



**Public Meetings**

**City Council**

Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Planning Commission**

Monday, June 6, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Design Review**

Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**School Board Meetings**

**Acalanes Union High School District**  
Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

**Lafayette School District**

Tuesday, June 21, 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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# New Fire Station on the Drawing Board

By Cathy Tyson



ConFire Deputy Fire Chief Lewis Broschard and Fire Chief Jeff Carman showed attendees at the neighborhood feedback meeting the preferred station plans. Photo Cathy Tyson

Lafayette residents will get their new fire station, but it will be up to them to determine how long it will take to build.

After engineers recently evaluated the uninhabitable Station 16 on Los Arabis Drive that has been vacant since 2012, Contra Costa Fire Protection District staff and architects crunched the numbers; it made more financial sense, said Fire Chief Jeff Carman, to demolish the existing structure and start fresh with a new functional modern fire station that will serve the community for decades to come.

This move comes after lengthy negotiations on a joint station with the Moraga-Orinda Fire Department fell through.

Carman was clear: "Our number-one priority on the Capital Improvement Plan is to build this station."

For Lafayette residents living in the neighborhood, a functional local station is very good news, and it can't come soon enough. However, the entire construction process is slated to take 24 months in order to finalize architectural plans, get city building permits, environmental reviews and complete construction.

"I consider getting this station an emergency," said concerned neighbor Susan McEntee. "It needed to be done yesterday."

The new station will be about 60 percent smaller than a standard fire station, and will be approximately 3,800 square feet, said Carl Campos, CEO of LCA Architects, due to the constricted lot in Happy Valley. Once complete, the rectangular station, a bit longer than what is now there, will house three personnel: a captain, an engineer and a firefighter. One of the three

will also be trained as a paramedic. It will also house a large fire truck and a substantial amount of equipment.

There are stringent requirements for this type of structure, Campos explained: it must be ADA accessible throughout, per county regulations it must be environmentally efficient and LEED certified, and it must be built to withstand major seismic events. It must also have separate dorm accommodations for female employees, as well as a very large driveway so the rig can back in. It must also have a decontamination area and laundry room.

City Manager Steven Falk said at the meeting that it was up to the neighborhood to choose the style, and the way to speed up the process is if the neighbors can come to an agreement about the style of the exterior of the building quickly versus drawing out the city approval process with disagreement and infighting.

"This is up to you, have at it" he said. At that point attendees were given stickers to place near their preferred design style.

Large poster boards mounted on the wall had over a dozen examples of various fire station building styles, from sleek and modern to Mediterranean to craftsman-esque. By far, the image that garnered the most stickers looked vaguely like a residential version of the Veterans Hall, with stone elements, a metal roof and lots of windows.

"We want to be good neighbors," said Deputy Fire Chief Lewis Broschard thanking residents for the feedback, but he cautioned that ConFire will have to balance suggestions with their budget and the primary need to house a substantial amount of equipment and apparatus on a constrained site. ... continued on page A8



**Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report May 1 to 14**

- Alarms 58
- 911 Calls (including hang-ups) 3
- Noise complaints 5
- Traffic stops 99
- Suspicious Circumstances 8
- Suspicious Subjects 17
- Suspicious Vehicles 23
- Abandoned Vehicle

St Mary's Rd./Camino Colorados  
900 block Hawthorne Dr.  
Woodview Dr./St Mary's Rd.  
1200 block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
3400 block Moraga Blvd.  
3600 block Bickerstaff

St Mary's Rd./Woodview Dr.  
El Nido Ranch/Acalanes Rds.

**Auto Recovery**  
1200 block Quandt Rd.

**Battery**  
3800 block Happy Valley Rd.  
1200 Pleasant Hill Rd.

**Burglary, Auto**  
Second St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
1500 Silver Dell Rd.  
600 block Huntleigh Dr.  
3200 block Lucas Cr.  
3200 block Ameno Dr.  
1200 block Sunset Lp.

**Burglary, Commercial**  
900 block Oak Hill Rd.  
3400 block Golden Gate Way  
3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Burglary, misc.**  
1000 block Pine Ln.

**Burglary, Residential**  
1200 block Summit Rd.

**Civil Problem**  
1000 block Dolores Dr.  
3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3200 block Beechwood Dr.  
3200 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3200 block Stanley Blvd.  
1000 block Almanor Ln. (3)  
800 block Moraga Rd.

**Dispute, Verbal**  
1000 block Almanor Ln.  
1000 block Via Roble

**Disturbing the Peace**  
3300 block Springhill Rd.  
1100 block Estates Dr.  
4000 block Marianne Dr.  
1000 block Brown Ave.

**DUI**  
Deer Hill/Oak Hill Rds.

**Drunk in Public**  
3200 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Fraud**  
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
20 block Crest Rd.  
3400 McEllen Ct.

**Harassment**  
Las Trampas School  
3400 block Lana Ln.

**Health & Safety violation**  
Springhill/Pleasant Hill Rds.

**Hit & Run**  
3300 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Mosswood/Village Center  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Willow Dr.  
Mt. Diablo Blvd./First St  
3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Panhandling**  
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Police/Fire/EMS response**  
300 block Willoughby Ct.  
3400 block Monroe Ave.  
1200 block Upper Happy Valley Rd.

**Public Nuisance**  
800 block Broadmoor Ct.  
1000 block Oak Hill Rd.  
3500 Eagle Point Rd.  
900 block Moraga Rd.  
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Harper Ct/Sierra Vista Way

**Promiscuous Shooting**  
800 block Rosedale Ave.

**Reckless Driving**  
Moraga Rd./School St.  
Moraga Rd./Tofflemire Dr.  
Mt Diablo Blvd./Risa Rd.  
St Mary's/Moraga Rd.  
Upper Happy Valley/El Nido Ranch  
Mt Diablo Blvd/Moraga Rd.  
Springhill/Pleasant Hill Rds.  
Pleasant Hill/Hwy 24

**Robbery**  
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Shoplifting**  
3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)

**Theft, Petty**  
reported to police  
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd.  
1000 block Second St.  
500 block Silverado Dr.  
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd.  
3900 block Happy Valley Rd.

**Theft, ID**  
1200 block Panorama Dr.  
600 block Murray Ln.  
3200 block Phillips Rd.  
3200 block Sweet Dr.  
600 block Sky Ranch Ct.

**Theft, Vehicle**  
Mt Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd.

**Trespass**  
1000 block Second St.  
1000 block Via Roble  
500 block Hamlin Rd.

**Unwanted Guest**  
3400 block Golden Gate Way  
3800 block Quail Ridge Rd.

**Vandalism**  
20 block Green Tree Ct.  
3100 block Stanley Blvd. (3)  
1700 block Springbrook Rd.

**Warrant**  
3200 Alta Ln.

# Scout Summer Camp Out of the Woods

By Cathy Tyson



Four Girl Scouts, along with a raccoon, pose in front of the welcome sign at Girl Scout Camp Twin Canyon in Lafayette. Photo provided

It was only a handful of years ago that Lafayette's hidden gem that has served generations of campers, Girl Scout Camp Twin Canyon, was in dire financial straits. Operating at a deficit, faced with aging infrastructure and rising costs, the 35-acre camp near Briones Regional Park, purchased with Girl Scout cookie sale revenue back in 1954, was designated a Tier 3 camp, in

danger of being mothballed or sold.

Twin Canyon, located at the end of Springhill Road in Lafayette, was one of a number of Girl Scout camps that faced possible closure, but thanks to the efforts of dedicated volunteers, the camp is again open for business. For the foreseeable future it will continue to provide a summer time experience many Lamorinda girls know and love.

Girl Scouts of Northern California are faced with some hard choices. At their annual board meeting, a large majority of members expressed the view that staying the course, continuing to own and operate all 29 GSNorCal properties is not sustainable, according to CEO Marina Park, so they are exploring their options. A property task force from the Northern California Division is focusing on camps that have the lowest attendance and are the most expensive to operate. Twin Canyon has a robust attendance, and now with the help of generous donations addressing infrastructure needs as well as key green updates, it looks like the camp is out of the woods, at least for the time being.

Responding to concerns to keep the camp open, the Twin Canyon Work Group formed to come up with a break-even plan to address the pressing financial situation.

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