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Here we go again – PG&E work to close St. Mary’s Road this summer



Photo Pippa Fisher

PG&E will once again be working on a stretch of St. Mary’s Road involving lane closures this summer.

By Pippa Fisher

If it sounds familiar, that’s because it is the same as last year. Pacific Gas and Electric Company will be replacing sections of its natural gas pipeline between Rohrer

Drive and South Lucille Lane. The utility expects to begin work in early July and continue until late August.

The company held an open house on June 26 to inform the public about the project and about the impact to residents. Representatives

explained to the few residents in attendance that the work will affect traffic with lane closures and traffic control at times. St. Mary’s Road will be closed between South Lucille Lane and Rohrer Drive during the crew’s working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 9 a.m.

to 2:30 p.m. when school is in session.

Residents north of South Lucille Lane will need to detour north on St. Mary’s Road and residents south of Rohrer Drive will have to detour south on St. Mary’s Road during work hours. PG&E will have flaggers to help direct traffic and will clearly mark all work areas.

“This modernizing of our pipelines is one of many projects we are undertaking to become the safest, most reliable gas system in the nation,” said PG&E Diablo Division Senior Manager Victor Baker in a letter to customers.

The work to install new higher capacity 12-inch pipeline was left incomplete after the rest of the line was replaced last summer because PG&E did not receive the necessary Fish and Wildlife permit needed to replace the pipe under the creek at the bridge in time, according to

Project Manager Robert Hartsock when asked, citing the length of time it takes to pull permits.

Neighbors are frustrated. Lafayette resident Susan Callister asked in an email to the city council, “Why did PG&E fail to get this permit in time which would have eliminated the necessity to return for a second digging?”

“Why did PG&E schedule construction (through) late August which will impact school commutes to St. Mary’s College and Campolindo High School?” continued Callister.

Hartsock confirmed that as it did last summer, PG&E will be working closely with police and fire departments to ensure safety and access for emergency vehicles.

For further information on the project residents can contact their local PG&E representative Julian Lacson at (925) 348-3532 or email gasprojectinfo@pge.com.

Tribute to the Troops to honor military

By Pippa Fisher

It is a Lafayette favorite – with a backdrop of the setting sun by the tranquil waters of the Lafayette Reservoir, the Tribute to the Troops concert will be taking place on Saturday, July 13 from 5 p.m. to twilight on the stage located up to the east of the parking lot.

This free annual concert is an opportunity to honor and show support for active members of the military, reservists, national guards, veterans and families of fallen heroes. Attendees are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

This year, as in previous

years, the 36-piece Big Band of Rossmoor, first established over 27 years ago, will be providing the music. The band is comprised of musicians aged 14 to 95.

Also this year there will be a special guest – Lafayette’s own David Martin with Rob Ross from David Martin’s House Party. Martin, it’s rumored, can play anything from 1960 onward. Martin is an Acalanes graduate who got his start in the business at the Happy Valley Elementary School sixth grade graduation and at a Kiwanis pancake breakfast and went on to establish himself as one of the Bay Area’s premier party bands.



Photo provided

People are encouraged to bring a blanket, lawn chairs

and a picnic. There will be shuttle service provided from the parking lot to the bandstand area for those needing assistance.

Special recognition will be given to the Blue Star moms who have family serving and to Gold Star families who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. They will be joined by several veterans’ organizations including members of the Marines Memorial Club of San Francisco and Lafayette Boy Scouts Troop 243. Representatives from the Veteran’s Center who support returning veterans will be on hand.

The event is hosted by the Lafayette Rotary.

“We are delighted to support this event over the last five years at a band stand that Lafayette Rotary built and has maintained,” says Lafayette Rotary President Terry Ring.

For the second year Aegis Living of Moraga is underwriting the event.

“Our veterans and their family deserve our support and we are honored to underwrite this event that supports this important community,” says Aegis Director of Marketing Molly Gleason-Kodama.

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Temporary Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail Bridge Closure

Submitted by East Bay Regional Park District

The Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail will be temporarily closed – south of the Glenside Bridge approximately 200 feet to Glenside Drive and north of the Glenside Bridge approximately 350 feet – for bridge replacement and safety improvements. Construction activities began on July 8. The bridge will be closed beginning July 15.

	Lafayette Public Meetings	Planning Commission Monday, July 15, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	City Council Monday, July 22, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Design Review Monday, July 22, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Arts & Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	School Board Meetings Acalanes Union High School District Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m. AUHSD Board Room 1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette www.acalanes.k12.ca.us	Lafayette School District Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting District Office Board Room 3477 School St., Lafayette www.lafsd.k12.ca.us