



Public Meetings

City Council Special Meetings

Monday, Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m.
 Lafayette City Offices, Conference Room #265, 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

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

Design Review

Monday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.
 Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Arts & Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
 Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.
 AUHSD Board Room
 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
 www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 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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County Animal Services Has Many Pet Projects

By Pippa Fisher

African lions, alligators, alpacas...in which county government offices might one stand the best chance of meeting one of these? The Lafayette City Council heard where when Contra Costa Animal Services Director Beth Ward gave it a detailed presentation on Nov. 28.

Ward, who has been in the position of director for a little over a year, said she was talking to various communities in the area about its program for informational purposes and to give updates on its work.

Admittedly she stuck to more mundane details of running the department during her presentation

than exotic animals. She explained that the department is split in six basic groups:

- Field services – protecting public health and safety through enforcement of the County's Animal Ordinance, rabies control, field patrols and dead animal impounds.
- Shelter Operations – adoptions, transfers, intake and daily care, behavior assessment and maintenance of animals and kennels within their two shelters at Pinole and Martinez.
- Medical Services – care and treatment of animals, spay/neuter surgeries, low-cost vaccination clinic.
- Clerical Division – dispatch and frontline support staff who take in excess of 600 calls some days.
- Volunteers – for animal socialization, adoption counseling, lost and found, mobile adoptions, transfer partner coordination.
- Administration – those who keep all the above running smoothly.

Ward explained that the biggest activity in Lafayette continues to be the removal of deceased animals – 229 over the past year, most usually deer and cats. During the same time period there were 183 stray animal impounds, 48 noise and/or animal ordinance investigations, 44 rabies exposure investigations, 13 inhumane investigations and 13 local agency assists (when animal services are called to assist police or fire in cases where animals are involved) in Lafayette.

Steve Burdo, community and media relations manager, said that there are times when it can be challenging to get to all the cases of deceased animals when they are prioritizing more urgent incidents in Lafayette, such as aggressive animals, or are responding to abuse and neglect cases or health and safety related issues, although over the last year they have dedicated two staff position solely for the purpose of addressing the issue of neglect.

Burdo pointed out that Lafayette is a relatively lower volume community for their department in



A staff member of CCAS and a friend.

Photo provided terms of activity when compared to the other cities in the county. "By way of reference, in 2015, CCAS handled over 4,500 activities in Richmond, over 4,400 in Concord and 1,400 in Lafayette." He continued, "In terms of cost, cities pay based on a per capita rate, with each city paying \$5.74 per capita. Equating cost to population, Lafayette pays less than a more populated area such as Richmond or Concord."

As a municipal shelter CCAS is mandated to take in all dogs and cats as well as other animals that are sick injured, dangerous or potentially dangerous and under 12 weeks of age. Because of this, Burdo says that CCAS is not and will likely never be a "no kill" shelter. Some of the animals are not always prime candidates for adoption so CCAS works with hundreds of transfer partners, also referred to as animal rescue groups, that require a more experienced pet owner, rather than the casual adopter. "Our motto is, rather than saying no euthanasia, we prefer to say yes to saving lives."

Given its challenges, the figures for the last few years are impressive. In 2011 the CCAS live release rate (percentage of animals that leave the shelter alive) was 46 percent. It is currently up to 80 percent.

When asked about the depart-

ment's most bizarre case, Burdo says one that comes to the minds of some of the longest serving officers and employees was the time in 1987 that the department impounded over 150 chihuahuas from a home in El Sobrante. "It was a hoarding case where the department sent two officers under cover to investigate and bust. The dogs were in extremely poor condition. That is the largest dog impound that the department has ever had to handle. However, over the years, the department has handled calls regarding some pretty rare animals, including an African lion, alligators and we currently have an alpaca in our Martinez barn stables. Getting to experience amazing animals is a nice perk of the job."

Burdo says the most frustrating part of his job is seeing neglect, abuse and injured animals. But, of the most enjoyable part of his work, he said, is, "Helping to create happy endings for the animals that enter our shelters, seeing the smiles on people's faces when they adopt their new family member and witnessing the everyday miracles and acts of compassion from our amazing staff and volunteers."

CCAS has a Twelve Days of Adoption promotion beginning on Dec. 15 and running through Dec. 27. The cost for all animal adoptions will be an all-inclusive \$12 fee.



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Nov. 20 - Dec. 3

Alarms	92
911 Calls (incl hang-ups)	6
Noise complaints	5
Traffic stops	92
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subjects	14
Suspicious Vehicles	29
Welfare Check	20
Abandoned Vehicle	
900 Block Moon Ct.	
10 Block Topper Ct.	
Marlene Dr./Carol Ln.	
900 Block Risa Rd.	
Animal Cruelty	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./1st St.	
900 Block Leland Dr.	
Auto Burglary	
3300 Block Angelo St.	
1300 Block El Curtola Blvd.	
1400 Block Reliez Valley Rd.	
3600 Block Nordstrom Ln.	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3700 Block St Francis Dr.	
1300 Block El Curtola Blvd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Commercial Burglary	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3200 Block Mt Diablo Ct.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Disturbing The Peace	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Drunk In Public	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Dui Misd	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Village Center	
St. Marys Rd./N. Silverado Dr.	
Fire/ems Response	
4100 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
500 Block Silverado Dr.	
1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.	
Fireworks	
10 Block My Rd.	
Fraud Credit Card	
1100 Block Palomares Ct.	
Grand Theft	
60 Block Silverwood Dr.	
Deer Trail/Happy Valley Rd.	
Hailed By Citizen	
Golden Gate Way/1st St.	
Harassment	
1000 Block 2nd St.	
Laf. Police Department	
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24	
Butler Dr./Acalanes Rd.	
Old Tunnel Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Bl	
1600 Block Springbrook Rd.	
1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
900 Block Reliez Station Rd.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./2nd St.	
Identity Theft	
900 Block Carol Ln.	
900 Block Mountain View Dr.	

10 Block Cabernet Ct.	
Laf. Police Department	
Illegal Entry	
1400 Block Reliez Valley Rd.	
Intoxicated Subj	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Juvenile Disturbance	
Topper Ln./Topper Ct.	
Silver Dell Rd./Shangri La Rd.	
Misc. Burglary	
1000 Block Carol Ln.	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Missing Adult	
3900 Block S. Peardale Dr.	
Missing Juvenile	
3200 Block Marlene Dr.	
Neighbor Dispute	
1200 Block Warner Ct.	
Panhandling	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Petty Theft	
4000 Block Natasha Dr.	
900 Block Hawthorn Dr.	
1000 Block Via Baja	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
3300 Block McGraw Ln.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Prowler Seen	
1100 Block Glen Rd.	
Public Nuisance	
Marlene Dr./Carol Ln.	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Reckless Driving	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Reliez Station Rd.	
St. Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cr.	
Deer Hill Rd./Oak Hill Rd.	
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
St. Marys Rd./Glenside Dr.	
Glenside Dr./Reliez Station Rd.	
Lucas Dr./Huntleigh Dr.	
Residential Burglary	
800 Block Broadmoor Ct.	
Run Away Juvenile	
900 Block East St.	
Shoplift	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Theft Access Card	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Threats	
100 Block Peaceful Ln.	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Trespass	
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.	
Unwanted Guest	
3200 Block Acalanes Ave.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Vandalism	
3300 Block Rossi St.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cr.	
Vehicle Theft	
800 Block Hope Ln.	
1000 Block Carol Ln.	
Warrant Arrest	
600 Block Doreen Way	
20 Block Sanford Ln.	

End is in Sight for Mt. Diablo Roadwork

By Pippa Fisher

The east end of Mount Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette will soon be smooth sailing for motorists who have been bumping over steel plates and avoiding countless orange cones.

The 30-inch diameter pipeline that will connect to the new Diablo Vista Pumping Plant is now completely installed under Mount Diablo Boulevard. The

pipeline was pressure tested and connected to the water distribution system. The road is being patched currently, after which there will be a break in roadwork on the busy street.

Additional median island work will be completed in early 2017. It will require limited traffic control followed by final paving and striping.

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