



# Lafayette

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Monday, Jan. 11, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Planning Commission

Monday, Jan. 4, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Design Review

Monday, Jan. 11, 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. 3, 7:30 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

### Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Jan 13, 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 Dec. 6-12

<b>Alarms</b>	43
<b>911 Calls (includes hang-ups)</b>	14
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	3
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	104
<b>Suspicious Circumstances</b>	7
<b>Suspicious Subjects</b>	11
<b>Suspicious Vehicles</b>	20
<b>Abandoned Vehicle</b>	
3200 block Stanley Blvd	
<b>Burglary, Auto</b>	
80 block Lafayette Cir	
4000 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Bentley Upper School (2)	
Oakwood Athletic Club	
<b>Burglary, Residential</b>	
1700 block Toyon Rd	
<b>Civil Problem</b>	
900 block Sunnybrook Dr (2)	
10 block Northridge Ln	
<b>Defraud Innkeeper</b>	
1000 block Blackwood Ln	
3800 Palo Alto Dr	
<b>Drunk in Public</b>	
Roundup	
<b>Found Adult</b>	
3400 block Springhill Rd	
<b>Harassment</b>	
1200 block Sunset Loop	
20 block Northridge Ln	
3200 block Lucas Cr	
(by phone)	
<b>Health &amp; Safety Violation</b>	
3300 block Orchard Valley Ln	
3200 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Saranap/El Curtola Blvd	
<b>Hit &amp; Run</b>	
Oak Hill Rd/Mt Diablo Blvd	
Happy Valley School	
Oak Hill/Deer Hill Rds	
Mt Diablo Blvd/Moraga Rd	
900 block Hough Ave	
3500 block Brook St	
<b>Indecent Exposure</b>	
Mt Diablo Blvd/1st St	
<b>Missing Adult</b>	
900 block Hough Ave	
3700 block Highland Rd	
<b>Police/Fire/EMS Response</b>	
Dolores Dr/Mt Diablo Blvd	
<b>Public Nuisance</b>	
Beechwood/Hawthorn Drives	
Condit/Pleasant Hill Rd	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
St Mary's Rd/Avalon Ave	
Hidden Valley/Acalanes Rds	
3500 block Hamlin Rd	
700 block John Way	
<b>Promiscuous Shooting</b>	
10 block Leeward Glen Rd	
Glen Rd/Nordstrom Ln	
Walnut/Dewing	
1000 block Oak Hill Rd	
Monson Ln/Dolores Dr	
Dewing Ave/Brook St	

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## Home Grown Mayor for 2016

By Cathy Tyson



Mark Mitchell at a recent council meeting with daughter, Lauren Photo C. Tyson

Mark Mitchell, brand new mayor for 2016, brings special meaning to the phrase "local son." His parents came to Lafayette in 1957 when he was just a few months old, "an outstanding move," said Mitchell at his swearing in on Dec. 14. He attended Springhill Elementary School, Stanley Middle School and Acalanes High School. Then he left town – heading all the way to UC Berkeley for college, obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

Mitchell takes the gavel from outgoing mayor Brandt Andersson, who resumes his duties as council member. Mike Anderson will serve as vice mayor in 2016. Residents don't vote for the mayor. Instead, the five sitting council members elect the mayor.

Although elected to the city council in 2012, this isn't Mitchell's first civic stint. Prior to that, he served on the Planning Commission for many years, reviewing projects around the city. He has also been active volunteering with Our Saviors Lutheran Church and has coached 11 sports teams over the years, spurred by the activities of his two kids, Lauren and Ryan, who are now both in college. One of his favorites was indoor floor hockey. "Amazingly fun," he says.

He and wife, Anne, are officially empty nesters. Lauren is attending George Washington University; Ryan attends San Diego State University.

Mitchell sees a number of challenges facing the city in the coming year, but one of them will not be the budget. At the last city council meet-

ing of the year, the final municipal budget and workplan for fiscal year 2015-16 was presented, which highlighted a robust financial picture. Actual expenses came in \$1.2 million less than anticipated and revenue was \$1.3 million more than budgeted – the best of both worlds, due primarily to a healthy increase in property tax and sales tax revenue. Although the fiscal picture for the city is rosy, he plans to continue the ongoing theme of conservative budgeting.

One area that needs to be addressed is the downtown landscaping and lighting budget, which is running a deficit. Mitchell sees discussion and a funding decision on that in 2016.

When he is not busy at city council meetings, he can be found at his day job since 1982 in real estate and property management, or playing

tennis and golf, weather permitting. Competitive ongoing bridge games are a focus of vacations with extended family members. He recently completed the Citizen's Police Academy in his spare time, which included many evening classes and a two-hour ride-along with an officer in a patrol car, and was impressed at the job the police department does.

He is looking forward to the results of several studies that will be completed this year: one biggie is the downtown congestion study; along with a study to improve traffic flow on Pleasant Hill Road; a comprehensive parking strategy for downtown; a downtown creeks plan, and the sales tax revenue study, which is slated to give a recommendation on whether or not to consider a sales tax measure for 2016 in January or February.

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### A Comment from Council Member Traci Reilly

Normally, the person serving as vice mayor rotates into the mayor position the following year. A working mother of three boys, Traci Reilly was elected to the Lafayette City Council in 2012, served as vice mayor in 2015, and was slated to become mayor in 2016. "I opted not to be mayor this year due to some additional commitments that would make it difficult for me to handle all the extra responsibilities that come along with the title of mayor. Due to the extra time required, I felt that it was in the best interest of the city and for myself, not to be over committed at this time," said Reilly.

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