



Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report, Aug. 17-30

Alarms	65
911 Calls	16
Animal Cruelty	
Lafayette Cir/Hough Av 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
Burglary, Auto	
Stanley Middle (2) 3200 block Stanley Bl 800 block Topper Ln Springhill Rd/Pleasant Hill Rd 1000 block Laurel Dr 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
Forgery	
1000 block Carol Ln (2)	
DUI	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Hwy 24 Deer Hill Rd/Pleasant Hill Rd	
Hit & Run	
1st St/Mt Diablo Bl Lafayette Park Hotel (3) 900 block Moraga Rd Reliez Station Rd/Pleasant Hill Rd 2nd St/Golden Gate Wy	
Grand Theft	
3400 block Black Hawk Rd 1900 block Marion Ct	
ID Theft	
30 block Circle Creek Ct 3300 block Springhill Rd	
Petty Theft	
700 block St Mary's Rd 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl 900 block Almanor Ct 800 block Rosedale Av 3600 block Baker Ln	
Promiscuous Shooting	
3200 block Elvia St 3800 block Happy Valley Rd 900 block Janet Ln Moraga Rd 3800 block Mt Diablo Bl	
Prowler	
1000 block Willow Dr	
Public Nuisance	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Olympic Bl Lafayette Library 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl McGraw Ln/Reliez Valley Rd 3700 block Sundale Rd Upper Happy Valley Rd/ S Peardale Dr 1400 block Sunset Lp N Thompson Rd/Deer Hill Rd 1000 block Windsor Dr	
Reckless Driving	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Deer Hill Rd Hwy 24/1st St Mt Diablo Bl/Dolores Dr	

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City Council Accepts ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

In what turned out to be the shortest meeting ever, all five members of the Lafayette City Council responded to Matt Chaney's request for them to take the ubiquitous ice bucket challenge. "Thanks for step-



From left: Matt Chaney, Mike Anderson, Brandt Andersson, Don Tatzin, Traci Reilly, and Mark Mitchell

Photo Andy Scheck

ping up," said Chaney, who has been very active in the community and living with ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, since 2001.

Holding to protocol, mayor Don Tatzin called the meeting to order – with a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded and enthusiastically approved by all. The five-some, along with Chaney, then took their buckets (decorated with Love Lafayette bumper stickers) and doused themselves.

City clerk Joanne Robbins said they took the challenge seriously – she was in attendance to keep the checks they wrote to the ALS Association dry. The challenge continues, with the Lafayette City Council daring both Moraga and Orinda councils to also step up. *C. Tyson*

KB Condos Almost Ready to Break Ground

By Cathy Tyson



Image provided

After four meetings and a site visit finalizing design details, KB Home is squared away to receive the final approval on design development for the project it has been working on since 2010. This structure will house 69 condominium units on a 1.5 acre parcel at the terminus of Dewing Avenue – now the parking area just behind Panda Express.

"This is the last approval from the City," said planning and building services manager Niroop Srivatsa. "The next steps are to fulfill all the conditions of approval and submit plans for a building permit." A resolution is slated to be finalized for the design development plans, with conditions, at the Sept. 22 meeting of the Design Review Commission.

Hurdles for this particular milestone focused on architectural and landscape plans which include vehicle and pedestrian access, public art, windows, building materials, balcony design and improving the connection with the public realm. Part of the site fronts Happy Valley Creek, so the city was concerned about clearly identifying what will be a public space with

amenities, along with an easily identifiable walkway that links city sidewalks to the nearby BART station. The developer will use the same reddish decorative pavers found on downtown sidewalks to send that message.

The process to get to this point has seen some delays, and at the onset, a fair amount of public comment. KB Home filed an application for a specific plan amendment in 2010. The resulting zoning change

amended the BART block specific plan for a building over three stories and 35 feet in height; it also included a land use change from office to residential use.

Then came rejection. Public hearings were held in 2012, and in June the Design Review Commission could not make the findings to support the project. Commissioners were clear that the applicant should consider a number of its recommendations that could lead to future

approval – primarily, shrinking the building.

A few months later, the Planning Commission conducted more public hearings, finally voting to adopt the denial of the building application, again finding that the building was too tall.

Following that, the City Council, in October, 2012, received revised architectural plans showing that the top story of the building had been eliminated. ... continued on next page



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