



Lafayette

- Public Meetings**
- City Council**
Monday, March 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Planning Commission**
Monday, April 4, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Design Review**
Monday, March 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- School Board Meetings**

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District
Wednesday, April 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 Feb 21 -March 5

Alarms	74
911 Calls (incl hang-ups)	13
Noise complaints	4
Traffic stops	162
Suspicious Circumstances	15
Suspicious Subjects	12
Suspicious Vehicles	43
Abandoned Vehicle	
Marlene Dr/Carol Ln.	
Battery	
Safeway	
1000 block First St.	
Burglary, Auto	
Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Blvd.	
3600 block Chestnut St.	
200 block Lafayette Cir.	
1000 block Carol Ln. (three)	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd. (two)	
900 block Dewing Ave.	
20 block Richelle Ct.	
Burglary, Residential	
1500 block Rancho View Dr.	
600 block Huntleigh Dr.	
1600 block Springbrook Rd.	
3700 block Happy Valley Rd.	
10 block Gilmore Ct.	
3100 block Stanley Blvd.	
Civil	
Problem 3200 block Quandt Rd.	
Disturbing the Peace	
3200 block Phillips Rd.	
Forgery	
3100 block Stanley Blvd.	
Fraud	
900 block Diablo Dr.	
1000 block Glen Rd.	
1000 block Orchard Rd.	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
3100 block Somerset Dr.	
Harassment	
3400 Black Hawk Rd. (phone)	
1200 block Candy Ct.	
3400 block Moraga Blvd.	
Health & Safety Violation	
Noah's Bagels	
Hit & Run	
1100 block Martin Rd.	
3500 block Wilkinson Ln.	
Pleasant Hill/Mt Diablo Blvd.	
1000 block Second St.	
Safeway	
Acalanes High School	
3500 School St.	
3400 block Golden Gate Way	
3400 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Loitering	
El Curtola/Saranap	
Missing Adult	
Mt Diablo Blvd./Risa Rd.	
Mt Diablo Blvd./Stuart St.	
Panhandling	
Whole Foods (three)	
Trader Joe's	
Police/Fire/EMS response	
Mt Diablo Blvd/Carol Ln.	
3900 block S. Peardale Dr.	
Oakwood Athletic Club	
Helen Ln/Florence Dr.	
Olympic Blvd/Pleasant Hill Rd.	

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Lennar Project Still Faces Hurdles

By Cathy Tyson



The Lennar Homes project will replace Celia's Restaurant. Photo C. Tyson

The large three-story mixed use project Lennar Homes has proposed at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Dolores Drive finally was approved by the Lafayette Planning Commission. The 66-unit housing development will feature a restaurant on the corner, and flexible commercial spaces will continue to be

considered by the Design Review Commission and the Circulation Commission in 2014, and both provided feedback. The CC suggested a significantly revised layout that eliminated the Dolores Drive access point, so a second version with a mid-block entrance was considered. Finally a shared entrance with a traffic signal at the west end was embraced after the developer worked with the adjacent property owners. The DRC held four meetings, and after more tweaking of the design plans, they recommended approval of the project to the Planning Commission.

However, back at the March 7 Planning Commission meeting there was more constructive criticism. Noting that the final building will, in his opinion, define the west end of town, commissioner Tom Chastain reiterated that the structures will be "extremely scrutinized." He called the current drawings "insular" and asked the applicant to "understand where it works and where it doesn't" and to "provide articulation and interest."

Planning and Building Director Nirop Srivatsa cautioned Chastain that, "You are speaking as a design professional and sometimes it's difficult to translate that."

Looking for consistency, the award-winning architect on the project, Chek Tang, founding principal at Studio T-Square, said, it would be "helpful" to have a consistent representative to address these architectural issues.

The applicant has worked with across-the-street neighbor Diamond K Supply to figure out a mutually beneficial solution. Other neighbors from the Dolores Drive area came to complain about the project. Planning Commissioner Will Lovitt said he was "baffled" about traffic study results and expressed concern about vehicular service levels on Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

After a two hour public hearing, the matter was unanimously approved and will now go to the DRC with stronger conditions of approval.

Council Deems Leigh Creekside Park Improvements Too Expensive

By Cathy Tyson



Photo Cathy Tyson

Kids will have to wait a bit longer for a chance to play at The Leigh Creekside Park.

After much discussion, and more public input at the March 14 meeting, the City Council decided to send the improvement plans back to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Commission to "make it better in an affordable way" and further refine plans so that the cost could be reduced by about half to \$500,000 or less.

With a goal of balancing natural features and active kids play areas, over 20 public meetings were held about the Leigh Creekside Park Improvement Plan; the initial objective was to provide kids a variety of active options, in the now very quiet neighborhood park.

At barely half an acre, the small gem of a park on Moraga Boulevard came to life when the city bought the property from the Leigh family estate after neighbors submitted a petition with 105 signatures supporting the purchase.

Lafayette Volunteer Opportunities

There are currently openings on the following Commissions and Committees:

- Banner Advisory Committee
- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Capital Projects Assessments Committee (CPAC)
- Circulation Commission
- Code Enforcement Appeals Hearing Board
- Community Center Foundation
- Creeks Committee
- Crime Prevention Commission
- Downtown Street Improvement Implementation Committee - DSIMPIC
- Emergency Preparedness Commission
- Environmental Task Force
- Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
- Public Art Committee
- Senior Services Commission
- Lafayette Representative to the Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging

For additional information visit the city's website:
www.ci.lafayette.ca.us/city-hall/commissions-committees
Or call Joanne Robbins, City Clerk 925-284-1968.
Application deadline March 31, 2016. Positions open until filled.