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## Evidence Found at Site of Community Park Fire

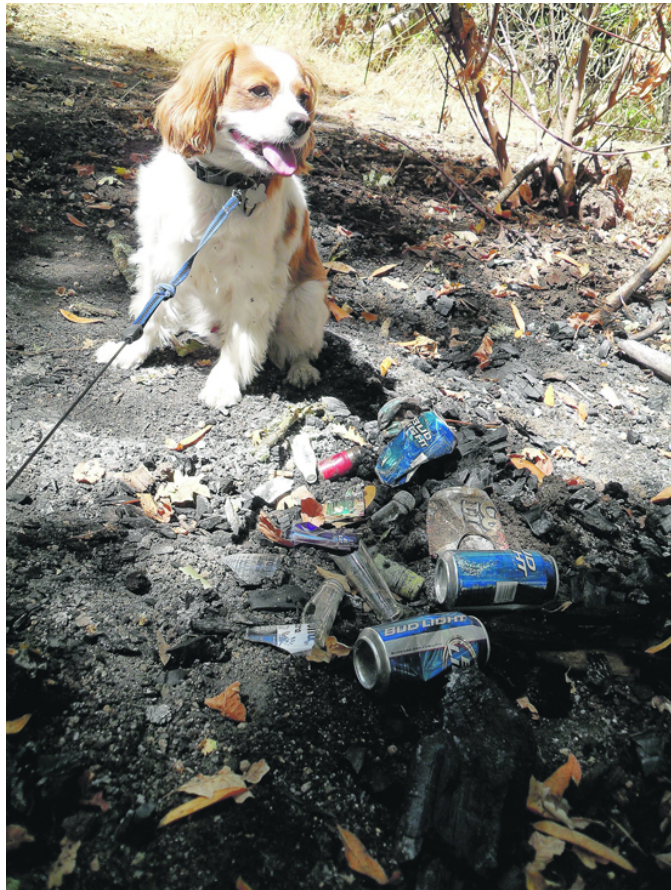


Photo Cathy Tyson

It could have been much worse. Past playground equipment and kids playing soccer, surrounded by vegetation and dry grass, is a secluded glen tucked into the over 50-acre Lafayette Community Park. All that's left of a recent small fire are charred remains including beer cans, a broken Smirnoff bottle, cigarette butts, a condom package, toothpaste and candy wrappers spotted through the bits of ash last week.

This was just one of at least three small fires in the rugged natural section of the Burton Valley area park. At a recent City Council meeting Police Chief Eric Christensen speculated that local teens were responsible and, if apprehended, their parents would be liable. Mayor Carol Federighi added that the City is taking the fires seriously and would continue to monitor the area. C. Tyson

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