



Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Aug. 14, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements
City of Lafayette:
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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

July 16 - July 22	
Alarms	41
911 Calls (incl hang-ups)	7
Noise Complaints	8
Traffic Stops	34
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subjects	12
Suspicious Vehicles	7
Service to Citizen	13
Abandoned Vehicle	
Oconnor Dr/Oak St.	
3300 Block Victoria Ave.	
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.	
Auto Burglary	
4100 Block Coralee Ln.	
1000 Block 2nd St. (2)	
3400 Block Black Hawk Rd.	
Battery	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.	
Civil Disturbance	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3600 Block Mosswood Dr.	
3900 Block Valley View Rd.	
Civil Standby	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.	
DUI Misdemeanor	
Moraga Rd./Hamlin Rd.	
Fire/Ems Response Info	
1200 Block Woodborough Rd.	
Read Dr./Rohrer Dr.	
Found Property	
3100 Block Camino Diablo	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
Grand Theft	
3700 Block Highland Ct.	
Harassment	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
3600 Block Deerhill Rd.	
Identity Theft	
700 Block Tofflemire Dr. (2)	
Litter	
10 Block Wallabi Ct.	
Lost Property	
1000 Block Pine Ln.	
Medical Police Needed	
1000 Block 2nd St.	
Ordinance Violation	
3500 Block Wilkinson Ln.	
1200 Block N Scenic Dr.	
900 Block S Thompson Rd.	
900 Block Moraga Rd.	
Panhandling	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Patrol Request	
Reliez Valley Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Deer Hill Rd./Miller Dr.	
Reliez Valley Rd./Vaughn Rd.	
Petty Theft	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3300 Block Vaughn Rd.	
10 Block Greenvally Dr.	
Petty Theft From Vehicle	
3400 Block Black Hawk Rd.	
Phone Harass	
3400 Block Moraga Blvd.	
Reckless Driving	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./1st St.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Moraga Rd./Rimrock Rd.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Oak Hill Rd.	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
St Marys Rd./S. Lucille Ln.	
Lancaster Dr./Somerset Dr.	
St Marys Rd./Cattle Chute Rd.	
Glorietta Blvd./Acalanes Rd.	
Shoplift	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
CVS Laf	
Subject Stop	
Miller Dr./Deer Hill Rd.	
500 Block St Marys Rd.	
Supplemental Report	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.	
Traffic control - Minor Injuries	
600 Block Glenside Dr.	
Traffic control - Property Damage	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Olympic Blvd.	
Taylor Blvd./Withers Ave.	
Condit Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Vandalism	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	

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Moraga Road fatality underscores the importance of pursuing solutions to Lafayette's traffic woes

By Pippa Fisher



The crosswalk on which a pedestrian was struck and killed July 24. Photo Pippa Fisher

With the start of a new school year right around the corner, drivers are urged to pay extra attention when traveling along busy Lafayette streets.

Lafayette City Council Member and primary council liaison to the Downtown Congestion Reduction Plan Steering Committee Mark Mitchell commented that while traffic increases and the city makes improvements, "One of the biggest problems is out of our direct control. Drivers are distracted, and pedestrians and cyclists are not paying enough attention."

The comments follow the July 24 tragic death of 60-year-old Lafayette resident Sui Yuen, who was struck by a Ford F150 pickup truck while walking in the crosswalk across Moraga Road. The truck was making a left turn onto Moraga Road from Moraga Boulevard. The driver remained on scene and Yuen was taken to John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek where he later died of his injuries.

Mitchell said that the council members are all deeply saddened by the tragic accident. He added that council members, city staff and the police continue their efforts every day to make the streets safer by focusing on the three areas of engineering, education and enforcement.

Within the area of engineering, the Public Works Department maintains and repairs roads, Transportation Planner James Hinkamp works with the circulation committee to address concerns and implement solutions and City Engineer Tony Coe works to design and implement traffic and safety improvements. The Downtown Congestion Study goals include increased safety for cars, pedestrians and bicycles.

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Pleasant Hill Road traffic trials

By Pippa Fisher

The Lafayette City Council is supporting the continued exploration of ways in which to lessen Reliez Valley Road traffic woes as it considers the twofold problem of traffic either traveling at unsafe speeds or, during rush hours, barely moving at all.

The challenge is part of the bigger issue of congestion on Pleasant Hill Road, which makes taking Reliez Valley Road as a bypass from Taylor Boulevard via Withers Avenue all too tempting in times of high volume traffic.

At the July 10 city council meeting Lafayette City Engineer Tony Coe presented the results of further study by TJKM Consultants, requested by the city council earlier in the year.

to pay attention to them only the first few times they see them.

Several residents testified to the problems with one gentleman calling the situation a "mini crisis." He said that his commute from north of Withers Avenue to Springhill Elementary School, which used to take seven to 10 minutes two years ago, now regularly takes him 30 minutes.

The same resident pointed out that Waze works from data feedback, so as traffic times on Reliez Valley Road are improved the app is actually more likely to divert traffic along that route.

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Reliez Valley Road faces either congestion during peak hours or empty roads and speeding drivers at other times. Photo Pippa Fisher

The study looked at extending turn lanes on southbound Pleasant Hill Road, both for turning left onto Stanley Boulevard and right onto Deerhill Road. It showed no benefit for the left hand lane and a limited benefit for the right hand turn toward Deerhill Road. Coe said that extending the right hand turn would allow roughly three extra cars through on each traffic signal cycle or less than 50 extra vehicles an hour, which he said was not worth the expenditure.

Perhaps the harder question is that of traffic on Reliez Valley Road. Coe recommended the continued monitoring of traffic along the road and shared the consultant's suggestions of flashing speed feedback signs together with targeted speed enforcement.

Coe also suggested talking to the community-based navigation app, Waze, which still directs traffic along Reliez Valley Road as a bypass for Pleasant Hill Road.

Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen weighed in on the effectiveness of the speed feedback signs, saying that they have limited success and that drivers tend



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