



Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, March 24, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, April 28, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room at 1212
Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, March 12, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
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Awards, Crimes and Cameras Discussed at Council Meeting

By Cathy Tyson



Jacqui Dennison, Chief Eric Christensen and Brad Imhoff with their awards at the Feb. 24 City Council meeting. Photo Cathy Tyson

It was a big night for Lafayette police at a recent Lafayette City Council meeting. Two officers were recognized for their fine service, the chief gave his annual report on crime and a presentation was made about surveillance cameras.

Police Chief Eric Christensen called Brad Imhoff an "inspiration" and a "role model" for other officers in the department – he also made the most arrests, all of which contributed to Imhoff earning the coveted "Lafayette Officer of the Year" award. Also recognized was Jacqui Dennison, who was named

Contra Costa County's Officer of the Month, singling her out among Contra Costa County's roughly 400 deputies for her work as a detective sleuthing out auto burglars. Lafayette contracts with the county sheriff's office for police services.

Calling Lafayette "a safe place to be at three in the morning," Christensen outlined all of the various crimes against people and property within the city limits. Crimes to people are obviously a top priority, with a total of 18 incidents for 2013, which the chief pointed out as fairly low compared

to other municipalities of the same size, although "one is too many."

The six assaults with deadly weapons crimes last year were all solved; typically the perpetrator is not a stranger, but a neighbor, acquaintance or family member, according to police data. There was only one rape and one sexual battery for the year.

The number of stolen vehicles went up last year to 37, mostly older style cars which were pilfered in the downtown area; there has also been a slight increase in auto burglaries.

Out of more than 3,000 traffic stops, 1,400 citations were issued. In addition, the most common traffic collision in town is car versus tree.

The chief explained they focused on reducing the number of residential burglaries last year, which decreased to a total of 61 with jewelry being hands down the most popular item for thieves. While the number of residential burglaries has dropped, many residents are making it easy for thieves – half of the homes burgled had no locked windows or doors.

In related news, the possibility of obtaining images of thieves in get-away cars was studied by the Crime Prevention Commission to improve the safety and security of the community. The city council asked the commission to examine costs and potential effectiveness of various kinds of surveillance mechanisms.

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report, Feb. 16 to March 1

Alarms 33	3400 block Mt Diablo Bl
Animal Cruelty	Lafayette Library
Trader Joe's	Springhill Elementary (2)
Auto Burglary	1400 block Sunset Lp
Oakwood Athletic Club	3200 block Sweet Dr
Beechwood	3300 block Victoria Av (2)
Mosswood (2)	3400 block Monroe Av
Sundale (2)	3600 block Mosswood Dr
Battery	3700 block Mosswood Dr
Mt. Diablo Bl	600 block Los Palos Dr
Commercial Burglary	Trader Joe's (2)
3500 block Mt. Diablo Bl	Promiscuous Shooting
Safeway	Pleasant Hill Rd/Taylor Bl
Whole Foods	Prowler
Roundup	1800 block Reliez Valley
Death (non-criminal)	Reckless Driving
1400 block Reliez Valley Rd	900 block Reliez Station Ln
Drunk in Public	Moraga Rd/School St
7-11	Mt Diablo Bl/Carol Ln
DUI Misdemeanor	Mt Diablo Bl/Dewing Av
EB Hwy 24/EI Cortola	St Mary's Rd/Moraga Rd
Lafayette Park Hotel	Residential Burglary
Old Tunnel Rd/Hwy 24	1500 block El Sombra
Mt Diablo Ct/Mt Diablo Bl	900 block East St.
Fireworks	Lafayette Police Dept.
900 block Reliez Station Rd	Shoplift
Burton Valley Elementary (2)	Safeway
Silverado Dr	Susp. Circumstances 33
Perales St/Acalanes Av	Susp. Veh/stop 19
Grand Theft	Susp. Subject 13
3300 block Woodview Dr	Vandalism
3000 block Bradbury Dr	1000 block Oakhill
3700 block Mosswood Dr	3200 block Marlene Dr
600 block Lucas Dr	Mt Diablo Bl (4)
Hit & Run	1000 block Miller Dr
Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Bl	Vehicle Theft
Pleasant Hill/Springhill Rds	Glenside Dr/Reliez Station Rd
Shell Station	Wanda Ln/Tahos Rd
Petty Theft	Warrant arrest
10 block White Oak Dr	4000 block Mt Diablo Bl
1100 block Hidalgo Ct	
3300 block Springhill Rd	

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