



Lafayette

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, March 13, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, March 13, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Board Room
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting
notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Jan. 29 - Feb. 11

Alarms	78
911 Calls (incl hang-ups)	20
Noise complaints	3
Traffic stops	163
Suspicious Circumstances	22
Suspicious Subjects	26
Suspicious Vehicles	36
Welfare Check	21
Patrol Request	7
Animal Cruelty	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Auto Burglary	
3300 Block Woodview Dr.	
3500 Block Brook St.	
900 Block Dewing Ave.	
700 Block Solana Dr.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Battery	
3200 Block Acalanes Ave.	
Beat Info	
3900 Block Canyon Rd.	
4100 Block Canyon Rd.	
Civil Problem	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
1000 Block 2nd St.	
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.	
1000 Block 2nd St.	
Commercial Burglary	
1000 Block Dewing Ave.	
1000 Block Brown Ave.	
Drunk In Public	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Forgery	
3700 Block Highland Rd.	
Found Property	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
3300 Block Rowland Dr.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Fraud False Pretenses	
3400 Block Hamlin Rd.	
1100 Block Vacation Dr.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Harassment	
El Nido Ranch Rd./acalanes Rd.	
1st St/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
1100 Block Via Media	
3300 Block Sweet Dr.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
Acalanes Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Police Department	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
1st St/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Identity Theft	
900 Block S Thompson Rd.	
3600 Block Powell Dr.	
600 Block N Silverado Dr. (2)	
3900 Block Canyon Rd.	
3300 Block Woodview Ct.	
In Custody Theft	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Intoxicated Subject	
50 Block Lafayette Cr.	
Litter	
1000 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.	

Loitering	3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lost Property	Police Department 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Panhandling	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Petty Theft	3300 Block N Lucille Ln. 1000 Block Brown Ave. 900 Block Dewing Ave. 1100 Block Nogales St. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3500 Block Oliver Ct. 3800 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3600 Block Brook St. 3600 Block Walnut St.
Petty Theft From Building	400 Block Read Dr.
Public Nuisance	1300 Block Summit Rd. 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 900 Block Dewing Ave. 1000 Block 2nd St. 3800 Block Happy Valley Rd. 1000 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd. 3500 Block Golden Gate Wy 900 Block Hough Ave. 4000 Block Marianne Dr. Topper Ln./St. Marys Rd. 3300 Block Ridge Rd. 900 Block Moon Ct. 3500 Block Moraga Blvd.
Reckless Driving	Acalanes Rd./Eb Sr 24 Pleasant Hill Rd./Rancho View Dr. Pleasant Hill Rd./Reliez Station Rd. Silverado Dr./Burton Dr. Moraga Rd./Madrone Dr. 3500 Block Brook St. Happy Valley Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd. Reliez Valley Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd. 1st St/Mt. Diablo Blvd. Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd. Pleasant Hill Rd./Olympic Blvd. 3200 Block Stanley Blvd. 1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Residential Burglary	3200 Block Beechwood Dr. 1000 Block Via Roble 600 Block Lucas Dr. 1100 Block Monticello Rd.
Robbery	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Golden Gate Way
Shoplift	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (5)
Threats	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3300 Block Mildred Ln.
Trespass	3400 Block Black Hawk Rd. 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Unwanted Guest	3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 30 Block Lafayette Cr. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Vandalism	3400 Block Sky Ln. 600 Block Glenside Dr. Reliez Valley Rd. at Withers 3400 Block School St.
Vehicle Theft	3200 Block Mt. Diablo Ct.
Verbal Dispute	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 1200 Block Bacon Way

Sidewalk maintenance falls to Lafayette residents

By Pippa Fisher

To what extent, if any, are property owners responsible for repairs to the sidewalk, defined as the area between the property line and the street line, whether or not it has a sidewalk or parking strip, gutter or curb?

That was the sticky issue the Lafayette City Council dealt with Feb. 27, with the subject continuing from the previous city meeting. City staff offered several options for proceeding with the issue of frontage maintenance.

Currently sidewalks are the owner's responsibility per Section 8-123 of the Lafayette Municipal Code, established in 1996.

The council heard from Matt Luttrupp, senior engineer for Lafayette. He presented five options, ranging from option 1, continuing the policy "as is" to option 5, totally eliminating Section 8-123, whereby the city would pay all costs.

In between those extremes he outlined option 2, which, he explained, would be to amend the code to require property owners to maintain their frontage improvements only when a sidewalk exists, as is the case in Orinda. Since Lafayette has few sidewalks this would be estimated to require an additional \$188,000. Also it would impact the Public Works Department to the tune of an estimated \$30,000 annually.

Option 3 would be similar to the previous option obliging the homeowner to pay for repairs but only in cases where a hazard caused by the owner is evident, such as is the practice in Moraga and Pleasant Hill. This option raises potential questions about the burden of proof of the reason for damage.

Option 4 would amend the LMC to reflect a sharing of the costs between city and owner. This potentially raises the perception of inequity.

As at the previous city meeting, several residents made their dissatisfaction with city's policy clear. Addressing the staff's concerns that residents would demand refunds for past work they had to pay for should the code now be amended, Lafayette resident John Sallay gave the example of paying a fine for speeding and suggested that the offender could not be asking for a refund of his speeding fine if the speed limit law were subsequently changed. Additionally, he repeated his accusation that the city is "double taxing." While many cit-



A curbside in Lafayette, which owners must maintain. Photo P. Fisher

ies do have similar policies to Lafayette's, he said, not all do and there is no need for this council to follow like sheep.

Karl Schaarschmidt, a retired civil engineer and local resident, made the practical point that the curb and gutter is part of the roadway and should be built together as one unit to ensure even wear and integrity.

Council members Ivor Samson and Mark Mitchell were both in favor of option 3. Both acknowledged a need to look at an appeal process and how to compensate previous residents who have paid.

However, Vice Mayor Don Tatzin made the point that these rules reflect what residents wanted back in 1996 when bonds were passed and an effective plan for road reconstruction was put in place.

Council member Cam Burks echoed the sentiment that in the interest of equity it is unfair to change rules now since by 2019 all failed roads in Lafayette will have been addressed. He voiced concerns over taking the city to another level of bureaucracy regarding appeals that would accompany option 3 and felt it was fair to leave it as it is to avoid fiscal burden on the city.

Mayor Mike Anderson said that he would recommend "staying the course" and consider amending the code later if necessary.

In the end the staff recommendation to continue current policy was carried by three votes from Anderson, Tatzin and Burks to two against from Samson and Mitchell, with a recommendation to look at the matter again after road construction is complete in 2019.

A focus on Lafayette life

By Pippa Fisher

For all aspiring Lafayette photographers, there is an exciting opportunity coming soon. The city of Lafayette is running a "Day in the Life" photo contest, sponsored by the city's Art Commission.

Photos must be taken in Lafayette on March 20, the spring equinox and is open to those living or

working in Lafayette. This is the third in a series of contests. The first and second contests took place on the winter and summer solstice respectively. Plans are underway for the fourth contest to take place on Lafayette's 50th birthday in the summer of 2018.

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