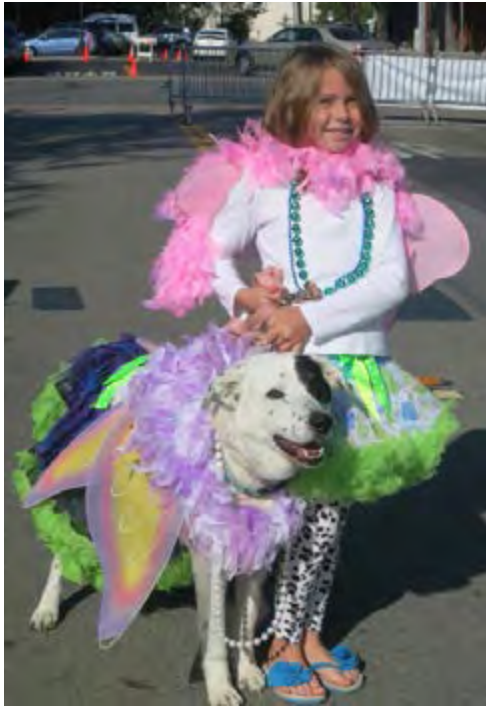


# Lafayette Goes to the Dogs

By Cathy Tyson



both humans and their pooches can rock a signature ensemble in public, without getting any curious looks. Organizers from the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce have thought of everything from a Doggie Vogue fashion show, a kissing booth for owners and their four-legged beloved, and for the first time ever, a Puppy Bowl. Furry friends can be entered into any and all contests; free registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the library.

Look for special canine treats from local Huckleberry Kitchen and even dog friendly ice cream from Smitten. Casual contests include: Looks Most Like Owner, Human-Dog Team Tricks, Best Costume, and of course, Best in Show.

Even cat people are invited to check out Lafayette's Dogtown Downtown. The event runs from 10 a.m. to noon, and it's free and fun – but a leash is definitely required.

Possibly the best way for Lamorinda dogs and their humans to spend Saturday morning, April 9, is to celebrate all things canine at Dogtown Downtown. This third annual event kicks off at 10 a.m. with a dog parade from the Lafayette Plaza Park down Golden Gate Way to the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, led by Lafayette's police force.

This is the one day of the year

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# New Signals on Reliez Station Road Get Green Light

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Supporters of the traffic signals on Reliez Station Road gathered at a Lafayette City Council meeting. Photo Cathy Tyson

Who knew there would be so much controversy in the name of safety over a pair of traffic signals on Reliez Station Road?

After three public workshops, two public walking tours and reviews by the Circulation Committee and the Design Review Committee, the matter was discussed before the Lafayette City Council on March 28 with both supporters and opponents in the audience. Residents most immediately affected by the signals voiced their concerns and were thrilled that stop lights for two intersections on Reliez Station Road were approved, despite the roundabout fashion the solution came to pass.

"The arguments for the light are so compelling – this seems to be the only reasonable solution," said Council Member Brandt Anderson, recognizing the threat of cars and trucks stopped on the steep hill rolling backwards already exists

now. The balance of the council agreed, so the stop lights were approved, along with an okay to purchase some of the necessary equipment ahead of time.

Although there was public outreach on the Olympic Boulevard and Reliez Station Road corridor that started with an initial opinion survey in May and June of 2014, some residents still felt frustrated with the process, and criticized a lack of transparency and adequate notice of meetings. Still other opponents are troubled by the steep slope at the location of the light that will be at the corner of Las Trampas and Reliez and the relatively small number of car trips generated by the 72 homes on those streets.

"Does it make sense to endanger upwards of 15,000 cars a day to save time for a few hundred cars?" asked Silloo Tarapore in a letter to the city council.

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