

# Lafayette calling!



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The city has recently added another way of keeping its residents up to speed for emergency information and instructions when needed. Lafayette's community information and emergency radio station is now broadcasting continuously on 1670 AM.

Serving as an extra channel of communication, which could be critical during wildfires and power outages when cell phone and the internet may not be working, as happened last year in Lafayette's fire that destroyed the tennis club, the station will provide an alternative for delivering vital information to residents directly.

The AM station will broadcast information during times of disaster such as wild-

fires, as well as details on PG&E power outages. During non-emergencies residents will hear general city information and news, details on events and programs, and general visitor information about Lafayette.

The station, put in place by the work of the Lafayette Police Department's John Cornell together with Information Station Specialist Technician Tom Coviak, is housed at the LPD and can be heard for a 6- to 7-mile radius. It covers all of Lafayette, portions of Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek.

The station's FCC-designated call sign is WRHU776.

Residents should have the station saved in their cars as well as on their AM radios for up-to-date information.

# New book store opens; offers thoughtful escape amid pandemic

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For now the pandemic has limited those opportunities, although they are currently featuring a couple of local authors – Ecolunchbox Founder Sandra Ann Harris (her book – “Say Goodbye to Plastic: A Survival Guide for Plastic-Free Living”) and Jane Blomstrand, a veteran of public school leadership in California (her book – “Meet the Principal: My Journey Beyond the Curriculum”) and hope to host virtual events with them soon.

The lack of in-store events meant adjustments in the Winnackers' opening plans. The store opened very quietly but word is spreading and they are grateful to the people who are making a point of

visiting.

Rudy Winnacker says there was a lot of uncertainty at the beginning of the lockdown, which happened just days before signing the lease. On top of this, they faced the unexpected challenges of distance learning for their three children ages 10, 14, and 15 (who can often be spotted in the store on their Zoom classes).

While bookshops face stiff competition from internet sellers, Rudy Winnacker is emphatic that there is nothing online that can replicate the experience of taking time browsing through books.

Customer Rhonda Chaikin agrees. “We need a book store – we all need relationships with books,” she says.

The store is located at 3645 C Mt. Diablo Blvd. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Website: <https://books@reasonable.online/>



## Lafayette Public Meetings

### City Council

Monday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.  
Teleconference via City of Lafayette's YouTube Channel:  
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

### Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Don Tatzin Community Hall

### Design Review

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. Lafayette Zoom Teleconference Meeting via Zoom Webinar

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