



Lafayette

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, June 22, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, July 6, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, June 22, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Tuesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Tuesday, June 23, 4 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Board Room
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Chamber of Commerce:

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report May 24-30

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| Alarms | 35 |
| Animal Cruelty | |
| Safeway | |
| Abandoned Vehicle | |
| Hidden Valley/Acalanes Rds | |
| 900 block Almanor Ln | |
| 911 calls (incl. hang-ups) | 4 |
| Burglary, Auto | |
| Acalanes High School (3) | |
| Mt Diablo Bl/Dewing Av (2) | |
| 3500 Mt Diablo Bl | |
| Pleasant Hill Rd/Olympic Bl | |
| Civil Disturbance | |
| 600 block Los Palos Dr | |
| Police/Fire/EMS response | |
| 3600 block Baker Ln | |
| DUI | |
| Deer Hill/Pleasant Hill Rds | |
| Harassment | |
| 3400 block Mt Diablo Bl | |
| Hit & Run | |
| 50 block Lafayette Cr | |
| Health & Safety violation | |
| 900 block S Thompson Rd | |
| ID Theft | |
| 4000 block Woodside Ct | |
| 3100 block Condit Rd | |
| 900 block Reliez Station Rd | |
| Loud Party | |
| Moon Ct/Crescent Dr | |
| 500 block McBride Dr | |
| Ruth Ct/EI Curtola Bl | |
| Motorist Assist | |
| Mt Diablo Bl/Acalanes Rd | |
| Panhandling | |
| 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl | |
| Petty Theft | |
| 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl | |
| 3600 block Nordstrom Ln | |
| 1000 block Brown Av | |
| 900 block Colina Ct (from vehicle) | |
| Public Nuisance | |
| 3300 block Moraga Bl | |
| 900 block Janet Ln | |
| 3600 block Bickerstaff | |
| 900 block Oak View Cr | |
| 3300 block Woodview Dr | |
| 200 block Lafayette Cr | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Oak Hill Rd/Hwy 24 | |
| Reliez Valley Rd/Olympic Bl | |
| Upper Happy Valley/EI Nido Ranch Rds | |
| Springhill Rd/Springhill Ln | |
| Silver Dell/Reliez Valley Rds | |
| Susp. Circumstances | 4 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 18 |
| Suspicious Subject | 11 |
| Traffic Stops | 99 |
| Unwanted Guest | |
| 900 block S Thompson Rd | |
| Vandalism | |
| 3300 block Woodview Ct | |
| 900 block Reliez Station Rd | |

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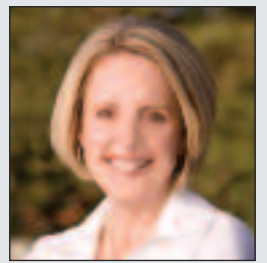
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Testing the Waters for More Condos on West End

By Cathy Tyson



Proposed Woodbury Highlands project in west Lafayette Image provided

Is Lafayette ready for another condominium complex? A potential project, still in its infancy, called Woodbury Highlands on the west end of town has been proposed and is in

the process of garnering feedback from the city to see if it's feasible.

Branagh Development is considering demolishing the existing white building just up the hill from the

Woodbury luxury condominium project, and has an option on an adjacent parcel. "We appreciate your insight and advice," said Matt Branagh at a recent Design Review Commission meeting, explaining that the team is still trying to see if purchasing the second parcel makes sense.

The two lots' combined total 6.5 acres back up to Highway 24, and are bordered to the south by the EBMUD aqueduct right of way, with the new, slim Fresh Connection building tucked into a sliver of street front on Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

Because the site is on a fairly significant slope, it quickly became apparent that any design would be challenging, and commissioners were blunt – they didn't want a linear strip of structures on the one substantially flat section of the property near the freeway. Instead they suggested inspiration from the hill towns of Greece and Italy to integrate the topography into the design plan.

To satisfy the affordable hous-

ing obligation for this project, if it's approved, Branagh proposed developing workforce housing to share a portion of the city-owned property with a parking lot at 949 Moraga Road, across from the old library.

Branagh acknowledged the difficult site and expressed concern that sometimes bigger projects mean bigger problems, although there is some "synergy" with the two parcels that share a driveway to Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

Andre Ptaszynski, design review commissioner and seasoned architect, sees the potential of the site, advising that the bigger the project, the bigger potential for success. "I bet you could make it work," he said, adding, "Good design can mitigate some of those concerns." Frequent partner on Branagh projects, Scott Thomsen of Lafayette-based Ward Young Architects, will have to put his imagination to work.

Rumors Spur Drama at Burton Valley Elementary

By Cathy Tyson

Responding to a flurry of passionate social media posts about a rumored superschool at Burton Valley Elementary, Lafayette School District Superintendent Rachel Zinn calmly outlined the projected growth in district enrollment expected over the next five years, and the very preliminary early planning about how to accommodate those new students to a standing-room-only crowd of concerned parents at a recent meeting at Burton Valley Elementary School.

"There's never been an intent to have Burton Valley become a superschool," she said right off the bat to clear the air. "Our desire is to keep kids in their home schools," said Zinn.

Calling the Facilities Master Plan "truly preliminary," Zinn explained the district wanted to look at demographic data in order to be proactive and strategic to address the aging schools in the district, and assess capacity needs, in light of increasing student numbers. She also pointed out that there have been no decisions made at this point, and the district will be looking at all school sites to accommodate anticipated increasing enrollment.

At issue is a projected 109 additional students over five years spread from the kindergarten through the fifth-grade level, and a projected 155 students in five years who will attend Stanley Middle School. Those numbers translate to approximately five additional classrooms at the elementary level, and six more classrooms at Stanley.

Zinn made it clear she has an open door policy and invited those with concerns to direct their queries to her, rather than on social media, for more accurate, up-to-date information. She stayed late into the evening to answer parents' ardent concerns and threats at the meeting.

"Many parents think it's a done deal," commented Denali Allen about making Burton Valley a superschool. She's hoping to raise awareness of the situation, and is concerned about the lack of representation and parents to advocate for Burton Valley, along with increased traffic and sidewalk safety.

District administrators are seeking advice from a team of experts to consider all the options, and interviewing architects that specifically design schools to consider the cost of expansion and infrastructure repair at each of the campuses, including the Meher School's White Pony preschool on Leland Drive. The campus is owned by the Lafayette School District but has been leased for over 20 years. According to Zinn, the facility has not been upgraded in decades and would be very expensive to retrofit. However she concedes that looking far into the future – with land in

Lafayette so very expensive – the district is reluctant to sell the parcel and spend the money if the site is needed down the road.

Also to be weighed is purchasing the old library property, which is directly adjacent to Lafayette Elementary School. The district has been in serious discussions with the current owner, the city of Lafayette. It could be used for classrooms and perhaps to relocate district offices from the Stanley property.

Consultants from Total School Solutions who put together the Facilities Master Plan visited all the school

sites and developed a list of needs for all major building systems including mechanical, electrical and lighting for the next 10 years, even exterior elements like parking, play area, apparatus and fields. The assessment shows the construction cost coupled with soft costs, contingency and interim housing for bringing all of these old campuses into the 21st century, coming in at over \$22 million.

For example, Burton Valley Elementary was first occupied in 1957 and is still heated in some areas with boiler equipment.

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