



Public Meetings

- City Council**
Monday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Planning Commission**
Monday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Design Review**
Monday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- School Board Meetings**
Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m.
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1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
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- Lafayette School District**
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District Office Board Room
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Tatzin not running for re-election

By Pippa Fisher

(Editor's Note: This article first appeared on the Lamorinda Weekly website on July 10)

After 33 years serving on the city council, Mayor Don Tatzin has announced that he will not be running for re-election after his term expires in November.

Tatzin made the announcement at the end of the July 9 city council meeting, noting that, by the end of his term, he will have served on the council for a third of a century, two-thirds of the city's existence as an incorporated community and for half of his life.

"My reasons for retiring are solely personal," said Tatzin, adding that he would like to spend more time with his wife. "I have been on the council for more than 90 percent of the years during which we have been married and being a council member is like having two families."

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Lafayette puts 'awesome' into after-school care

By Pippa Fisher



Awesome camper Camilla Steffen has fun in the playground with Counselor Popcorn. Photo Ying Stroebe

In an attempt to address the dire need across the community for after school care providers, Lafayette's Parks, Trails and Recreation Department will be taking their "awesome" brand of child care and offering five-day a week supervision and activities after school in the community center.

PTR Director Jonathan Katayanagi explained that over the past three years the demand has skyrocketed. "The numbers of working parents have risen steeply. We were getting letters and emails demanding an after-school program," he said. "We were approached by a lot of parents. There is a real shortage of care. We hope that we can help fill this community need."

The schools, as well as Lafayette Elementary School District Superintendent of Schools Rachel Zinn, were getting similar requests. Although the elementary schools offer their own after-school programs, there is not enough space in them to meet demand.

Recreation Coordinator Steven Heinsma, who is in charge of the new program, says that the demand is mostly coming from parents of kindergarten children, as young families move into the area.

Heinsma says that the department looked at its resources and sent out a survey in the spring, which produced over 200 responses showing the great need.

Heinsma is working closely with fellow Recreation Coordinator Tricia Young, who is in charge of the tiny tots preschool and kinder gym program, and is providing support and guidance to ensure they develop programs to allow kids to grow and learn.

As summer rolls along the program is filling fast. Currently the program is offering a maximum of 30 spots for kindergarten through fifth grade, although the program can take some late-shift Transitional Kindergarten students.

Children will be transported from their schools to the community center. Staff will ride the buses with the children for the first week, but every day children will be walked onto the bus by teachers at the schools and be received straight off the bus at the community center by staff. And with a staff ratio of 1-10 students, there will be plenty of supervision to keep children safe.

The program will offer free play, sports, hikes, arts and crafts, science, homework help as well as other enrichment programs. The cost, says Heinsma, will work out to an average of about \$9 an hour and, although priority is given to those seeking five-day care, families may also sign up for partial-week use.

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'Day in the Life' photo contest coincides with 50th anniversary party

By Pippa Fisher



2017 photo contest winner "Boots on the Square" by Stu Selland

By now most residents are aware of a major party happening in and around the Lafayette Library and Learning Center July 29 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lafayette's incorporation. But as residents head out to party they should remember to grab their cameras, since that is also the date for this year's "Day in the Life" photo contest.

The rules call for a digital image taken somewhere within Lafayette to address the question "What does Lafayette look like to you on the special occasion of the 50th anniversary of incorporation?"

The contest, now in its third year, is open to those who live, work or have students attending schools in Lafayette. As in prior years, the contest is sponsored and judged by the public art committee. Submissions will be on display in the library gallery next January. Only photos taken on July 29 may be submitted and they must be received by Aug. 17.

And yes, smartphone photos are welcome too.

For further details on contest rules residents can go to <http://www.lovelafayette.org/city-hall/commissions-committees/public-art-committee/day-in-the-life-photo-contest>.

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