



**Public Meetings**

**City Council**

Monday, May 8, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Planning Commission**

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

**Design Review**

Monday, May 8, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**School Board Meetings**

**Acalanes Union High School District**  
Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

**Lafayette School District**

Wednesday, May 10, 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:**

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**Chamber of Commerce:**

www.lafayettechamber.org



**Lafayette Police Department  
Incident Summary Report**

**April 9 - April 22**

- Alarms** 97
- 911 Calls (incl hang-ups)** 15
- Noise complaints** 9
- Traffic stops** 188
- Suspicious Circumstances** 13
- Suspicious Subjects** 30
- Suspicious Vehicles** 29
- Supplemental Report** 5
- Abandoned Vehicle** 7
- Circle Creek Dr./Circle Creek Ln.
- Candy Ct./Quandt Rd.
- 1000 Block Circle Creek Dr.
- Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24
- Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 20 Block Diablo Cr.
- Auto Burglary**
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
- 1000 Block Dolores Dr. (2)
- 3800 Block Los Arabis Dr.
- 1000 Block Via Roble
- 1000 Block Via Alta
- 100 Block Lafayette Cr.
- Beat Info**
- Upper Happy Valley/Los Arabis
- Civil Disturbance**
- 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Civil Problem**
- 3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 500 Block Hunsaker Canyon Rd.
- Commercial Burglary**
- 3500 Block Plaza Way
- Disturbance-fight**
- Carol Ln./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Disturbing The Peace**
- 3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24
- 1000 Block Aileen St.
- DUI Misdemeanor**
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Fire/Ems Response Info**
- Glenside Dr./St. Marys Rd.
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Fireworks**
- Moraga Blvd./3rd St.
- Forgery**
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
- Found Property**
- Mt. Diablo Blvd./moraga Rd.
- Police Department (2)
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Fraud Credit Card**
- 3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.
- Fraud False Pretenses**
- 1000 Block Dyer Dr.
- 3300 Block N Lucille Ln.
- Grand Theft**
- Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.
- H&S Violation**
- Deer Hill Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
- 1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
- Moraga Rd./School St.
- Hailed By Citizen**
- 3400 Block Golden Gate Way
- Harassment**
- 3400 Block Golden Gate Way
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 800 Block Solana Dr.
- Hit and Run Misdemeanor**
- 50 Block Lafayette Cr
- Glenside Dr./St. Marys Rd.
- Identity Theft**
- 200 Block Lafayette Cr.
- 1000 Block Rahara Dr.
- Juvenile Disturbance**
- Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cr
- Loitering**
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- El Curtola Blvd./Old Tunnel Rd.

- Lost Property**
- Police Department
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Occupied Stalled Vehicle**
- Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.
- Ordinance Violation**
- Rohrer Dr./St. Marys Rd.
- Panhandling**
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Patrol Request**
- Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 900 Block Moraga Rd.
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Petty Theft**
- 3600 Block Sundale Rd.
- 3400 Block Golden Gate Way
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 600 Block Glorietta Blvd.
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- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 1000 Block Rahara Dr.
- 100 Block Secluded Pl
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3300 Block Beechwood Dr.
- 3300 Block Victoria Ave.
- 60 Block Bacon Ct.
- 4000 Block Natasha Dr.
- 3600 Block Nordstrom Ln.
- Petty Theft Coin Machine**
- 3100 Block Camino Diablo
- Petty Theft From Vehicle**
- 1000 Block Dolores Dr.
- 1000 Block Via Alta
- 1100 Block Via Media
- 1000 Block Via Media
- Phone Harass**
- 600 Block Sweet Ct.
- Prom Shoot**
- 1800 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
- Public Assembly Check**
- 900 Block Risa Rd.
- 3300 Block Springhill Rd.
- Public Nuisance**
- 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Topper Ct./School St.
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
- 3400 Block Golden Gate Way
- 900 Block Moraga Rd.
- 3500 Block Terrace Way
- 3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.
- St. Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.
- Reliez Station Rd./Olympic Blvd.
- Reckless Driving**
- Taylor Blvd./Withers Ave.
- Happy Valley Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
- 3400 Block Hamlin Rd.
- Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Moraga Rd./Rimrock Rd.
- Vacation Dr./Stanley Blvd.
- Reliez Valley Rd./Pleasant Pl.
- Pleasant Hill Rd./Taylor Blvd.
- 900 Block Moraga Rd.
- Moraga Rd./Brook St.
- St. Marys Rd./S. Lucille Ln.
- Mt. Diablo Blvd./Village Center
- Windsor Dr./Old Tunnel Rd.
- Security Check**
- 4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Shoplift**
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Stolen Recovery**
- 3500 Block Brook St.
- Throw Moving Vehicle**
- Pleasant Hill Rd./Stanley Blvd.
- Trespass**
- 900 Block Foye Dr.
- Trespass with Vehicle**
- 3400 Block Black Hawk Rd.
- Unwanted Guest**
- 1000 Block Carol Ln.
- Vandalism**
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3500 Block Wilkinson Ln.
- 3900 Block Leroy Way
- 900 Block Moraga Rd.
- 900 Block Acalanes Rd.
- Vehicle Theft**
- 3500 Block Brook St.

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# Residents petition to save trees in Lafayette

By Pippa Fisher

The tree debate in Lafayette is branching out as residents are adding their support to a fast-growing petition demanding the protection of the 272 Lafayette trees currently slated for removal by PG&E under their Community Pipeline Safety Initiative.

The CPSI is PG&E's initiative designed to improve the safety and reliability of natural gas transmission systems across Northern and Central California, following the deadly San Bruno explosion in 2010 when a 30-inch diameter pipeline failed. The initiative helps to ensure the pipeline is operating

safely by looking at the area above and around the pipes to be certain that first responders and emergency response crews have critical access to the pipelines in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

In March, after two years of back and forth and after the total number of trees to be removed was reduced from 1,000 to 272, the city council gave PG&E the go-ahead to remove those trees identified as potentially blocking access for maintenance and first responders.

PG&E spokesperson Jeff Smith said that over the past two years the utility has met with and partnered with local first responders to identify which trees need to be removed to provide emergency access. The company's initial assessment of 1,000 trees came from its aerial GPS search. However a subsequent walking tour resulted in fewer trees being identified.

Smith says they are contacting homeowners currently and aim to meet to an agreement on how to meet their needs. He stressed there would be no work on any trees until an agreement is reached with the individual homeowner.

"We recognize how important trees are to the Lafayette community and the environment, and are working with the city, East Bay Regional Parks District, EBMUD and local residents to plant new trees to help preserve the local canopy," Smith said. "The important public safety concern is ensuring that first responders like firefighters have necessary access to our gas transmission lines in the event of an emergency or

natural disaster."

The petition, started by Lafayette resident Michael Dawson, gathered more than 500 signatures in three days. It requests that PG&E release a map showing locations of trees in question, that they publicly tag the trees to be removed and that the city should notify residents that they are under no legal obligation to sign removal agreements with PG&E per California state law.

They dispute PG&E's claim that some trees need to be removed to allow access, particularly along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail, where they say access is not an issue and therefore additionally they want the city of Lafayette, PG&E and the EBRPD to come up with a plan to shield the pipeline along the trail or, ideally, move the pipeline five feet further into the trail, eliminating the need for tree removal.

He makes the point that there have been no cases of gas explosions caused by tree roots in California but rather instead by bad PG&E welding. In fact he points to evidence that trees could even decrease pipeline failure by supporting soil structure.

Dawson addressed his concerns to the city council at their meeting on April 24. Lafayette resident Rob Sturm also spoke, echoing the sentiment. Both respectfully acknowledged the council's efforts to bring the total number of trees in jeopardy down, but said these efforts fall short of their mission to preserve Lafayette's semirural feel. Mayor Mike

Anderson agreed to invite PG&E to come back and discuss the tree removal further.

"The city council approved the request by PG&E to remove 272 of the more than 1,000 trees originally proposed for removal, due to the insistence by the utility that this significant change in the ambience and character of the city was necessary to assure the proper access for the maintenance of the gas transmission line," Anderson said.

He continued, "As the purveyor of gas service for our community, the city regards PG&E as the expert in the operation of this critical infrastructure and therefore defers to their position that there are no less damaging way to provide this access."

He noted that the city has asked that PG&E make a publicly noticed presentation on the project and explain the need and rationale for this large tree removal project. "A date for this has not been confirmed, but is expected to occur in May," Anderson said.

Dawson commented, "I've contacted the city managers in the neighboring towns, and Lafayette is the hardest hit. PG&E will take down only one tree in Danville. Walnut Creek had 734 originally planned for removal, and is now reduced to six public trees and only two private trees more than 10-inches in diameter."

Dawson, who has set up a website at savelafayettetrees.org, reflected, "This issue seems to have touched a nerve in people. Everyone loves our city's trees," he said.

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