



# Lafayette

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Monday, Sept. 14, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Planning Commission

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

### Design Review

Monday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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## BART Bond a Possibility

*But will it be used to expand Lafayette BART parking?*

By Cathy Tyson

Are residents willing to pay for better, more reliable BART service?

It's no secret that BART is grappling with aging infrastructure and increased ridership. A staggering 110,000 trips on a typical weekday

start or end in Contra Costa County. Now at over 40 years old, the system is stressed and in need of some serious upgrades: tracks and train control systems are key issues, along with escalators, ticket machines and the stations themselves.

Upgrades to the control system could get trains to run closer together, increasing their frequency. BART board member Gail Murray, who represents District 1, which includes municipalities from Martinez to Lafayette to San Ramon, recently gave a presentation to the Lafayette City Council, explaining the details of a potential bond measure the transit agency is considering, emphasizing the agency's critical capital needs.

BART officials are considering bringing what they call a "Fix it first" bond measure to voters in the three BART counties of San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa to upgrade or replace aging infrastructure.

If the BART board of directors agrees to place the measure on the ballot, and if the measure garners enough votes, funds would go toward a number of systems: upgrading train control, traction and electrical power, mechanical, communication and fare collection systems. With upgrades, trains that serve the busy Pittsburg-Bay Point line would be longer and run more frequently, alleviating some of the current congestion during peak hours.

If the agency opts to go forward, board members will need to finalize their Transit Expenditure Plan and ballot measure language prior to July



Photo Cathy Tyson

2016, in preparation for the Nov. 8, 2016 election.

Of particular interest to local city council members is potential parking garage improvements at the Lafayette station that could be included in the transit expenditure plan, but that solution quickly looked less than optimal.

The concept of a stacked garage at the station to help put a dent in the parking problem has come up on various occasions. Murray made it clear, however, that there is a system-wide parking problem. "The board is not a proponent of parking," she said, explaining that they would prefer to spend money to keep the system running, rather than on parking lots. Murray acknowledged that while it's not a priority, BART leaders are looking at a number of options like remote lots with shuttles during peak periods, carpooling and working with Uber and Lyft drivers.

Because parking is inadequate

throughout the system, council members expressed concern that even if BART adds more parking capacity in Lafayette, drivers from Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and beyond could be using it.

"My sense is this doesn't solve our problem; that other BART riders would flock to a Lafayette parking garage," said Council Member Mike Anderson.

Considering the situation if the bond measure doesn't pass, Council Member Mark Mitchell asked, "How do you prioritize what you don't do?"

"Less service for more money," Murray replied.

BART Manger of Financial Planning Pam Herhold highlighted the parking situation and ridership from the Lafayette station: 1,500 parking spaces, and a whopping 3,400 on the waiting list for a reserved parking space. A total of 4,000 riders on average every day hop on or off at this station.



### Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report July 19-Aug. 1

- Alarms** 99
- 911 Calls** (includes hang-ups) 17
- Traffic stops** 126
- Suspicious Circumstances** 17
- Suspicious Subjects** 21
- Suspicious Vehicles** 33
- Animal Cruelty**
  - 50 block Lafayette Cir
  - 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Burglary, Auto**
  - Reported to police
  - 700 block Reliez Station Rd
  - 4000 block Mt Diablo Bl
  - 400 block Florence Dr
  - 3600 block Chestnut St (3)
  - 1000 block 2nd St
  - Mt Diablo Bl/Risa Rd (2)
  - 2900 block Windtree Ct
  - 3200 block Mt Diablo Ct (2)
- Burglary, Residential**
  - 1100 block Perales St
  - 10 block Almaden Ct
  - 3200 block Sweet Dr
  - 900 block Carol Ln
  - 1300 block Sunset Lp
  - 600 block Sky Hy Cir
  - 3500 block Brook St
- Civil Problem**
  - 3600 block Chestnut St
  - 3200 block Woodview Dr
  - 900 block Moraga Rd
  - 3500 block Mt Diablo bl
- Drunk in Public**
  - Mt Diablo Bl/Lafayette Cir
- DUI**
  - Jack in the Box
- Elder Abuse**
  - 1000 block 1st St.
- Fireworks**
  - 3500 block S Silver Springs Rd
  - Mildred Ln/Florence Dr
- Fraud**
  - 1100 block Camino Vallecito
  - Lafayette Park Hotel
- Harassment**
  - 1000 block Leland Dr
  - 3700 block St Francis Dr (phone)
  - Springhill Elementary
  - Safeway
  - 900 block Anita Ct
- Health & Safety Violation**
  - Springhill Rd/Briones trail
  - Gazebo
- Hit & Run**
  - 70 block Lafayette Cr
  - Deer Hill Rd/Miller Dr
  - 800 block Rosedale
  - Wells Fargo
  - El Charro
  - Trader Joe's
  - 10 block Springhill Ln
  - 3400 block Mt Diablo Bl
  - 600 block Burton Dr
- Indecent Exposure**
  - 1200 block Pleasant Hill Rd
- Intoxicated Subject**
  - Starbucks
- Loud Music**
  - 200 block Lafayette Cr
  - 900 block East St (2)
  - 3200 block Marlene Dr
- Loud Noise/Party**
  - Somerset/Huntleigh Dr
  - 3600 block Bickerstaff
  - 3500 block Silver Springs Rd
  - 3200 block Camino Diablo
  - 500 block Silverado Dr
  - 3600 block West Rd
  - Marianne Dr/Acalanes Rd
  - 3200 block Hillview Ln
  - 10 block Hilledale Rd

- Missing Adult**
  - 3200 block Ameno Dr
- Neighbor Dispute**
  - 900 block East St
- Panhandling**
  - 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl (2)
  - 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Police/Fire/EMS Response**
  - BART
  - 3300 block Deer Hill Rd
  - 900 block Risa Rd
  - 1000 block Carol Ln
- Public Nuisance**
  - 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
  - 3100 block Somerset Dr
  - 3700 block Mt Diablo Bl
  - Warner Ct/St Stanley Bl
  - Woodview Dr/St Mary's Rd
- Promiscuous Shooting**
  - 800 block Tanglewood
  - 1400 block Rancho View Dr
  - 10 block Topper
  - Madrone Dr/Moraga Rd
  - 10 block Hidden Valley Rd
  - 100 block Hunsaker Cyn Rd
- Prowler**
  - 3500 block Wilkinson Ln
- Reckless Driving**
  - Pleasant Hill/Hwy 24 (2)
  - Springhill Elementary
  - St. Mary's/Rohrer Dr (2)
  - Mt Diablo Bl/Lafayette Cr
  - Acalanes High School
  - Pleasant Hill/Springhill Rds
  - Crestmont Dr/Happy Valley Rd
  - Acalanes Rd/Mt Diablo Bl
- Recovered Vehicle**
  - 1000 block Serrano Ct
- Shoplifting**
  - Safeway (4)
  - 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Theft, Petty**
  - 1100 block Upper Happy Valley Rd
  - 900 block East St (bike)
  - 3700 block West Rd
  - 900 block Dewing Av
  - 3300 block Betty Ln
  - Mt Diablo Bl/Lafayette Cr
  - Safeway (bike)
  - 3300 block Cerrito Ct
  - 600 block Lancaster Dr (2)
  - 3300 block Mt Diablo Bl
  - Reported to police
- Theft, Grand**
  - 3200 block Beechwood Dr (2)
- Theft, ID**
  - 10 block Hidden Valley Rd
  - 600 block Los Palos
  - 10 block Cricket Hill Rd
  - 3300 block Berta Ln
- Theft, Vehicle**
  - 1000 block Carol Ln
  - 3200 block Acalanes Av
- Threats**
  - 3300 block Woodview Dr
  - Acalanes Rd/Hwy 24
- Trespass**
  - 10 block Toledo Dr
  - 3700 block Happy Valley Rd
  - Knox/Silverwood Drs
- Unwanted Guest**
  - 900 block East St
  - 1000 block 1st St
  - 3200 block Quandt Rd
- Vandalism**
  - 600 block Lucas Dr
  - 3500 block Brook St
  - 3200 block Driftwood
  - 3300 block Victoria Av
  - 3400 block School St
  - Safeway
  - 3300 block Johnson Rd

## City Considers Lease and Purchase Agreement for Old Library

By Cathy Tyson

Questions swirled around what the definition of "good" is regarding the Lafayette School District's lease and option to purchase the old library building on Moraga Road from the city of Lafayette.

Terms for the deal, if approved, include rent for the aging structure of \$8,333.33 per month for a period of approximately 12 to 18 months, with an option to purchase the land and structure for \$2 million. The city purchased the property from the prior owner, Contra Costa County, just two years ago for \$1.97 million.

Important definitions came into play as the city considered its distinct roles, first as a landlord and then as a seller, if both parties can come to an agreement.

Condition of the building when it is sold is strictly "as is," something school district officials are aware of. However during the time period that the building is being rented, the city is required to keep the building in "good" condition. If the roof had a leak during the rental period, for example, the city would have to repair it. Council Member Don Tatzin asked if the heating and air conditioning systems were working, a reasonable obligation for the structure to be in "good" condition. The HVAC status wasn't immediately clear, since the building has been vacant for many years.

City Manager Steven Falk clarified that the building is uninhabitable right now. He also explained that the state controls architectural require-

ments for classrooms, which supersede local building codes. The district is aware the building can't be used for classrooms, but it can be used for administrative offices or a variety of other purposes. The lease agreement states the city of Lafayette is not responsible for any tenant improvements.

"The school board needs to review the agreement," said superintendent Rachel Zinn. "We're exploring possible options."

Ultimately the city council agreed that both the Lafayette School District and representatives of the city will do

an inspection of the property together to clear up any confusion about what is "good" condition.

The deal also included language that covered contingencies if the city changes its mind and decides not to sell the property: it would refund the rent paid by the school district. If the district backs out, the rent paid would be kept by the city. In the unusual situation that the city was prevented from selling, it would pay back half of the rent to the district. The item will come back to the city council on Sept. 14 for a presumably final decision.

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**Fresh Seafood Cioppino:** in a rich tomato-basil sauce, parmesan, garlic toast .....19

**Roasted Scallops:** spinach, salciccia capo .....19

**Roasted Wild Salmon:** white wine, capers, braised greens, and potato gratin .....17

**Veal Scallopini:** mushrooms, garlic, marsala wine .....17

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