



Public Meetings

- City Council**
Monday, May 14, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Planning Commission**
Monday, May 7, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Design Review**
Monday, May 14, 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 2, 7 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us
- Lafayette School District**
Wednesday, May 30, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Board Room
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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Green award winners educate and inspire others

By Pippa Fisher



From left: James Leach and Kelsey Levante Photo City of Lafayette/Jeff Heyman

Two Lafayette residents were recognized for their contributions to helping the city achieve its environmental goals.

The Environmental Task Force, now in its 11th year, selected winners based on the candidates' activities reducing their footprint, helping achieve the city's environmental goals and inspiring others in the community.

Campolindo High School student Kelsey Levante and Lafayette resident James Leach received their recognition at the April 23 city council meeting.

Kelsey won "for inspiring and educating the Lafayette community about environmental sustainability."

A member of the Campolindo Environmental Club, Kelsey helps in the garden after school and has

learned how to build an aquaponics system for the school to be used by the AP environmental science classes and the biology classes as an example of symbiotic, closed-loop system. Kelsey inspires her classmates in sustainable practices.

Leach won "for educating local residents on the climate crisis."

Many in the community know Leach for his research on air quality, and his presentations to the city council on particulate matter.

Trained by the Climate Reality Project and the author of "The Sustainable Way: Straight talk about global warming – what causes it, who denies it, and the common sense transition to renewable energy," Leach has worked with Sustainable Lafayette to promote air quality monitoring.

Heyman joins city staff in new communications role

By Pippa Fisher



Jeff Heyman fills the newly-created position of communications analyst at the city of Lafayette. Photo provided

There is a new face at the city of fices. Jeff Heyman has joined the city staff in its newly created role of communications analyst.

Heyman started in the new position April 9, coming to the city from the Oakland-based Peralta College District where he headed up public information and communications for the 25,000-student district.

Prior to his 18 years at the Peralta Colleges, Heyman was an information officer and deputy spokesperson for the United Nations Peacekeeping Department,

serving in Cambodia, Rwanda, Angola and former Yugoslavia.

Heyman, born in San Francisco, spent his teenage years in Alamo. He is a graduate of San Francisco State University in fine art photography and broadcast communications.

"For a long time, the city has done the best job it can in communicating with residents about the many things we do, but with the world of communications and media ever-changing, and the rise of social media, we needed a new approach, and this is a set of skills

staff does not currently have," said City Manager Steve Falk in a press release.

Heyman will be beefing up the city's social media presence, facilitating dialog on platforms such as NextDoor, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as well as taking over the Almost Daily Briefing, the Weekly Roundup, the quarterly newsletter Vistas and Lafayette Listens.

Heyman has taught social media at Laney College and was a columnist for a local newspaper.

"He is skilled in writing, publishing, video, social media and is

a good photographer as well," says Falk.

In fact residents are quite likely to spot Heyman at city events or wandering along the streets of Lafayette with a camera in hand.

Heyman lives with his wife Sari and rescue greyhound Katie Bugs in Alameda.

"I am very excited about the many possibilities that this new communications role offers and I am honored to have been tapped to fill this first-time position," Heyman said. "It feels a lot like coming home."

Lafayette's strolling community dinner party coming soon

By Pippa Fisher



Ticket holders mingle before the tasting starts in earnest, enjoying drinks and appetizers at last year's Taste Pavilion. Photo provided

Now in its 16th year, Lafayette's annual restaurant walk is coming up on Tuesday, May 15. The once-a-year chance to sip, stroll and socialize at Taste of Lafayette is a perfect opportunity to get together with friends and try out many of the city's world-class restaurants in one night.

The evening kicks off in the Taste Pavilion in downtown Lafayette at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Lafayette Circle near the Bank of the West where 'tasters' enjoy a selection of appetizers, wine and beer at a hosted reception with live musical entertainment from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Raffle tickets will be on sale to benefit the Lafayette Community Foundation and the programs and services of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

The strolling part of the evening begins from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. as ticketholders make their way at their own pace along restaurant row, sampling tastes of dishes from

more than 25 restaurants.

This year Lafayette's latest eatery will be taking part - Batch & Brine, scheduled to open at the beginning of May, next to Pizz Antica, where the old Swaad Indian restaurant was located.

Other restaurants include Locanda Positano, Cooperage, Reve, Postino and many more.

From 8 p.m. onward diners make their way back to the Taste Pavilion for coffee, dessert and the raffle drawing.

Hopefully the evening will be warm but, as last year's chilly event proved, it isn't necessary for a delightful evening in the Lafayette community.

The event has sold out in previous years so those interested in attending shouldn't delay in getting their tickets.

Tickets for the May 15 event are \$55 and can be purchased on the Chamber website at www.lafayettechamber.org/events/taste-of-lafayette.

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