



# Lafayette

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Monday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Design Review

Monday, Aug. 28, 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:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us

Phone: (925) 284-1968

### Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org



### Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Aug. 6-12

<b>Alarms</b>	39
<b>911 Calls (incl hang-ups)</b>	4
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	5
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	48
<b>Suspicious Circumstances</b>	10
<b>Suspicious Subjects</b>	9
<b>Suspicious Vehicles</b>	12
<b>Service to Citizen</b>	13
<b>Abandoned Vehicle</b>	
Via Roble/Dolores Dr.	
<b>Animal Cruelty</b>	
60 Block Lafayette Cr.	
<b>Assault w/ Deadly Weapon</b>	
800 Block Solana Dr. (2)	
<b>Civil Problem</b>	
3500 Block Golden Gate Way	
<b>Commercial Burglary</b>	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Disturbing the Peace</b>	
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
3500 Block Brook St.	
<b>Embezzlement</b>	
1000 Block 2Nd St.	
<b>Fire/EMS Response Info</b>	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3400 Block Shangri La Rd.	
<b>Found Property</b>	
3700 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.	
<b>Harassment</b>	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Stanley Blvd.	
<b>Hit And Run Misdemeanor</b>	
3300 Block Springhill Rd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
3500 Block Brook St.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Identity Theft</b>	
10 Block Nemea Ln.	
1000 Block 2Nd St.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.	
<b>Juvenile Disturbance</b>	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Lost Property</b>	
10 Block Wellesley Ct.	
<b>Occupied Stalled Vehicle</b>	
El Nido Ranch Rd./Acalanes Rd.	
<b>Ordinance Violation</b>	
1100 Block Hidalgo Ct.	
<b>Panhandling</b>	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Petty Theft</b>	
4200 Block El Nido Ranch Rd.	
<b>Phone Harass</b>	
70 Block Silverwood Dr.	
1100 Block Brown Ave.	
<b>Prom Shoot</b>	
Happy Valley School	
3100 Block Rohrer Dr.	
<b>Public Nuisance</b>	
3300 Block Springhill Rd.	
3500 Block Springhill Road	
3900 Block Canyon	
<b>Reckless Driving</b>	
Taylor Blvd./Withers Ave.	
Pleasant Hill Cr./Acalanes Ave.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.	
Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Rancho View Dr.	
Upper Happy Valley Rd./Los Arabis Dr.	
<b>Shoplift</b>	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Subject Stop</b>	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd.	
Moraga Blvd./Moraga Rd.	
<b>Trespass</b>	
900 Block Hough Ave.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Unwanted Guest</b>	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Vandalism</b>	
10 Block Silver Leaf Ct.	

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## LPIE is ramped up and ready for the new school year

By Pippa Fisher



Following a new fundraising high for the eighth straight year of over \$3 million in the 2016-17 school year, Lafayette Partners in Education has committed to providing more than \$3.3 million for the upcoming academic year, supporting students in all six Lafayette schools.

A big part of this impressive figure comes from donation matching. Executive Director Myrna Kimmelman said that last year donation matching raised over \$275,000. Many companies are happy to match their employees' donations dollar-for-dollar and

some even reward volunteer hours. Details of how to sign up are on the LPIE website ([www.lpie.org](http://www.lpie.org)).

Founded back in 1980 as the Lafayette Art and Science Foundation by a small group of parents concerned about cutbacks in the budget as a result of Proposition 13, the organization has now grown to 120 volunteers and 100 teachers.

LPIE helps support math, music, art and reading in all Lafayette schools. Last year, among the new programs, LPIE increased funding for math coaching at the elementary schools and for elective supplies at Stanley Middle School.

At Acalanes High School, the program expanded funding for art, science, and music in special education classes, supported a teacher innovation program and provided supplies for a new architectural design elective.

For the next school year, with the increased budget, the program will add support to technology at Acalanes and funding for stress counselors, which is a cost shared with the Acalanes Parent Club. It will continue to support the health educator for the Lafayette School District.

With the increased budget comes an increased "ask" amount for parents this year. LPIE President Amy Parlett says that the new amount requested from families for each student is \$1,000.

"The last seven years it had been \$800 per student. The increased needs by the school districts (due to severely insufficient

and unpredictable state funding) really has put pressure on the community to provide more locally in order to just maintain programs," said Parlett, who noted that although participation from families has dipped slightly in the last few years, the 63 percent participation rate last year is actually quite good for an education foundation. "However, we do hope to raise the percentage this year," she added.

"Our schools are hurting and need our help if we want to maintain the quality of education we are used to in Lafayette. Sadly our schools cannot depend on the state for adequate and consistent funding."

"We have the power to make a significant impact through LPIE whose funding impacts students every day in every classroom TK to 12," Parlett said. "Every donation counts."

## Drama as LAFSD appoints trustee to fill vacant board seat

By Nick Marnell

Overcoming the endorsement of a competing applicant by his predecessor and the conflicted feelings of sitting school board members, Rob Sturm was appointed trustee of the Lafayette School District at an Aug. 16 special meeting. Sturm, a labor-employment attorney, replaces recently elected trustee Mark Kindhouse, who took a job in Southern California and resigned from the board in June.

Eight candidates ranging from lawyers to accountants to educators appeared before the board at Stanley Middle School and were asked to explain their priorities, their role and purpose, and the district's biggest challenge. Public comment followed and supporters spoke up for Sturm, Darrick Martin and Kenny Tuckerman, endorsed by Kindhouse in a letter to the board.

Trustee Suzy Pak nominated Sturm for the seat, and two issues dominated the ensuing board discussion: That Sturm deserved credit for being the only applicant who ran for one of the two LAFSD seats during the 2016 general election but that Sturm, though highly qualified, would bring a personality unfit for the board.

David Gerson. "Is he the right fit, and does he have the ability to work with the administration?" Gerson said he sometimes felt chastised by Sturm at board meetings. "We need to maintain respect for one another," Gerson said.

As tension built among the trustees, applicants and the two dozen spectators, Gerson called for a vote on Sturm. Gerson and Pak, who said she had not experienced the problems with Sturm that others had, voted yes immediately. After 15 seconds of strained, fidgety silence, Gerringer voted yes, followed by Meade who made the vote unanimous. Meade declined to comment afterward on the proceedings. ... continued on next page



Lafayette School District Superintendent Rachel Zinn swears in newly appointed trustee Rob Sturm. Photo Nick Marnell

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