



# Lafayette Civic News

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Planning Commission

Monday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Design Review

Monday, Aug. 25, 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:

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### Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org



## Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report, July 20 to Aug. 2

**Alarms** 62  
**911 Calls** 9

### Animal Cruelty

Palo Alto Dr/Toledo Dr  
30 block Lafayette Cir  
Diablo Foods  
Old Tunnel Rd/Casleton Pl

### Burglary, Auto

3200 block Quandt Rd  
1000 block Carol Ln  
Oakwood Athletic Club (3)  
3200 block Marlene Dr  
1300 block Summit Rd  
500 block Morecroft Rd  
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl  
900 block East St  
Springbrook Pool

### Burglary, Residential

600 block Glorietta Bl  
1000 block Windsor Rd  
900 block Carl Rd

### Burglary, Commercial

3300 block Mt Diablo Bl  
2nd St/Mt Diablo Bl  
4100 block Canyon Rd

### Drunk in Public

Lafayette Park Hotel

### DUI

Pleasant Hill Rd/Hwy 24

### Fireworks

600 block Los Palos Dr  
El Charro

### Harassment

800 block Avalon Ct

### Hit & Run

3400 block Mt Diablo Bl (2)  
Mt Diablo Bl/1st St  
3300 block Mildred Ln (2)  
3700 block Mt Diablo Bl

### Petty Theft

3200 block Marlene Dr (2)  
1500 block Springbrook Rd  
Safeway  
Community Center  
500 block Morecroft Rd  
Pleasant Hill Rd/Hwy 24  
1000 block Carol Ln  
20 block Gable Ln  
10 block Reliez Valley Ct  
600 block St Mary's Rd  
50 block W Wind Rd

### ID Theft

3100 block Rohrer Dr (2)  
Reported to LPD

### Missing Adult

900 block Dewing Av

### Missing Juvenile

3300 block Victoria Av

### Prowler

700 block Old Jonas Hill Rd

### Panhandling

1st St/Mt Diablo Bl  
Mt Diablo Bl/Happy Valley Rd

### Public nuisance

Nordstrom Ln/Glen Rd  
Dewing Av/Mt Diablo Bl  
3900 block Los Arabis Dr

### Reckless Driving

Oak Hill Rd/Hwy 24  
Pleasant Hill/Hwy 24  
Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Bl  
Mt Diablo Bl/Acalanes Rd  
Hwy 24/Acalanes Rd



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## Meet the New Code Enforcement Officer

By Cathy Tyson

While his job description sounds dry, “enforcing the Lafayette Municipal Code,” the charming newcomer to the position of code enforcement officer, Adam Foster, is perky, professional and friendly – definitely not dry.

He works on investigating and resolving complaints about land use and property maintenance, which can include issues from barking dogs, to abandoned vehicles, to fences and beyond. He’s often the first city employee many citizens talk to, so he’s keenly aware of making a good impression and keeping a positive dialogue going to resolve complaints. Essentially, enforcing the city’s codes can improve the quality of neighborhoods and protect property values; who wants to live next to an abandoned car covered with graffiti or crowing roosters?

His excellent communication skills were honed with stints on the UC Davis student paper “The California Aggie” and at “Baseball America,” a bi-weekly magazine covering, what else, baseball. Foster was inspired by the movie “Moneyball,” his love of the game and talent with statistics, to create algorithms that identify stand-out young minor league players; related stories ran in the print and digital editions of the magazine, and at “Project Prospect” – a scouting and statistical analysis baseball publication.

Foster has been on the job since early June and manages to bike to work most every day, logging roughly 100 miles per week, commuting from Concord. When not working or biking he spends time with his wife Katie and delightful 1-year-old daughter. Having attended Springhill Elementary School, Stanley Middle School and Acalanes High School, he’s intimately familiar with the lay of the land. His grandparents still live in town.

“He brings both enthusiasm and experience to the position, and he’s got a natural likability that is somewhat rare in the code enforcement world,” said City Manager Steven Falk. “People who receive a visit from Adam will meet a smart, pleasant young man who will listen to their side of the story.” Prior to coming to Lafayette, he was the code enforcement officer for Danville.

He also brings a background in planning to the party; he was a temporary planning staffer who worked for various cities around Contra Costa County. Clearly enjoying municipal involvement, Foster wants to run for city council in Concord.

When asked why he likes this position, he responded that it offers the unique opportunity to work with

“multiple layers of city government” like engineering staff, public works, parks and recreation along with the city attorney.

He explains that by starting out on a friendly basis, with a phone call or a knock on the door, recipients of code visits are much more likely to be open to suggestion. He sees the job as kind of like being a “land use therapist” who ultimately creates a vibrant community that people want to be a part of. A-frame signs dotting the sidewalk, junker cars left out, roosters crowing at all hours arguably make Lafayette less loveable.

“We’re working on an electronic implementation system to track complaints,” said Foster. It will be similar to the app that the public works department already uses. “Most requests for code enforcement action come in via phone and email. The app will give residents the ability to submit pictures and location information while they’re out and about.” It will tentatively be up and running later this year. ... continued on page A11



Adam Foster

Photo C. Tyson

## National Night Out in Lafayette




Photo Cathy Tyson

Across town a number of folks volunteered to organize events to celebrate National Night Out on Aug. 5, promoting emergency preparedness. Carol Yates stepped up to the plate and spread the word within her complex, Lafayette Pointe on the east end of town. Newcomers to the neighborhood and longtime residents came out to enjoy a glass of wine, a bite to eat at the community pool and rub elbows with police officers and fire personnel, and check out their vehicles’ cool equipment. C. Tyson

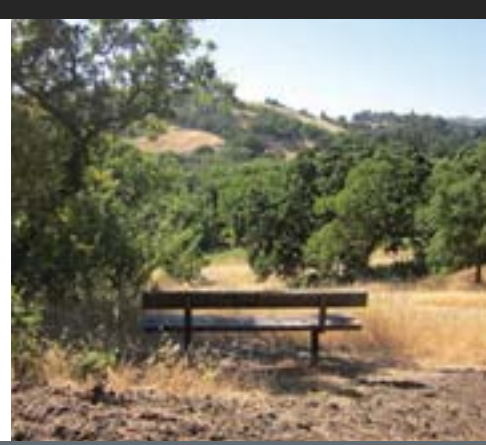
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