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## Heads up for Dogtown this Saturday

By Cathy Tyson



Artist Winston Smith and the three Dogs.

ature residents will recognize the beloved smiling icons of the now defunct hot dog chain that will be visiting Lafayette's Dogtown Although the last of the Bay Area restaurants closed in 1986, the 10foot-tall grinning dachshunds wearing bow ties and chef's hats are still with us. Age and California's sunshine have been a little hard on the pooches, so current owner of three dog heads, John Law, initiated a Kickstarter camfrom 818 backers to pay for extensive are invited to partake in the best cosrefurbishment, complete with customized interior structural supports to replace the rusted out framing and Westminster Kennel Club showprofessional paint and fiberglass work from top notch auto painters.

When talking about tracking ists offering advice inside the Library; down the dog head owner, organizer extraordinaire of the Dogtown Downtown event and executive director of Animal Rescue Foundation and Contra the Chamber of Commerce, Jay Lifson, joked: "I stalked him online." He had heard about them and wanted to see if they could make an appearance. Turns out, Law is happy to share the pups – Manny, Moe and Jack, also known as the "Holy Dogminican to 1 p.m. and is sponsored by the Order" - at public events, gratis. The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the head float will be available for photos, Lafayette Library and Learning Center but some may have their facelifts only and the City of Lafayette.

partially complete. It's no small feat to bring back the luxurious shine to their coats and spruce up their attire.

Saturday's Dogtown event starts Downtown this Saturday, April 11. at 10 a.m. with a dog parade strolling from Plaza Park to the Library. This second annual celebration of all things dog will include working dogs and canine agility demonstrations, dog competitions, creative crafts and more. Proud pooch owners who bear a resemblance to their furry friends are invited to compete in the "Looks paign that garnered over \$51,000 Most Like Owner" event. Dog lovers tume, best of show and best dogowner team trick – kind of like the down, but way more casual and fun. There will also be veterinary specialwell-behaved dogs are welcome.

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Thinking about adoption? Both the Costa Animal Services will be offering pet adoptions. There will also be a special reading by author Dorothy Hinshaw Patent of her heartwarming book, "Saving Audi: A pit bull puppy gets a second chance." The event runs from 10 a.m.





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### Litigation Dilemma Over Wight House

#### Who will sue?

#### **By Cathy Tyson**

he drama surrounding the con- March 23, they were hesitant to make sition.

plicit; if we deny the project there will be litigation," said Council Member Don Tatzin, adding that based on correspondence from the neighbors "there is a reasonable basis to conclude that if we approve the project there will be litigation." He requested a closed session in the near future, to bring all the city council members up to speed and explore the issues.

With only three of the five city council members in attendance on car trips. ... continued on page A9

troversial large home at the end a final decision, but Mayor Brandt of Monticello Road puts the Lafayette Andersson did direct staff to prepare City Council in a very awkward po- a revised Mitigated Negative Declaration and to make changes to the "The Wights have been very ex- Construction Management Plan. All agreed that it would be best to review the findings at a later date when all five are present.

> Neighbors continued to express their concern about vehicle traffic preferring one vehicle at a time on the street, but the Construction Management Plan isn't entirely clear about the number of trips per day and applicability of restrictions for large or small trucks, as well as standard-sized

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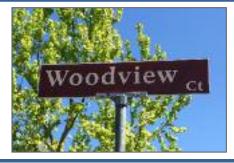
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## Security Camera Town Hall Somebody's watching you

information about home and neighborhood security cameras at an up-Lafayette Police Department and the Crime Prevention Commission. The second annual Residential Community and Homeowner Security Camera System meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

earn best practices, get questions Chief Eric Christensen, home and car answered and pick up general burglaries have fallen and police are catching bad guys like never before, benefitting from effective cameras to coming Town Hall sponsored by the deter and solve crimes. "Since we embarked on this engagement over the past few years, the number of residential communities and homeowners who have installed cameras have grown - and it has tangibly and positively impacted the crime situation in the city," said Cam Burks, chair of the Lafayette Crime Prevention Commis-According to Lafayette Police sion. C. Tyson

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