



**Lafayette**

- Public Meetings**
  - City Council**  
Monday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
  - Planning Commission**  
Monday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
  - Design Review**  
Monday, Nov. 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, Nov. 1, 7 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us
  - Lafayette School District**  
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 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	
<b>Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Sept. 24-30</b>	
<b>Alarms</b>	78
<b>911 Calls (incl hang-ups)</b>	3
<b>Noise Complaints</b>	13
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	206
<b>Suspicious Circumstances</b>	9
<b>Suspicious Subjects</b>	38
<b>Suspicious Vehicles</b>	29
<b>Service to Citizen</b>	40
<b>Auto Burglary</b>	
3000 Block Old Tunnel Rd.	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
800 Block Mountain View Dr.	
<b>Battery</b>	
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.	
<b>Civil Problem</b>	
900 Block Moraga Rd.	
3300 Block Victoria Ave.	
1100 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
10 Block Dollis Park Rd.	
<b>Civil Standby</b>	
3600 Block Happy Valley Ln.	
Police Department	
<b>Disturbing The Peace</b>	
Reliez Station Rd./Olympic Blvd.	
3200 Block Stanley Blvd.	
<b>DUI Misdemeanor</b>	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir.	
Glenside Cir./Glenside Dr.	
<b>Forgery</b>	
10 Block Quail Run	
<b>Found Property</b>	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Glenside Dr./Michael Ln.	
Police Department	
<b>Fraud Credit Card</b>	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Fraud False Pretenses</b>	
1300 Block San Reliez Ct.	
<b>Grand Theft</b>	
500 Block Silverado Dr.	
<b>Hailed By Citizen</b>	
Terrace Way	
<b>Harassment</b>	
1000 Block Carol Ln.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
El Nido Ranch Rd./Acalanes Rd.	
<b>Hit And Run Misdemeanor</b>	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
1000 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Greenvally Rd.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Identity Theft</b>	
3200 Block Glenside Dr.	
3900 Block Rancho Rd. (2)	
3200 Block La Canada Rd.	
50 Block Los Arabis Cir.	
<b>Loitering</b>	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.	
<b>Lost Property</b>	
800 Block Skywood Rd.	
Police Department	
<b>Misc Burglary</b>	
100 Block Camellia Ln.	
<b>Ordinance Violation</b>	
4100 Block Hidden Valley Rd.	
<b>Petty Theft</b>	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
200 Block Camellia Ln.	
600 Block Michael Ln.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
<b>Prom Shoot</b>	
3100 Block Cordova Way	

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## No relief on Reliez Valley Road

By John T. Miller



The morning commute on Reliez Valley Road. Photo Gint Federas

A barrage of speakers from the Reliez Valley Road area addressed the Lafayette City Council at its Oct. 23 meeting, complaining about delays and unsafe driving conditions and pleading for solutions to the problems.

The morning commute has become so bad on the two-lane road that traveling two miles can sometimes take 20 minutes or more. Students trying to get to school at Springhill Elementary, Stanley Middle School, or Acalanes High School have to leave earlier and earlier to avoid tardiness.

Some residents experience 10-minute waits to get out of their driveway, while children trying to cross the street to their school bus stop have to wait equally long before there is a break in the traffic.

The traffic either moves at a crawl, or, when possible, drivers speed recklessly. Residents report drivers passing school buses with their flashing lights on, and others using the left hand lane – going in the wrong direction – to pass long lines of cars.

One speaker said, “I can’t believe the brazenness of some of these drivers. It’s only a matter of time before there will be a tragic accident.” Others claim to have seen many narrow misses.

One local resident reported that taking Bear Creek Road to Stanley Middle School was two minutes faster than enduring the backups on Reliez Valley, while more than one speaker said that getting downtown has become so difficult that many residents head to other cities to shop.

Hinkamp, who delivered the report on conditions, said, “A point of contention has been mobile navigation applications like Google Maps and Waze.” Drivers are learning that Alhambra Valley Road to Reliez Valley is the quickest route in the morning to Highway 24 (even with the backups), and more and more commuters are traveling this way.

After listening to nearly two hours of testimony, the council considered some of the solutions, including no right turns allowed at certain spots, speed bumps, and increased police surveillance and ticketing.

Also suggested is to discuss jurisdiction issues with the county and the city of Pleasant Hill, finalize term count movements, take a further look into data and counter measures, and convene a circulation committee meeting to receive further public input and potential remedies. The council authorized staff to proceed with these next steps.

## EBMUD land swap deal with Lafayette reaches an impasse

By John T. Miller

As the East Bay Municipal Utility District closes in on finishing the new pumping station near Mt. Diablo Court in the eastern part of Lafayette, cost overruns have caused the city council to consider its options on how to proceed with the land swap agreement made with the utility district.

to build a new pumping plant at the current location, in exchange for putting in a parking lot at the old site. They also worked together to generate estimated costs to complete the improvements.

EBMUD and Lafayette staffs to find the right balance of how much each should pay,” Falk said. “We’ve reached a tentative agreement where everyone is mutually dissatisfied.”

ing, especially on the weekends.

According to City Manager Steven Falk’s report to the council at its Oct. 23 meeting, EBUD approached the city in 2011 with the need to replace its pumps that sat next to Ace Hardware.

Falk reported that the economy and competitive bidding environment have significantly changed since that time, causing both the pumping station and parking lot to go over budget.

EBMUD will claim responsibility for approximately \$90,000 worth of the parking lot project, while the city of Lafayette will need to come up with about \$158,000 more.

One option suggested would be to accept the \$90,000 in credit and have the city take over the project, but Mayor Mike Anderson echoed concerns of the staff that that option might end up costing the city even more.


The two staffs negotiated a land swap that allowed EBUD

“We entered into a series of frank conversations between

The lot would hold about 16 cars and bring relief to a part of downtown in great need of park-

There was also concern regarding deadlines. Once EBUD is through with the pumping station and releases its contractor, the city would be left with an unfinished lot.

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