



**Public Meetings**

**City Council**

Monday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Planning Commission**

Monday, Aug. 20, 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.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

**Lafayette School District**

TBA  
Regular Board Meeting  
District Office Board Room  
3477 School St., Lafayette  
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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## Eight school board seats open up in LAFSD and AUHSD combined

This November there will be four seats up for election on the Lafayette School District governing board, with three four-year terms open, currently filled by Teresa Gerring, Suzy Pak and David Gerson and one two-year term, currently held by Rob Sturm who was appointed to the position to replace Mark Kindhouse who left the area in a career move last year.

The Acalanes Union High School District's governing board also has four spots available, with three four-year terms currently held by Susan Epstein, Nancy Kendzierski and Bob Hockett and one two-year term, currently filled by Richard Whitmore who stepped in following Craig Cheslog's resignation in December.

Qualified citizens have until Aug. 10 to file papers. Should one or more incumbents not file, that date will be extended to Aug. 15.

- P. Fisher

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## Trial turn restrictions on County Supervisors' agenda

By Pippa Fisher

In an effort to ease congestion on Reliez Valley Road, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is expected to place the proposed pilot program for turn restrictions on the Pleasant Hill Road corridor on the Aug. 14 meeting agenda as a consent calendar item.

Residents of Reliez Valley Road have long complained about the congestion in their neighborhood, mostly, they say, caused by commuters "cutting through" from Taylor Boulevard. If the signed restrictions were adopted, navigation applications such as Waze would

no longer be able to route commuters through Reliez Valley Road during the morning commute.

If the supervisors pass the consent item on Aug. 14, the trial period for testing the turn restrictions will be approved without further consideration.

These restrictions in the county unincorporated areas would be limited to between 7 and 8:30 a.m. on weekday mornings and school buses would be exempted. The trial project would be in place very soon after the vote and would remain in place until the end of the year.

## Lafayette celebrates the past 50 years, enjoys the present and looks to the future

By Pippa Fisher



Mayor Don Tatzin walks with the parade.

Photos Pippa Fisher

The "Love Lafayette" slogan seemed particularly apt at the party celebrating Lafayette's 50 years of incorporation as a city. In the sunshine both young families and old-timers enjoyed the joyful celebration but at a meeting beforehand during which many shared memories and thoughts on the city, the recurrent theme seemed to be volunteerism.

The Lafayette Library and Learning Center Community Room was filled to capacity and then some, with people standing and spilling out of the room. Many ex-mayors and current and ex-council members shared memories along with residents, recalling simpler times.

Many explained that they moved to the city for the schools and relatively affordable housing 50 years ago. Several commented on the world-class restaurants that now line Lafayette's streets. And many spoke of the numerous volunteers within the city - schools, sports as well as city committees and commissions - that contribute to the "virtuous cycle" and make Lafayette a better place.

A few speakers reflected on the challenges facing the city today such as that of affordable housing.

Lafayette resident Fred Ravazzo, who has lived in Lafayette for 84 years, remembered his childhood in the 1930s, being raised by his Italian parents who had moved out to Lafayette from San Francisco to farm, growing tomatoes. "It was wide open country," he said.

When Mayor Don Tatzin gave his closing remarks he got a standing ovation as the crowd showed their appreciation for a man who exemplifies Lafayette volunteerism, having given his time to the city for over 33 years.

Following the indoor gathering came the main event, with booths, live music from Dave Martin's House Party band, a kid zone and a seemingly endless stream of barbecued ribs and chicken from Back Forty Texas BBQ.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jay Lifson was hard at work making sure things went smoothly. It certainly came together

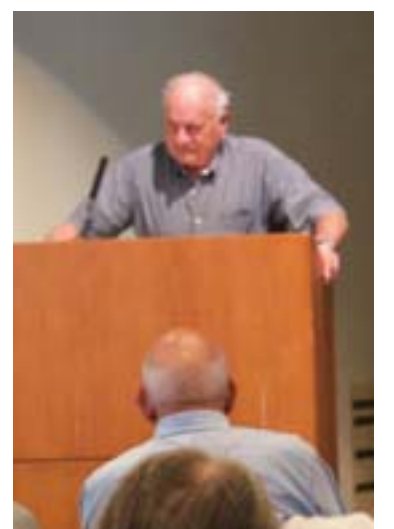
er seamlessly but, in the Lafayette way, it couldn't have happened without volunteers.

"The city of Lafayette counts on the chamber to plan and manage community events. This event was a team effort with many of our community partners stepping in and volunteering," Lifson noted.

Later a parade featuring a marching band, horses and even a train made its way from School Street along First Street to the delight of the crowd.

A time capsule, which was filled to ensure a glimpse of Lafayette as it is today, is saved for the future. Proclamations and announcements from Tatzin rounded out the event.

"The goal was to create a special day, casual and fun, that we all could remember," Lifson said.



An 84-year resident, Fred Ravazzo, recalls simpler times living in Lafayette.

"Our residents were invited to remind us of the past, celebrate the milestone and think about the future."



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