



Lafayette

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, May 26, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, June 1, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Tuesday, May 26, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Tuesday, June 23, 4 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Board Room
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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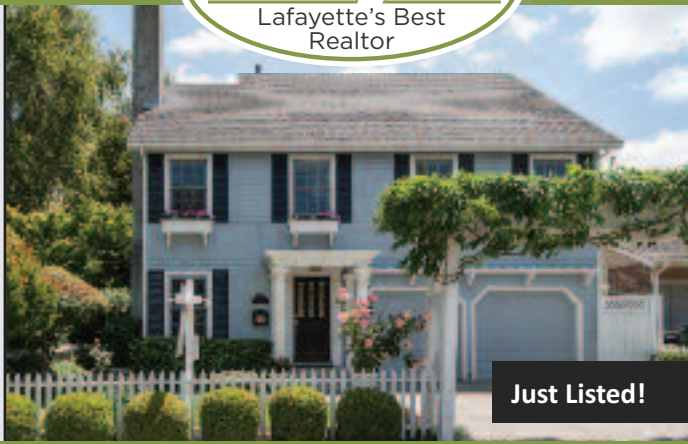


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City Doubles Down on Pathway Enhancements Near Schools

By Cathy Tyson



Cars queue up along Happy Valley Road

Photo Cathy Tyson

It was a sidewalk doubleheader for city engineer Matt Luttrupp at a recent public information meeting: He first discussed upcoming im-

provements to a walkway on Happy Valley Road for school kids, then moved on to the Quandt Road pathway, which serves students at Springhill Elementary.

Both projects will bring new walkways, handicap ramps, curbs, gutters, and pedestrian crosswalk push buttons and striping on the city's right-of-way, which typically extends 10 feet or more beyond the curb or edge of the pavement. The combined \$275,000 worth of improvements will be partially funded by Transportation Development Act grants for sidewalk safety and school access. While keeping kids safe and leveraging city funds are good things, traffic delays associated with the projects are inevitable as these two-lane roads morph into one-lane roads with the help of orange cones and flaggers directing traffic.

The Happy Valley Road work is especially tricky, since that street is more of an arterial to the neighborhood. A new 350-foot walkway separated from the roadway will be constructed along the north side of Happy Valley

Road from Panorama Drive to Redwood Lane, which is basically right across the street from the elementary school, and is usually full of parked cars. In addition, construction should tentatively begin in September, to be completed in mid-November when school is in session.

Energetic principal at Happy Valley, Shayna Peeff, voiced her concern that the start time for construction crews – originally slated for 8:30 a.m. – is the same time that classes begin. Luttrupp had no problem bumping the construction start time to 9 a.m. every weekday, well past the school's dismissal time. She, along with teachers, have made an effort to improve congestion at peak times to accommodate twice the volume of cars on school property to ease backups on Happy Valley Road. A rolling dismissal time to alleviate the afternoon crunch has recently been instituted; students have an almost 20 minute window of supervision when parents or guardians can pick up their kids.

The timing of both projects is not fantastic, but due to the restrictions of the grant funds, work must be completed by next summer. One resident suggested perhaps contractors could work during the Christmas season. Luttrupp explained that weather is a concern, bids may come in higher than anticipated, and the construction might take longer than anticipated, lengthening the inconvenience for all.

Senior engineer Farzaneh Sanders will be in charge during the construction phase this fall and will post weekly updates on the city website on Fridays during the project's duration about the work scheduled for the following week. Residents have been advised that shrubs and trees "in conflict" with the pathway alignment will be removed; they have also been asked to let the city know if there is irrigation, lighting or drain lines within the public right-of-way to see about preservation, if possible.

Luttrupp describes the residents at the Quandt Road meeting as "enthusiastic" and "happy." Improvements there will run about 450 feet from Pleasant Hill Road to Quandt Court. The westbound travel lane on Quandt Road will remain 10 feet wide, but the shoulder will be reduced to four feet. "Usually neighbors are excited to see the improvements," said Luttrupp. "It's nice to give people something they've been wanting for a long while." While the bearded Luttrupp has an official title of senior engineer, maybe it should be civic Santa?



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report April 26 to May 9

- Alarms** 57
- Animal Control**
100 block Lafayette Cr
- 911 calls (incl. hang-ups)** 8
- Battery**
Lafayette Park Hotel
1000 block 2nd St
Safeway
- Brandishing a Weapon**
St Francis Dr/Dahlia Ct
- Burglary, Auto**
Bentley School
1300 block San Reliez Ct
3500 block School St
900 block Mt View Dr
Safeway
Oakwood Athletic Club (2)
3000 block Camino Diablo
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl (2)
3500 block Golden Gate Wy
Postino
30 block Lafayette Cr
- Burglary, Residential**
3500 block Boyer Cr
600 block Glenside Dr
3200 block Sweet Dr
- Disturbing the Peace**
Burton Valley Elementary
- Drunk in Public**
RoundUp
- Police/Fire/EMS Response**
3400 block Monroe Av
Pleasant Hill Rd/Olympic Bl
1000 block Laurel Dr
El Nido Ranch/Sunnyhill Rds
- DUI**
Deer Hill/Pleasant Hill Rds
- Found Adult**
3400 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Forgery**
1000 block Timothy Ln
- Harassment**
4000 block Tilden Ln
800 block Birdhaven (phone)
3400 block Mt Diablo Bl
3500 block Wilkinson Ln
El Nido Ranch/Acalanes Rds
- Hit & Run**
Mt Diablo Bl/1st St
Reported to police dept
3500 block O'Connor Dr
3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
900 block Moraga Rd
- ID Theft**
80 block Bacon Ct (3)
3700 block Highland Rd
600 block Sky Hy Cr
4000 block Woodside Ct
3500 block Springhill Rd
- Loud Music**
Library (2)
- Missing Adult**
3100 block Sweetbrier Cr
- Neighbor Dispute**
800 block Birdhaven Ct

- Panhandling**
McDonalds
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Petty Theft**
1100 block Garden Ln
200 block Lafayette Cr
1200 block Barrot Rd
600 block Los Palos Dr
3500 block Springhill Rd
900 block Paulson Ct
3400 block Golden Gate Wy (from vehicle)
Safeway (in custody) (2)
30 block Lafayette Cr
BART Lafayette
10 block Ruth Ct
- Public Nuisance**
Florence Dr/Betty Ln
3100 block Stanley Bl
3400 block Golden Gate Wy
3500 block Brook St
Post Office
- Promiscuous Shooting**
700 block Solana Dr
800 block Mt View Dr
West Terrace/Sweet Dr
Los Palos/Via Los Colorados
- Reckless Driving**
Pleasant Hill Rd/Olympic Bl (3)
Hwy 24/Oak Hill Rd
Moraga/St Mary's Rds
Pleasant Hill/Springhill Rds
Burton/Silverado Drs
600 block Lucas Dr
- Shoplifting**
Safeway (3)
CVS
3400 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Susp. Circumstances** 15
- Suspicious Vehicle** 26
- Suspicious Subject** 19
- Throw from Moving Veh**
Upper Happy Valley/
Happy Valley Rds
- Traffic Stops** 215
- Trespass**
1300 block Martino Rd
- Unwanted Guest**
3500 block Moraga Bl
Lafayette Park Hotel
3300 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Vandalism**
1000 block Carol Ln
Trader Joe's
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl (2)
Burton Valley Elementary
- Vehicle Theft**
3500 block Terrace Wy
20 block Lafayette Cr
- Vehicle Recovery**
3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Verbal Dispute**
3400 block Mt Diablo Bl
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