



Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 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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Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

LAFAYETTE POLICE	
Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Oct. 22-28	
Alarms	47
911 Calls (incl hang-ups)	4
Noise Complaints	3
Traffic Stops	125
Suspicious Circumstances	3
Suspicious Subjects	10
Suspicious Vehicles	7
Service to Citizen	15
Accident Property	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.	
Animal Cruelty	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Auto Burglary	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Civil Problem	
50 Block Lafayette Cr.	
1100 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.	
30 Block Los Arabis Cr.	
Computer Fraud	
3900 Block S Peardale Dr.	
Disturbing the Peace	
El Nido Ranch Rd./Sunnyhill Rd.	
Fire/EMS Response Info	
3600 Block Deerhill Rd.	
3500 Block Plaza Way	
Golden Gate Way/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Fireworks	
700 Block Los Palos Dr.	
Found Property	
3700 Block Mosswood Dr.	
Fraud False Pretenses	
1200 Block Franklin Ln.	
Grand Theft	
500 Block Silverado Dr.	
Hailed by Citizen	
3300 Block La Caminita	
Harassment	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. (2)	
900 Block 4Th St. (2)	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Hit and Run Misdemeanor	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Oak Hill Rd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
900 Block Reliez Station Rd.	
Identity Theft	
3200 Block Glenside Dr.	
3200 Block La Canada Rd.	
Litter	
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.	
Lost Property	
Police Department	
Occupied Stalled Vehicle	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Ordinance Violation	
Happy Valley Rd./Upper Happy Valley Rd.	
3600 Block West Rd.	
Petty Theft	
3200 Block Ronino Way	
Prom Shoot	
St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.	
1300 Block El Curtola Blvd.	
Reckless Driving	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Acalanes Ave.	
Moraga Rd./School St.	
Deer Hill Rd./Brown Ave.	
Glenside Dr./Reliez Station Rd.	
Happy Valley Rd./Upper Happy Valley Rd.	
Deer Hill Rd./N Thompson Rd.	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Shoplift	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Threats	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Trespass	
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
Unknown Problem	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Unwanted Guest	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Vandalism	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Verbal Dispute	
Hawthorn Dr./Beechwood Dr.	

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Immediate solutions sought to combat speeding drivers on dangerous Lafayette road

By Pippa Fisher



A Lafayette police officer monitors traffic with a radar gun on a straight stretch of Reliez Valley Road where motorists pick up speed. Photo Pippa Fisher

What to do about the Reliez Valley Road traffic? Either reckless drivers are endangering life by speeding or, during peak rush hours, the road resembles a parking lot and driver tensions run high. City officials continue to ponder the question but push for improvements on the safety issue right now, saying that it is only a question of time until there is a fatality.

Concerned members of the Reliez Valley Road corridor community met with city council members Cam Burks and Ivor Samson and the chief of police on Nov. 6 in an unprecedented emergency meeting of the public safety subcommittee in order to expedite tangible action.

"The circumstances in my opinion are exigent in nature, compelling us to move quickly and per-

haps around some of the standard city processes in an effort to protect the public by engaging and executing quickly," said Burks, who called the emergency meeting. "My primary goal here is life safety, period – and we need to engage and execute action in a substantive way right now."

The problem on Reliez Valley Road is two-fold: safety and congestion during peak hours. But it was the question of safety that prompted the city council to instruct Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen to begin a directed enforcement campaign along the stretch of Reliez Valley Road from Withers Avenue to Pleasant Hill Road, following the many residents who spoke of their concerns for safety at the Oct. 23 city council meeting.

Christensen explained to the

residents that there are two areas of concern: the route itself and driver behavior.

As expected Christensen found drivers indeed behaving badly, clocking speeds significantly over the 30 mph speed limit, including one motorcyclist recorded at 65 mph. Another officer wrote a ticket for a teenager doing 53 mph.

Additionally, officers have been writing tickets for rolling through the stop signs and for attempting to get around school buses on the route. Roughly 85 percent of all the tickets written have been to residents of the area. Of the 264 traffic stops within Lafayette during the Oct. 25 to Nov. 5 timeframe, 161 were made on Reliez Valley Road.

Christensen explained the one thing the police cannot enforce is courtesy and that is something that

is in short supply, with the peak hour congestion adding to driver frustration and road rage, which in turn prompts risky driving behavior such as using the left turn lane at the Pleasant Hill intersection to in fact turn right onto southbound Pleasant Hill Road.

Regarding what actions could feasibly be taken immediately, Christensen recommended painting "30 mph" by existing speed signs and painting a "no left turn" sign at the Pleasant Hill Road intersection, as well as creating two more stop signs at Fairholm Road and My Road in order to prevent long straight strips where drivers pick up speed. He further recommended painting a crosswalk at Green Valley Drive.

More than a dozen residents also gave their opinions on the solutions proposed with not all agreeing about more stop signs and crosswalks. Several appeared in favor of speed bumps, but Christensen pointed out that speed bumps would take more time to implement.

This meeting however was about immediate action and, as a result, Burks and Samson agreed that the matter should come back before the Nov. 13 city council meeting for its approval on the painting of crosswalks and speed limits, bypassing the circulation committee and to further examine the possibility of temporary speed bumps and electric speed warning signs.

Lafayette school district seeks to quickly rectify parcel tax error

By Pippa Fisher

Lafayette taxpayers will be getting a refund as a result of an error recently discovered on the Measure B parcel tax bill.

Measure B passed comfortably in 2014 with 73 percent voting it in as a means to support the high quality education that Lafayette expects. However, the initial parcel tax rate was incorrectly calculated when it took effect in July 2015.

Additionally the 2017-18 inflation rate adjustment exceeded the permitted 3 percent consumer price index cap by 0.8 percent.

Lafayette School District Superintendent Rachel Zinn says, "As a result the district owes a total of approximately \$400,000 for 2015-16 and 2016-17. For 2017-18 the county will be issuing revised tax bills to those who have not already paid their taxes this year. For those who have already paid, the county will be issuing reimbursements to taxpayers.

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