



Lafayette

Public Meetings

City Council
Monday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Oct. 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, Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 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 Sept. 27 to Oct. 10

Alarms	62
911 Calls (incl hang-ups)	12
Noise Complaints	16
Traffic Stops	184
Suspicious Circumstances	9
Suspicious Subjects	13
Suspicious Vehicles	22
Abandoned Vehicle	
West Rd/Mt View Dr	
3200 block Marlene Dr	
Armed Robbery	
Mechanic's Bank	
Battery	
Acalanes High School	
Burglary, Auto	
1000 block Carol Ln	
Olympic Blvd/Reliez Station Rd	
3700 block Sundale Rd	
900 block Village Center	
Safeway	
Burglary, Residential	
10 block Moss Ln	
3200 block Judy Ln	
Dispute	
3400 block Moraga Blvd	
900 block Dewing Ave	
1000 block Brown Ave	
Disturbing the Peace	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Springhill Rd	
3100 block Indian Way	
Found Adult	
3400 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Forgery	
3200 block Ortega Ave (2)	
3400 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Harassment	
10 block Ethan Ct (2)	
3400 block Golden Gate Way (phone)	
3300 block West Terrace	
1700 block Toyon Rd	
1100 block Glen Rd	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Health & Safety Violation	
1000 block Buchan Dr	
Post Office	
Acalanes High School	
Hit & Run	
3400 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Loitering	
20 block Lafayette Cir	
Bank of America	
Missing Juvenile	
Reported to police	
Panhandling	
Post Office	
Safeway	
Police/Fire/EMS Response	
4000 Coralee Ln	
Moraga Blvd/3rd St	
Public Nuisance	
3000 block Rohrer Dr	
Proscenic Shooting	
100 block Hunsaker Canyon Rd	
Hwy 24/Oak Hill Rd	

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Developer Must Yield for Story Poles in Burton Valley

By Cathy Tyson

Building a house in Lafayette is not for the faint of heart. With its original application now 11 years old, local developer Soldier Field Partners encountered a small speed bump on the way to Phase I development permits for lots 4, 6 and 7 of an eight-home subdivision called Lucas Ranch Estates. The homes will be clustered on roughly one-third of the 87.9-acre parcel, with the balance of the land remaining undeveloped, except for public trails.

Planning commissioners called for story poles to be erected to illustrate the size, mass and visibility of these three homes on the edge of Burton Valley.

"It just seems silly," said planning commissioner Jeanne Ateljevich at a meeting in late September, explaining the obvious need to see how big a structure is prior to approving it.

Chair Tom Chastain agreed. "I'm not making any findings unless I can see the story poles," he said. "I want to go on record to try and stop this trend; it's not a good one. We need them so everyone can understand what we are deciding upon."

The developer erected the poles as promised on the perimeter of the site for three of the estate-size homes for planning commissioners to view, prior to their next review of the project.

Attorney for the applicant, Alan Moore of Gagen McCoy, reminded the commissioners that story poles had been erected many times in the past for this project, and poles will need to go up again for the Phase II review, presumably in the near future. Full design plans are necessary for a Phase II Hillside Development Permit, which covers aesthetics, height, architecture, colors, materials, lighting and landscaping.

Responding to comments from neighbors who have complained that the development is not compatible with the existing homes in the area, Moore said that's true, it's not com-



View from the end of Lucas Drive to the Soldier Field Partners development in Burton Valley. Photo C. Tyson

patible, "it's meant to be a new neighborhood." Already approved design guidelines specify large custom estate homes on large lots to be clustered on the southern corner of the property.

"Look at this through a different prism, the land is zoned LR-10, one home per 10 acres." Moore also pointed out that two-thirds of the land on the 88-acre parcel will remain open space.

Expressing a willingness to talk with neighbors about particular features of the homes, he added, "We'll work with you, but we have a vested

right to move forward." The framework for the eight-home subdivision, including the lot layout, has already been approved in the design guidelines.

The expansive homes, 10,318 square feet for the lot 4 house, 9,927 for the lot 6 house, and 9,416 for the lot 7 house will be located between the Lucas Drive extension and south of Lucas Court at the tail end of the J-shaped parcel. The majority of the land extends north, on the hillside behind traditional ranch-style homes on Lucas Drive.

The subdivision has a long history dating back to an original application in 2004; after an appeal, it was ultimately approved by the City Council on a split vote with a series of conditions of approval in 2006. Construction is already underway for roadway improvements. The Phase I permits for lots 1, 2 and 3 have already been approved, but presuming Phase I permits for lots 4, 6 and 7 get approved, all of the homes still have to go through the review process to get Phase II approval.

City seeks volunteer for vacancy on the Design Review Commission

The Lafayette City Council is soliciting applicants to fill one vacancy on the Design Review Commission.

The five-member body is responsible for matters relating to aesthetics and the physical appearance of the city. The commission advises the staff, planning commission, and city council and acts on applications for design review including residential and commercial development projects.

Members of the design review commission are selected on the basis of education, training and experience in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, design, city planning or a related field. The council may appoint one or more nonresidents if, in its discretion, it considers it necessary to gain sufficient expertise.

Individuals interested in this volunteer position may obtain an application from the City's web site at www.lovelafayette.org or in person at:

City of Lafayette Offices
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 210
Lafayette, CA 94549

You may also call the City's Clerks Office at (925) 284-1968 to request an application be mailed to you. Completed applications must be received by 5:00 pm, October 23, 2015.

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