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# Mayor Mike Anderson Discusses Priorities for 2013

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### **Public Meetings City Council**

Monday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

#### **Planning Commission**

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

#### **Design Review**

Monday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Arts & Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

#### **School Board Meetings** Acalanes Union High School District

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. Board Room AUHSD Office 1212 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

#### Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 4:30 p.m. Special Board Meeting Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting Stanley Library 3477 School St., Lafayette www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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Mike Anderson won re-election to the City Council back in November, and was sworn in as mayor in the impact of the closure, while remid-December. This isn't his first sponding to Fire Chief Daryl rodeo, having served on the council since 2004 and taking another turn as

mayor in 2008. At the official city council reorganization meeting last month, Anderson outlined his priorities for the coming year. Most pressing is the closure of the Los Arabis Fire station, bringing the number of fire stations that serve Lafayette down to two from three. The station had been closed due to mold and pest infestation since late June; at that time, the firefighters stationed there moved down the street

vard.

In order to avoid, or at least blunt Louder's suggestion of "creative solutions" Anderson called for adjusting staffing from three to two firefighters at each of Lafayette's three fire stations. Louder and union officials did not support that idea.

"There will be more discussion in the coming weeks," said Anderson. He explained that the chief will be going to all of the cities where there's a station closure - Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Martinez and Clayton. Also responding to concern about slower response times, ambulance service provider American Medical Response is working on finding a way to reposition its units to better serve areas with station closures.

Moving on to the ever increasing traffic congestion within the downtown area, Anderson wants to take a comprehensive look at the overall situation, hoping to identify trouble spots, and use the latest ideas and technology, possibly adjusting signal timing to make traffic flow "as efficient as we can." Additionally he'd like to have a discussion with school district management about the possibility of staggered start times at Lafayette schools to help reduce bottle necks.

Concerned about some of the public comment regarding potential school overcrowding that came up at hearings for the controversial but recently approved KB Home project downtown, Anderson wants to partner with area schools, so that when a project is approved there are no surprises about potential expansion of the number of students. we want to give schools information so they can plan accordingly no surprises."

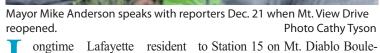
Finally, he'd like to encourage local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce to work with the Youth Commission on internships and summer jobs. Over the years as a liaison with this group, Anderson is clearly very impressed with the talents of the many students involved and the only city the night."

task force that actually makes money - on the annual haunted house.

On a personal level, juggling his full time job with the East Bay Regional Park District and the demands of being mayor can be challenging. "It's a little crazy sometimes," Anderson said. "My wife calls it a habit or minor addiction."

The couple also had a unique storm-related surprise, with the nowfamous Lafayette sinkhole, right in their immediate neighborhood. The good news is the repairs continued 24/7 to get the job done as quickly as possible. The bad news is that repairs were 24/7 with heavy machinery and diesel generators humming throughout the night. He used earplugs and a blindfold in order to get some sleep. Several of his neighbors were conspicuously absent; chalk it up to an extended Christmas vacation, staying at a friend's home, or perhaps taking up the offer partially subsidized by the City of Lafayette with a generous discount by the "We should have that conversation; Lafayette Park Hotel-rooms for \$50 per night.

> Despite the noise and fumes, Anderson has nothing but compliments on how the process was handled, from quick-acting city staff that diligently worked on plans to obtain the necessary permits, to service providers. "It's amazing how responsive they've been - EBMUD, Central San, PG&E, and of course the C.C. Myers crew working through

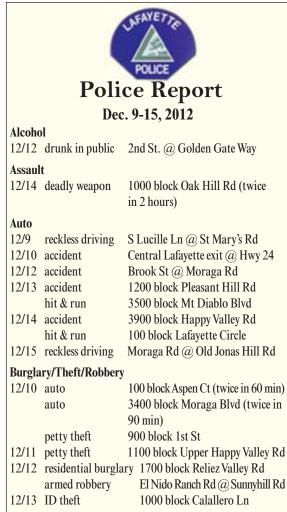






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#### **Traffic Stops**

Lafayette officers were checking on Happy Valley School Dec. 20 at 4 a.m. when they noticed a couple driving in the neighborhood. After they were pulled over, police found a pry device and a large quantity of mail that did not belong to the pair who live in Concord. Armed with search warrants, detectives from Lafayette and Orinda found items taken from both cities. Police will continue investigating other thefts from the area that may be linked to the couple. Lafayette Police Chief Eric Christensen calls it, "A great job by our officers and detectives to try to bring some of these thefts to a stop.'

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