are oriented to neighborhood

walkways, which creates a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere and more community interaction, said project manager Dave Baker. Garages will be in the rear of all the homes, facing an alley. "Single story and one and a half story homes are located in the most visibly prominent areas," Baker said. "In addition, berming and mature trees will be planted to make these homes less visible from the adjacent roads."

Several pocket areas that could hold barbecues, gazebos, play areas, sitting areas or other features are included; their fate depends on feedback from the Design Review Commission. "It's a great opportunity to do something different," said Jill Williams, principal with KTG, who incorporated authentic historical elements of the area on the exteriors. She explained the living spaces are focused toward the front of the homes facing greenbelt paseos to create a walkable village feel.

Community facilities include the soccer field with public restrooms, tot lot, parking lot, and a multi-use trail that skirts the elevation gain of Deer Hill to enable less challenging bicycle and pedestrian access to Acalanes High School on one end and downtown on the other. The location of a dog park that was included in an earlier version is still not finalized, but it may be moved to a parcel across the street.

For detailed images on the site plan and architectural renderings of the homes, along with the history of the project to date, go to the city website at www.lovelafayette.org and click on Hot Topics.

# Security Cameras Help Track Down Burglar



Photo provided by Lafayette Police Department

Layers of electronics and smart cops recently led to a speedy arrest.

Lafayette police went to check on an alarm in Happy Valley. As officers were dispatched, the homeowner called from the East Coast where he was on vacation, to let police know the system was activated and was equipped to take pictures from the interior of the home. He was later able to email police an image of a masked subject inside the house. Cops arrived and found the home was burgled; the subject gained entrance by shattering a rear glass door.

A neighborhood camera system was in place that captured images of cars and license plate

numbers, along with a community camera that also snagged a picture of the get-away car.

In short order, the suspect was arrested getting into the identified car at his home in Walnut Creek. Police found property from the burglary, clothing worn by the suspect during the burglary and a variety of narcotics.

"In this case, everything seemed to work in textbook fashion," said Police Chief Eric Christensen. He explained that the homeowner alerted a neighbor about being out of town and took the time to hide valuable items of jewelry, leaving other items in the jewelry box, just in case something happened.

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