



# Lafayette

## Public Meetings

### City Council

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

### Planning Commission

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

### Design Review

Monday, June 8, 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

### City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us  
Phone: (925) 284-1968

### Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org



## Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report May 17- 23

- Abandoned Vehicle**  
Acalanes High School
- Alarms** 29  
**Assault**  
700 block Tofflemire
- 911 calls (incl. hangups)** 6  
**Battery**  
Happy Valley/Deer Hill Rds
- Burglary, Auto**  
Orchard Nursery  
1000 block Aileen St  
Oakwood Athletic
- Disturbing the Peace**  
3300 block Sweet Dr
- Police/Fire/EMS Response**  
3600 block Happy Valley Ln  
1700 Reliez Valley Rd
- DUI**  
Acalanes Rd/Hwy 24
- Found Adult**  
Bank of the West
- Forgery**  
1000 block Lorinda Ln
- Harassment**  
3500 block Boyer Cr
- Hit & Run**  
4100 block Hidden Valley Rd
- Health & Safety Violation**  
Springhill Rd/Prado Wy
- ID Theft**  
3300 block Walnut Ln  
1000 block Lorinda Ln  
1000 block Carol Ln  
Reported to police
- Littering**  
4000 block Los Arabis
- Loud party**  
1000 block Brown Ave
- Missing Adult**  
1000 block 2nd St
- Neighbor Dispute**  
1000 block Magnolia Ln  
600 block Los Palos Dr
- Panhandling**  
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl (2)
- Petty Theft**  
3700 block Sundale Rd  
Mt Diablo Bl/Dewing Ave  
1000 block Brown Ave (2)  
3400 block Echo Springs Rd  
1100 block Orchard Rd  
(from vehicle)  
Marlene Dr/Berta Ln  
Starbucks
- Possession Controlled Substance**  
500 block Eagle Pt Rd
- Public Nuisance**  
Lancaster/Somerset Drs  
1800 block Del Rey St  
Knox/Silverwood Drs  
200 block Lafayette Cr
- Promiscuous Shooting**  
3300 block Betty Ln
- Reckless Driving**  
1st St/Hwy 24  
Lafayette Reservoir

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## Launch of Long-Awaited Luxury Condominiums

By Cathy Tyson



The first of six Woodbury luxury condominiums in Lafayette.

Photo Andy Scheck

One building is mostly done, with six more to go. The Woodbury, Lafayette's largest housing project in more than a decade is officially open, although only one building is complete. The remaining six structures are slated to be finished in the next year, adding 56 luxury residential flats to the local housing market.

Visitors to the VIP open house May 28 were impressed with the thoughtful spacious overall design and attention to detail at the two units which were open, featuring generous, tricked-out kitchens that feature quartz countertops, quality cabinetry and high-end Thermidor stainless steel appliances, and the unique private garage situation.

"We wanted these units to live like single family homes," said Scott Thomsen of Lafayette-based Ward Young Architecture, "with a lock and go concept." Residents will be able to drive into their garden flat garage and have a private entry elevator to their home activated with a key card, with plenty of storage in the garage and within the condominium. ... continued on page A9

## Budget Bonanza

City ends fiscal year with an extra \$1.2 million

By Cathy Tyson

It's always a good thing when revenues exceed expenses. The 2014-15 fiscal year is poised to end on a "very positive fiscal note," reported City Manager Steven Falk, with \$1.2 million over and above expenses.

Looking forward to the new proposed budget for FY 2015-16 that starts on July 1, both Falk and Administrative Services Director Tracy Robinson expect a continued surplus for the coming fiscal year and see this sustained robust situation in the 5-year forecast, even after funding the remaining road repair backlog.

This annual exercise is important because it "allocates the city's treasure toward your priorities," said Falk, presenting the proposed fiscal year 2015-16 budget to the Lafayette City Council. He proudly pointed out that even with anticipated revenue of \$14.5 million and expenses of \$13.5 million for FY 2015-16, "there are no new programs and no new employees," along with a very healthy general fund reserve, or savings account, of \$8.4 million to use in case of emergency or natural disaster.

City staff recommend that reserves exceeding the general fund target amount be divided between money to the parking fund and toward a fund to pay for city offices in the future. Right now, the city pays \$325,000 per year to a landlord in rent. Over the long term, purchasing city offices would be more economical.

While there are no immediate plans to move the city offices, staff along with an independent blue ribbon committee crunched the numbers and deduced it makes good financial sense over the long haul to own and not pay rent for municipal operations. Putting additional money in this savings account while there is a surplus means that the city will need to borrow less down the road.

The parking fund would go toward paying for additional parking, a popular concept. Assuming this transfer is made, the cash available in the fund will be \$1.1 million.

Robinson attributes the vigorous finances to a 9 percent increase in property tax revenue and an extra \$400,000 in waste management impact fees. The garbage truck fees go exclusively to fund road repair.

The budget for next year includes two unique special requests from the chief of police, Eric Christensen, and the program coordinator for Lamorinda Senior Transportation, Mary Bruns. The police want funding to install cameras in their police cars, called Mobile Auto Video. Christensen acknowledges that "over the last few months, the need to record officer-citizen contacts in the field and arrestee transports has clearly been demonstrated." He recommends, at a cost of \$6,000 per vehicle, the Panasonic Arbitrator 360; the entire project should not exceed \$65,000. It's already being used in Pittsburg and Danville.

Bruns is searching for more money for the Spirit Vans that serve seniors. In a detailed report, she outlined the success of the program that

started in 2006. Now in 2015, the program serves double the number of original passengers, service hours have grown from 20 hours per week to 64 hours per week, and now the program has four handicap accessible vans. Bruns is asking for funding of \$40,000 from Lafayette, \$15,000 from Moraga, and \$25,000 from Orinda.

Council members had some discussion about specific items including core area maintenance funding, sweeping revenue from the Parks, Trails and Recreation Department at the end of the year, and a modest sinking fund for public art. Ultimately they voted 4-1 to approve the proposed budget as presented. To read the extensive, detailed budget report, go to the city website at www.love-lafayette.org and click Hot Topics.



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