



# Lafayette

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Monday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Design Review

Special Meeting  
Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m.

Regular Meeting  
Monday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### School Board Meetings

**Acalanes Union High School District**  
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m.

AUHS Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

**Lafayette School District**  
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting  
Stanley Middle School Library  
3477 School St., Lafayette  
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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 Jan. 18 to 31:

<b>Alarms</b>	52
<b>911 calls</b>	14
<b>Burglary, Auto</b>	
3600 block Happy Valley Ln Safeway	
Bentley Upper School	
1000 block Upper Happy Valley	
900 block Dewing Av	
<b>Burglary, Residential</b>	
800 block Rosedale Av	
<b>Burglary, Commercial</b>	
60 block Lafayette Cir	
200 block Lafayette Cir	
<b>Civil Disturbance</b>	
1000 block Oak Hill Rd	
<b>Credit Card Fraud</b>	
Reported to LPD (2)	
<b>Drunk in Public</b>	
Round Up	
<b>DUI</b>	
1st St/Hwy 24	
Olympic Oaks Dr/Olympic Bl	
<b>Embezzlement</b>	
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
<b>Fire/EMS Response</b>	
3400 block Mt Diablo Bl	
<b>Grand Theft</b>	
3300 block Mt Diablo Bl (2)	
1700 block Reliez Valley Rd	
<b>Harassment</b>	
3300 block Mt Diablo Bl	
1000 block Creekwood Pl	
<b>Health &amp; Safety Violation</b>	
1100 block Pleasant Hill Cr	
<b>ID Theft</b>	
Reported to LPD	
3400 block La Caminita (2)	
<b>Loud Music</b>	
3300 block East Terrace	
<b>Missing Juvenile</b>	
Stanley Middle School	
<b>Missing Adult</b>	
3600 block Hastings Ct	
<b>Panhandling</b>	
CVS	
Safeway	
3600 block Mt Diablo Bl	

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## Sustainable Lafayette: New Board, New Energy, New Projects

By Sophie Braccini

Over the past 10 years, the non-profit organization Sustainable Lafayette has strived to make Lafayette greener. It recently instated new members to its board to help foster new ideas and projects, but also, as founding members leave the center stage, to make sure that the group – as its name suggests – is sustainable.

New board members Michael Cass, Melinda Krigel, Wei-Tai Kwok, Gailene Nelson and Amanda Walter are all Lafayette residents involved in differing aspects of environmental activism.

Krigel was exposed to Sustainable Lafayette through the green schools programs. “I have been co-chair of the ‘Wastebusters’ committee at Happy Valley Elementary for three years,” she says. She met Sustainable Lafayette board members while attending monthly meetings with the school’s “green” representatives. “That gave me a better understanding



From left, front to back: John Eaton, Erika Pringsheim-Moore, Kim Overaa, Melinda Krigel, Michael Cass, Steve Richard, Gailene Nelson, Nanette Heffernan, Brad Crane, Community Engagement Manager Pamela Palitz and Wei-Tai Kwok. Not pictured Amanda Walter. Photo Sophie Braccini

of the goals of the organization and its impact on our community,” she remembers. As a journalist, she covered a number of environmental issues and pursued a graduate degree in environmental law and journalism. Krigel plans to advocate for kids’ education on the board. “If children have the opportunity to practice environmental responsibility at school by doing such

things as recycling their papers or composting their lunch leftovers, then these practices can carry over into other part of their lives,” she says.

The school’s program was also Kwok’s entry point. “My wife Violet was a Sustainable Lafayette volunteer helping Happy Valley Elementary School adopt more sustainable recycling practices,” he says. A self-de-

scribed humanist, Kwok says he’s passionate about saving the people who live on the earth. “If we exhaust our natural resources, life will be difficult for our children,” he says. In August of 2013, Kwok traveled to Chicago for three days with 1,200 other volunteers from across the country to learn the latest facts about climate change. ... continued on page A8

## New Year, New Goals

By Cathy Tyson

It’s that time of year again: goal setting time. At the Jan. 26 city council meeting, the Lafayette City Council reviewed 2014’s completed items, carried forward goals that are still in progress and added new ones for 2015.

One of the goals Mayor Brandt Andersson and City Manager Steven Falk discussed is a series of community conversations for citizens to chime in on potential future projects. Because downtown development is under control and the road repair situation is almost completely addressed, this is an opportunity to get a pulse of the town and gather feedback and suggestions. “This is a chance to start looking ahead to expand our

horizons and see some new things that the city can do,” said Andersson. Look for the conversations to start sometime in the spring.

More concretely, city council members were asked their goals and priorities for the fiscal year that will start on July 1. Falk called it the “kick off to the annual budget process.” At the next meeting, the council can look at goals and staff prepares an estimated budget for those items, with a draft budget coming back to the council in late May or early June for final approval.

Other goals for fiscal year 2015-16 include organizing and hosting a Commissioners’ Academy to introduce successful meeting models to

ensure that city commission meetings are productive, and to help commissioners meet all legal requirements. Also on the list is to develop a strategy for downtown parking, and finally write and approve a master plan for downtown creeks.

Four of the five goals from last year are still in progress: consider a grand plan for downtown traffic circulation, process land use matters related to the Terraces of Lafayette, develop a plan to improve fire and emergency medical services, and develop a plan for financing downtown landscape maintenance. Finding the highest and best use of two city-owned parcels – the Old Library and 949 Moraga Road is complete.

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