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City Council

Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Arts & Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Staff Shake Up at Burton Valley School Program

By Cathy Tyson

There was concern among parents of the 40 students enrolled in Burton Valley Elementary's Early Intervention program prior to class starting this fall. Five staff members announced their resignations just months before as the 2012-13 school year ended. The program serves special needs students age 3 to 5.

Art Kapoor, president of the school board, noting they are not at liberty to discuss personnel matters, said, "On a positive note, we have a new team in place who participated

in a retreat over the summer in preparation for the new year. This is only the first week of school, but by all reports, we are off to a great start. We are confident that we will continue to offer a high quality program for all of the students in our program."

In an effort to ease the transition for the new school year, there was a recent meet and greet event, where nervous parents were introduced to Sam Sheldon, the new Early Intervention Coordinator; in addition Fred Brill, superintendent, addressed

the staffing situation. Sheldon is not new to this type of program; she's worked in the classroom and as an early intervention school psychologist in a nearby community.

Ashley Dunaway was one of many parents surprised at the staff exodus following the culmination of the last school year, which she describes as a "complete collapse" and "shocking." In Dunaway's opinion, parents of children who attended the program several years ago started noticing changes when a new director of student services, who oversees

the Early Intervention program, joined the administration.

Many parents attended a Lafayette School Board meeting recently and voiced their concerns about the program and requested that the administration report-out lessons learned from the exit interviews.

"The Early Intervention program is fully staffed," said Brill. "I am confident that we will maintain a program of the highest quality. There are no philosophical changes in the way the program will be delivered."

Girl Scout Camp Fighting for Survival

By Cathy Tyson

Finding Lafayette Girl Scout camp Twin Canyon on the third tier of a list of camps that are in jeopardy of closing due to debt and non self-sustainability, there was an outpouring of support and a letter writing campaign for the beloved camp that generations of girl scouts have enjoyed, that has saved it, at least for now, from the budget ax. Like many non-profit organizations, donations are down and expenses are up and aging facilities are feeling the pinch. Several women stepped up to spearhead an effort to save the camp in March of 2012.

Calling themselves the Twin Canyon Working Group, they collaborated with Girl Scouts of Northern California staff and summertime user Diablo Day Camp to keep campfires burning for years to come.

Their goal is making the bucolic 65-acre Twin Canyon facility, which first opened in 1954, located at the end of Springhill Road sustainable for the long term, a goal that is going to take more than cookie sales. Over 2,500 campers have access to the facility and its trails each year, while the setting is spectacular and convenient, the vintage buildings need infrastructure upgrades, and the camp is roughly \$70,000 in debt.

Like the Girl Scout program itself which strives to bring girls to responsible womanhood, learning responsi-



Woodchuck den

bility and leadership skills, these women got down to business and developed a detailed 5-year master plan

that focused on major projects and a return to sustainability.

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Lafayette Police Department Crime Statistics

Aug. 18-31

Alarm responses (82)

Traffic Stops (193)

Alcohol--Public Intoxication

Mt Diablo Bl

Animal Cruelty

Mt Diablo Bl

Pleasant Hill Rd

Burglaries

• Auto

Marlene Dr

La Caminita

Mt Diablo Bl

Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Bl (2)

• Stolen Vehicle

Mosswood Dr

Mt Diablo Bl

Brook St/hough Av

• Residential

Castleton Pl

Via Roble

Reliez Valley Rd

Upper Happy Valley Rd

Mosswood Dr

Drugs

Happy Valley Rd

Hit & Run

Mt Diablo Bl/Oak Hill Rd

Mt Diablo Bl

Hospitalization--mentally ill

Quandt Rd

Promiscuous shootings

Deer Hill Rd/Miller Dr

Brook St/East St

School St

Mt Diablo Bl

Mt Diablo Bl/Village Ctr

Fireworks

1st St/Monroe Ave

Shooting--occupied dwelling

Reliez Valley Ct

Brandishing a weapon

Jennie Ct

Prowler

Happy Hollow Ct

Reckless Driving

Acalanes Rd/Mt Diablo Bl

Pleasant Hill Rd/

Rancho View Dr

Moraga Rd/School St

Pleasant Hill Rd/Springhill Rd

Mt Diablo Bl/Village Ctr

Acalanes Av/Pleasant Hill Rd

Theft

• Grand

Via Roble

Wilkinson Ln

• ID

Mt Diablo Bl

Glen Rd

Huntleigh Dr

Glen Rd

• Petty

Dewing Ave

Mt Diablo Bl (8)

Trespassing

Camino Diablo

Hamlin Rd

Vandalism

Moraga Bl

Silverado Dr (2)

Carol Ln

Mt Diablo Bl

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San Francisco Conservatory of Music

Sept 21, 8pm
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Sept 29, 5pm
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