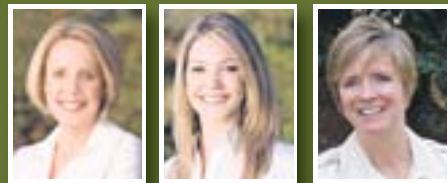


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Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Planning Commission Monday, May 17, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Design Review Monday, May 24, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center in the Arts & Science Discovery Center at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Circulation Commission Monday, May 17, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center in the Arts & Science Discovery Center at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

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Police Report



It's always a good idea to take the car keys with you, 4/26/10 On April 26, a worker's truck was stolen from a Peardale Drive construction site. The clever and nimble-fingered thief managed to open the unlocked door and turn the key that had been left in the ignition before driving off in the truck. A suspect has been contacted.

Greedy auto burglar, 4/27/10 A student parked his car in the Acalanes lot and mistakenly assumed it would be fine until he returned. Upon returning to his vehicle, the victim discovered an unknown suspect had entered his car by way of a rear door and stolen a number of items. Missing are: a wallet from the front door pocket, a

garage remote and a Bluetooth speaker from the visor and an amplifier and speaker from the trunk. The victim's ATM card was used in Martinez and Pittsburg. Missing items are valued at \$600. We hope the owner changes the garage door code since the obnoxious burglar has his address.

Credit card fraud, 4/27/10 A Stow Lane victim called Lafayette Police to report her credit card information had been used to make a \$531.56 purchase at a Target in Redwood City. It is not known what items were purchased.

Smash and Grab, 4/30/10 A victim parked her car on the street in front of Happy Valley School. Unfortunately, she left her purse under the passenger seat instead of taking it with her. To her surprise, she returned to find her front passenger window smashed and her purse gone.

Expect Changes at Clocktower Building

By Cathy Tyson



The historic Clocktower building, a mainstay on Mt. Diablo Boulevard for more than thirty years, has a new Property Manager that intends to, "Bring it to the next level."

"We are leasing and manage the property for the owner, the Parks family," said Craig Semmelmeier, Founder and Principal of Main Street Property Services. Because of the work they had done at the Parks' Bel Aire Plaza shopping center in Napa, they were asked to manage the Clocktower building.

New management is currently submitting some design guidelines to the city. They want to change the awning and signage but will not be doing any renovation, and are working with the existing tenants, said Semmelmeier; although at press time, a sampling of tenants had only heard rumors of a change.

"I have signed a lease at a new location," said Leila Douglah of Douglah Designs. "I knew that I needed to act fast after the new property management company started talking about their 'vision' for the prop-

erty. I feel like the new vision for the property is totally self-serving to the property management company and the Parks family with total disregard to the business owners that currently occupy the spaces." She has been in her space for a total of six years and has invested over \$250,000 into her showroom, including high end kitchen and bath displays, upgrading the lighting, flooring and bathrooms. "It doesn't make sense; I pay fair market price for my space promptly every month and have made upgrades to the building."

Her three year lease, with a two year option to continue renting, expired in February of 2010. When Main Street agreed to a meeting she was two weeks past the 60 day requirement to renew. Technically Main Street was able to not renew, but that's not the way it was when Hap Parks was running the business, Douglah explains, on a handshake.

She was told a six month extension was the best Main Street could do. Look for Douglah Designs to move directly across the street from their current

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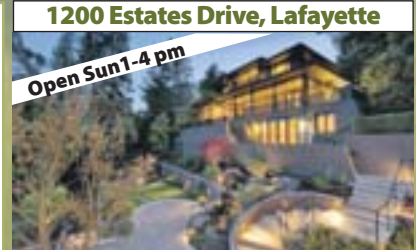
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location, near Supercuts and Hollywood Video, later this year.

"We want to challenge people," stated Semmelmeier; that includes having new requirements for tenants, like being open seven days per week, "and we're asking them to spruce up their spaces."

"What's most rewarding is watching businesses improve and

step up their game and reap the benefits of good retail." He added that they are looking to add a new tenant here and there. "We're sharing with tenants the secrets to being successful. We want to help the tenants to be active, vibrant and thrive. Sales performance justifies a rent increase."

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