



Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Jan. 25, 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

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Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Dec. 20 to Jan. 2

Alarms	70
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	17
Noise Complaints	5
Traffic Stops	106
Suspicious Circumstances	16
Suspicious Subjects	21
Suspicious Vehicles	35
Abandoned Vehicle	
Marlene Dr/Carol Ln	
Assault/Deadly Weapon	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Burglary, Auto	
Reported to police	
3200 block Marlene Dr (2)	
Battery, Sexual	
Las Trampas School	
Burglary, Residential	
1000 block 2nd St	
Civil Problem	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Mt Diablo Blvd/Happy Valley Rd	
Safeway	
Defraud Innkeeper	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Dispute, Verbal	
1000 block 2nd St	
3700 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Post Office	
Disturbing the Peace	
1000 block 2nd St	
Fireworks	
Victoria Ave/Moraga Blvd	
Found Adult	
Mt Diablo Blvd/Village Center	
Harassment	
80 block Lafayette Cir (phone)	
10 block Wendy Ln (phone)	
Reported to police	
Health & Safety Violation	
Safeway	
Hit & Run	
Bickerstaff/Dewing Ave	
Mt Diablo Blvd/Moraga Rd (2)	
Trader Joe's	
Diablo Foods (2)	
Round Up	
Littering	
2900 block Rohrer Dr	
Missing Adult	
900 block Mt View D	
Police/Fire/EMS Response	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
1200 block Rose Ln	
Oak Hill Rd/Deer Hill Rd	
Brown Ave/Deer Hill Rd	
Public Nuisance	
600 block Lucas Dr	
Mt View/Crescent Dr	
3500 block Moraga Bl	
Dyer Dr/Hampton Rd	
Brook St/Dewing Ave	
Plymouth Rd/Quandt Rd	
3400 block Moraga Blvd	
Reliez Valley Rd/Almaden Ct	
3500 block Rossi St	

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Tweaking Signal Timing on Pleasant Hill Road

Will adjusting traffic lights reduce delays?

By Cathy Tyson

Looking to reduce overall travel time along the Pleasant Hill Road corridor, Lafayette lawmakers recently approved a three month, \$20,000 study to “enhance operations” on the northern portion of this busy thoroughfare. The study will look at existing conditions during the peak morning and afternoon commute timeframes and develop ways to improve the frustrating situation.

Analysis of peak hour car volumes, along with pedestrian and bicyclist counts will be made at five intersections along Pleasant Hill Road: at Deer Hill Road and Stanley Boulevard, at Springhill Road, at Reliez Valley Road, at Greenvalley Drive and at Rancho View Drive.

Delays, queue lengths, individual cycle length for traffic lights at each intersection, along with coordinating signal timing along Pleasant Hill Road to help alleviate congestion, will all be examined by consultant TJKM to find the best solution for optimal traffic signal timing that is specific to the time of day.

“Congestion on both Pleasant Hill Road and Deer Hill Road has gotten noticeably worse than it was even two or three years ago, and it’s not because of development in Lafayette, because we haven’t developed that much in the last couple years,” said Council Member Don Tatzin. “It’s really traffic coming in from other communities.” He suggested holding a workshop with the Circulation Commission at Springhill Elementary School and inviting the neighborhood to share their observations and feedback with the study consultants.

In addition to traffic coming from beyond the city limits, Acalanes High School and Springhill Elementary School have a combined total of over 1,800 students, as well as teachers and staff that add to the gridlock on a daily basis.

School start times will be part of the mix that consultants need to consider to figure out the best congestion solution, however both nearby campus start times are fairly close together. Learning begins for Period 1



Photo C. Tyson

at Acalanes promptly at 8 a.m., while just up the street at Springhill Elementary, kindergarteners in the early section start at 8:15 a.m. and students in first through fifth grade start at 8:30 a.m. ... continued on page A12

Custom Homes Take Step Forward in Burton Valley

Phase I permits approved on split votes, phase II review awaits

By Cathy Tyson

After three large homes received three split votes, Soldier Field Partners finally received approvals for Phase I hillside development permits in Burton Valley. This hurdle is not the final authorization, simply a green light on the siting and massing of the proposed custom homes. The

other five lots in the Lucas Ranch Estates subdivision are also clustered on the southern portion of the 88-acre parcel, two-thirds of which will remain open space. The Phase I permits for lots one, two and three have been approved; there has been no application for the remaining two parcels, lot five and lot eight. Of the eight home

plans, the six that have garnered Phase I approval will all still need to go through the Phase II review process.

The most controversial of the three proposed homes that were addressed at the Jan. 4 Planning Commission meeting is on lot four.

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