

Donations help wildfire-displaced animals



Photo Pippa Fisher

Donations now being accepted at Perks, next to the Lafayette Library.

By Pippa Fisher

Lafayette resident Vickie Balestrieri is taking the lead in gathering donations of pet food and other supplies to help support animals displaced by the Bay Area wildfires.

With a drop-off spot right beside Perks (formerly Caffino) next to the Lafayette Library, Balestrieri is hoping to gather supplies such as crates, pet carriers, pet food, clean old towels, blankets, pet beds, leashes as well as cash donations.

Balestrieri decided to help after hearing friends of hers from Saratoga discussing on social media the plight of ani-

mals that had been rescued from the fires, including horses, chickens, goats, cats, dogs, and rabbits that are being held now at the Gilroy Fairgrounds. She has been delivering carloads of supplies over the past few weeks.

More locally Balestrieri is now working to collect donations for Jelly's Place and the Milo Foundation, community nonprofit rescue shelters that are also welcoming animal victims of the fires. All are grateful for any supplies.

The collection drive at Perks is set to continue until Sept. 20.

Questions should be directed to vickiebalestrieri@gmail.com

Lafayette wants to hear from you!

The city of Lafayette is updating its General Plan – a blueprint for how Lafayette will look and feel in 20 years. The public is invited to participate in many ways, the first being the General Plan Advisory Committee.

GPAC is a group of volunteers who will represent the Lafayette community through the general plan update.

No experience is required – individuals of all backgrounds and experiences are encouraged to apply.

Five members of the committee, one at-large and four from each geographic

region of Lafayette, will be selected at random by lottery from the applications received.

The planning department will hold an informational video session to discuss the GPAC and its application process at 6 p.m. Sept. 24. Visit the website below for details on how to join the meeting.


The application is available at www.planlafayette.org

To obtain a hard copy of the application, call (925) 284-1976.

– P. Fisher

 <p>Lafayette Public Meetings</p> <p>City Council Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. Teleconference via City of Lafayette's YouTube Channel: http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube</p>	<p>Planning Commission Meeting Monday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Don Tatzin Community Hall</p> <p>Design Review Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center. 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Arts & Science Discovery Room</p>
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