

Volunteers still needed for first-ever Lafayette Community Day, June 4



throughout the community. Sign-ups are now open for volunteer projects and activities that focus on human services, youth development and education, seniors, arts and culture, diversity and kindness and town beautification. The event will begin with a volunteer check-in at 9 a.m. June 4 at Plaza Park, followed by a welcome rally at 9:15 a.m. Everyone will return to the park at 12:30 p.m. for lunch, a collaborative community-wide art project, a small nonprofit fair, other fun activities, and music from the band, Traveling Wilburys Revue. Visit LafayetteCommunityDay.org to learn more and to sign up today.

– J. Wake

Lafayette Community Foundation, in partnership with the City of Lafayette and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce as well as financial sponsor Republic Services, is organizing Lafayette Community Day, an event where team leaders and volunteers will head out to work on projects

New principal to take the helm at St. Perpetua



Karen Goodshaw



Molly Gotchet Photos provided

After 14 years at St. Perpetua Catholic Elementary School in Lafayette current principal, Karen Goodshaw, will be joining the Oakland Diocese as an Associate Superintendent for Leadership. Goodshaw leaves St. Perpetua in a very strong position with enrollment increasing by over 20% during the last two years. She also successfully collaborated with the Lafayette City Council to make the school safe for all community members in the neighborhood with the installation of a new LED crosswalk path on Hamlin Road. Goodshaw concludes her tenure at St. Perpetua after assisting thousands of students, teachers and parents.

Molly Gotchet will become St. Perpetua's new principal for the 2022-23 academic year. Gotchet comes to St. Perpetua from Ecole Notre Dame des Victories in San Francisco where she has been the Director of Student Life. In addition

to her experience at Ecole Notre Dame, she has an extensive teaching background including working as a third-grade teacher at Our Lady of Grace School in Castro Valley. She also worked for the Oakland Unified School District as a Special Education teacher.

Gotchet completed her undergraduate studies and a master's degree at Saint Mary's College, and a master's degree in special education from Loyola Marymount University. She is also a current Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership candidate in the prestigious Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program for Catholic School Leaders at the University of Notre Dame. The St. Perpetua community is eager to welcome Gotchet onto its campus and is looking forward to her arrival in July.

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Lafayette School District board receives good news on school funding

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LafSD Superintendent Richard Whitmore also spoke about Gov. Gavin Newsom's recent May revised budget, which according to a statement from the California Department of Education, "directs a total of \$128.3 billion to education, lifts up the most critical needs including historic health, recruitment and retention of teachers, and literacy strategies necessary to allow students to heal and recover after two very challenging years." The revised budget includes \$3.3 billion to combat statewide declining enrollment and stabilize school budgets, according to the DOE.

Whitmore said the extra money in state funds was generally good news, "but people

are popping their champagne bottles a little too quickly," noting that the state senate and assembly will be making adjustments before the proposed budget goes to the governor's desk June 15, and is signed off by June 30. "But ... not bad news," he added, stating, "We'll have another discussion with LPIE and how we put together an expenditure plan that uses these funds to their highest use."

The board will return to discuss the proposed budget at its June 14 and 15 meetings. The board typically adopts its 2022-23 budget in mid-June, and has 45 days to update the budget after the final state budget is approved.

For information about upcoming meetings and agendas, visit www.lafsd.k12.ca.us/board



Lafayette Public Meetings

City Council

Regular Meeting
Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.
Teleconference via City of Lafayette's You Tube Channel:
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, June 6, 7 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting via Love Lafayette YouTube
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

Design Review

Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m. Zoom
Teleconference Meeting via Love Lafayette YouTube
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