



Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Aug. 10, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 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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Large Lennar Project in West Lafayette Gets Design Tweaks

By Cathy Tyson

A new project that will transform a city block in west Lafayette is inching its way forward.

A fence around Celia's Restaurant has gone up, but don't expect construction to start any time soon for the essentially block-long development on a two-acre site that will house 66 housing units, a restaurant and commercial space that will be built on the corner of Dolores Drive and Mount Diablo Boulevard. The project will stretch to include the adjacent parcel and a tiny triangle of land near the freeway.

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West building revised with simpler composition and roof line

East building with complex interlocking composition and room-size roof variation

Individual walkways and unit entries engage the residential units with the public green space.
Large specimen trees planted on grade in large landscaped setback

Images Studio T Square

Environmental 'Green Screen' Will Protect Springhill Elementary Students

By Cathy Tyson



Ivan Dikov plants at Springhill. Photo Cathy Tyson

It took a village, or rather a trifecta of interested parties, to transform a chain link fence at Springhill Elementary school to a lush green hedge: a scout in search of an eagle project, a Green Team mom and the school superintendent.

Ivan Dikov and fellow boy scouts from Troop 224 raised the money, finagled discounts and provided the labor to install over 40 lady bank roses that will work as a sponge to reduce the amount of car exhaust students breathe while on the school playground that is directly adjacent to busy Pleasant Hill Road. The barrier will act as a noise buffer and give some privacy to students.

Dikov wanted to give back to his former elementa-

ry school, and provide a natural barrier for kids on the playground and baseball field. Through a GoFundMe effort, called Ivan's Eagle Scout Project, he was able to raise \$850 of a total requested amount of \$1,000 to get the job done. He and fellow scouts, along with non-scout friends, were hard at work over the weekend of Aug. 6 and 7, digging and planting.

Elizabeth Dietsch, chair of the Springhill Elementary School Green Team, came up with the idea of a green screen fence years ago to provide cleaner air when her oldest son was a first grader; he's now entering seventh grade. She was concerned about the high volume of traffic and the school's field and playground next to the street with only a fence separating the children from car exhaust. She figured there has got to be a better way. There's evidence that "green" walls can reduce pollutants and particulate matter.

Collaborating with both Dikov and Dietsch, Superintendent of the Lafayette School District Rachel Zinn was very supportive of the project, especially since adjustments needed to be made anyway to the irrigation system near the fence.

Requirements for selecting the type of plants presented some hurdles. A fair amount of research went into selecting hardy, vigorous, low-maintenance, drought-tolerant, deer-resistant plants that don't attract tons of bees, don't have thorns and are reasonably lightweight to not damage the fence.

Lady bank roses are the perfect fit: robust climbing rose vines with clusters of miniature white or yellow flowers that profusely bloom in the springtime, which will benefit the school and the community for years to come. The Moraga Garden Center offered the plants and soil at a substantial discount.

LAFAYETTE POLICE	
Alarms	67
911 Calls (incl. hang-ups)	11
Noise complaints	7
Traffic stops	198
Suspicious Circumstances	17
Suspicious Subjects	27
Suspicious Vehicles	35
Abandoned Vehicle	
Camino Diablo/Camino Justin	
10 block Diablo Oaks Way	
3600 block Chestnut St.	
Arson	
3400 block School St.	
Auto recovery	
3200 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3700 block Mosswood Dr.	
Animal Cruelty	
Mt Diablo Blvd./Golden Gate Way	
50 block Lafayette Cir.	
Battery	
900 block Paulson Ct.	
Burglary, Auto	
4000 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Reported to police	
1200 Rose Ln.	
Burglary, Residential	
1100 block Orchard Rd.	
20 block White Oak Dr.	
1700 block Toyon Rd.	
1600 block Reliez Valley Rd.	
3900 block Canyon Rd.	
Civil Problem	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Dispute, Verbal	
Mt View Place/Mt. View Dr.	
3300 S Lucille Ln.	
Disturbance	
Brown Ave/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Carol/Berta Lanes	
600 block Lucas Dr.	
Moraga Rd./Toflemire Dr.	
Defrauding Innkeeper	
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Drunk in Public	
Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Fireworks	
500 block Merriewood	
3300 block Springhill Rd,	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Second St.	
Moraga Blvd./Foye Dr.	
900 block Third St.	
Fraud	
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
10 block Dianne Ct.	
500 block Florence Dr.	
Health & Safety violation	
1100 block Pleasant Hill Cir.	
Hit & Run	
1000 block Second St.	
3300 block Moraga Blvd.	
Lafayette Cir./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Indecent Exposure	
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Loitering	
3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3300 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Missing adult	
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Police/Fire/EMS response	
900 block Hough Ave.	
3400 block Sweet Dr.	
3600 block Happy Valley Rd.	
4300 block Appian Way	

Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report July 10-23

Public Nuisance	3400 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	900 block Fourth St.
	Silverado/Rohrer Drives
	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.
	McBride/Bradbury Drives
	20 block Hartwood Ct.
	300 block Castello Rd.
	1000 block Dyer Dr.
	Avalon Ave./School St.
	3300 N. Lucille Ln.
Promiscuous Shooting	3300 block Mt Diablo Blvd.
Reckless Driving	Acalanes Rd./Pleasant Hill Cir.
	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Mt. Diablo Ct.
	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.
	Moraga Rd./School St.
	Moraga Rd./Tanglewood Dr.
	Hwy 24/Acalanes Rd.
	3400 block Hamlin Rd.
	Elvia/Del Rey Sts.
	Lucas/Burton Drives
	Mt Diablo Blvd./First St.
	Oak Hill Rd./Hwy 24
	Deer Hill/Pleasant Hill Rds. (2)
	S Lucille Ln./St Mary's Rd.
	Acalanes Rd./Hwy 24
	Reliez Station Rd./Glenside Dr.
	Brown Ave/Deer Hill Rd.
	Carol Ln./Mt Diablo Blvd.
	Hwy 24/First St.
	3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd.
Road Rage	Mt Diablo Blvd/First St.
Robbery, strong arm	3400 block School St.
Shoplifting	3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (7)
	3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Theft, Petty	3200 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	3400 block Woodview Dr.
	900 block S. Thompson Rd
	3300 block Mt. Diablo Blvd
Theft, Grand	500 block Dawkins Dr.
Theft, ID	3500 block Springhill Rd.
	900 block Kelley Ct.
	700 block Moraga Rd. (2)
	3400 block Hamlin Rd.
	3400 block Hanlon
	4000 block Los Arabis
	30 block Topper Ct. (2)
	Reported to police (2)
	900 block Hunsaker Canyon Rd.
	10 block Green Acres Ct.
Theft, Vehicle	3600 block Happy Valley Rd.
	3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd.
Trespass	10 block Nemea Ln.
Unwanted Guest	1200 block Pleasant Hill Rd.
	Mt Diablo Blvd/Oak Hill Rd.
Vandalism	1100 block Via Media
	3300 block Betty Ln.
	St Mary's Rd/Avalon Ave.
	3400 block School St. (2)
Warrant	900 block Risa Rd.

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