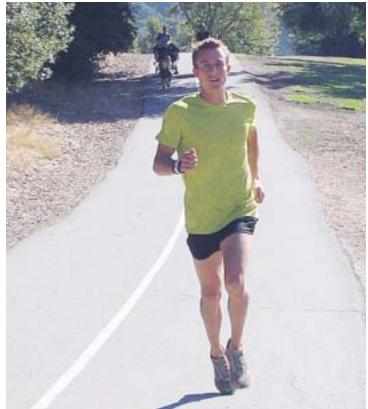
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What Can You Do in Four Minutes?

By Cathy Tyson



Tim Bayley trains at the Lafayette Reservoir four minutes could be the time it takes to run a mile. On Saturday October 25, a dozen four minute and sub-four minute milers will compete in the first ever "ELITE" mile preceding the Lafayette Reservoir Run. These speedy youths come from near and far; Lafayette's own 3:58-man Tim Bayley, 3:56 David Torrence of Berkeley, 3:59 Liam Boylan-Pett of Washington State and even a

ir Photo courtesy of Priscilla Bayley pending entry of a runner all the way from Kenya, Heron Lagat. First place wins \$1,000.

Lamorinda residents may recognize Bayley from the women's fitness classes he teaches or his sports performance coaching – he specializes in the development of sport-specific speed and agility. Fans will be able to get autographs after the race at the Sports Basement booth; they'll have posters available for athletes to sign.

The starting and finish line for these elite runners is just a few yards from the main starting area at Moraga Road and Mount Diablo Boulevard. Athletes will run down Mt. Diablo, do a u-turn at Trader Joe's and finish where they started. Be sure to arrive early, the ELITE mile starts at 8:00 and will be over in the blink of an eye.

"The San Francisco Bay Area is a hotbed of talented runners. Sports Basement supports elite athlete development and is taking the first step in creating the Inaugural Sports Basement Elite Mile," said Priscilla Bayley for Sports Basement.

For those that may be a bit slower, the 17th Annual Reservoir Run features a 10K, 5K or 2 mile race through the heart of downtown, around the reservoir and back. As usual, a healthy crowd of 2200 – 2500 participants will compete. Post run/walk pancakes will be available care of the Lafayette Rotary Club, along with complimentary snacks and beverages following the race. On site registration available from 6:30, with staggered race times commencing at 8:30.

Proceeds will be shared by the Lafayette Schools and the Chamber of Commerce. For more information on registration, go to www.lafayettechamber.org.

Inaugural Policies on Renting Library Spaces

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If the Community Hall was reserved for a wedding for example, there are insurance requirements, staff set up, rules for caterers and more; renting the space is more complex.

Hourly rates are divided into categories with respect to the renters for Library Main Floor rooms. Lafayette resident non-profit groups get the lowest rate, non-resident non-profits pay a bit more, followed dent or commercial renters.

Larger spaces are set up similarly with different rates for resident non-profits, non-resident non-profits and in the last category private parties or commercial use.

Organizers want to make library spaces as accessible as financially feasible. "The concept behind this is to acknowledge the generosity of our community in supporting the creation of LLLC and at the same time not pricing

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the spaces out of reach of all nonprofits," noted a recent statement from the Foundation.

The Reading Court/Amphitheater is available for free to non-profit groups, subject to a refundable security deposit to encourage a dynamic amphitheater environment for community enjoyment. The LLLCF is taking a wait and see approach, and plans

Next Step for Specific Plan – Environmental Scoping

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Tom Whitten agrees, "The 25 foot height requirement is a 'no development plan.' Period." The existing General Plan has a 35 foot height requirement.

Susan Callister recommends staying with the existing General Plan and scrapping the Downtown Strategy and Specific Plan altogether. Capacity management was brought up by Avon Wilson, specifically concern about a spillover of excess traffic on Lafayette's already crowded streets. Despite some public opposition, the scoping of the plan will go forward.

"The City Council entered into an agreement two months ago with an EIR consultant to prepare the environmental document. The subject of not proceeding with the EIR and therefore not proceeding with the downtown planning has come up before, but the Council has decided to continue with the process. It would be a Council decision to stop the process," said Ann Merideth, Community Development Director.

On Friday Mayor Tatzin addressed a group at the Chamber of Commerce offices, with a summary of the process, and a focus on economic feasibility. "If you plan it, will somebody build it?" He pointed out, "Understanding how a rational investor would act is very important input for the future of the community."

The estimated cost to complete the EIR is \$278,088., any in-contract cost overruns are to be absorbed by DC&E. More than half of that fee will be covered by a \$150,000 grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. One of the requirements to receive the funds was that the EIR had to be wrapped up by spring. The completed Draft EIR is scheduled to be finished on December 14, which will be followed by a public review period from December 15 – February 2, 2010.

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