



# Lafayette

**Public Meetings**

**City Council**  
Monday, July 6, 7 p.m.  
Monday, July 13, 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, July 13, 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:**  
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www.lafayettechamber.org



## Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report June 7-20

<b>Alarms</b>	65
<b>Animal Cruelty</b>	
Safeway	
Roundup	
<b>Assault w/Deadly Weapon</b>	
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
<b>911 calls (incl. hang-ups)</b>	9
<b>Burglary, Auto</b>	
Springhill Elementary	
10 block Silver Leaf Ct	
3300 block Mt Diablo Bl	
Mt Diablo Bl/Carol Ln (2)	
900 Hough Av	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Acalanes Av	
900 block S. Thompson Rd	
Oak Hill/Deer Hill Rds	
200 block Lafayette Cr	
Oakwood Athletic Club	
Lafayette Park Hotel (5)	
<b>Burglary, Misc.</b>	
3300 block Mt Diablo Bl	
<b>Burglary, Residential</b>	
600 block Lancaster Dr	
<b>Civil Disturbance</b>	
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
800 Las Trampas	
1100 Estates Dr	
3500 block Eagle Pt Rd	
1100 block Glen Rd	
3400 block S Silversprings	
<b>Police/Fire/EMS Response</b>	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Olympic Bl	
<b>Exhibition of Speed</b>	
3300 block Mt Diablo Bl	
<b>Fireworks</b>	
Upper Happy Valley/Peardale Dr	
3200 block Ronino Wy	
<b>Harassment</b>	
Lafayette Cemetery	
<b>Hit &amp; Run</b>	
Trader Joe's	
Lafayette Park Hotel	
Brooke St/Hough Av	
3600 block Mt Diablo Av (2)	
Reported to P.D.	
900 block Moraga Rd	
<b>Health &amp; Safety violation</b>	
Lafayette Community Center	
<b>ID Theft</b>	
4000 block Coralee Ln	
1700 block Toyon Rd	
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	
1000 block Blackwood Ln	
3300 block Sweet Dr	
1000 block Orchard Rd	
4000 block Valente Dr	
<b>Loitering</b>	
Bacon Wy/Ct	
<b>Loud Music</b>	
400 block St Mary's Rd	
Moraga Rd/St Mary's Rd	
Rowe Pl/Moraga Rd	
400 block Valente Dr	
St Mary's/Woodview Drs	
<b>Loud Noise</b>	
Stanley Intermediate	
<b>Loud Party</b>	
4000 Marianne Dr (2)	
Ruth Ct/El Curtola	
Quandt Ct/Rd	
Las Trampas Rd/Glenside Dr	
Las Huertas/St Mary's Rd	
500 block McBride Dr	
Happy Valley Rd/Souares Ln	
<b>Missing Adult</b>	
1500 block Rancho View Dr	
3200 block Helen Ln	
<b>Ordinance Violation</b>	
100 block Camilla Ln	
<b>Panhandling</b>	
3500 block Mt Diablo Bl	

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## Deer Hill Project Review Continues This Summer

**By Cathy Tyson**

Although the proposed Homes at Deer Hill includes roughly one-seventh the number of homes of the original version, concerns remain among residents and city council members about the project, which features 44 single family homes and public amenities like a much-needed sports field, parking and dog park near Acalanes High School. The project is going through a multi-meeting final review phase, with the city leaders going over environmental reports with a fine-tooth comb.

The developer, O'Brien Land Company, originally proposed the Terraces of Lafayette, a 315-unit multi-family project on the 22-acre site at the corner of Deer Hill Road and Pleasant Hill Road back in March of 2011. Spread over several meetings, the

review process will examine specific topics and, of course, allow for public comment. At the June 22 meeting, air quality was on the agenda, and mitigation measures to monitor particulate matter in the air, along with landscaping, visual screening and the roundabout. Because the site is a former quarry, Council Member Mike Anderson voiced concern about possible pockets of dust and silt that may be found when the earth is excavated. Real-time air monitoring will be used to measure particulate matter during construction, explained project manager Dave Baker.

Residential parcels would be privately owned, and a common area surrounding them would be controlled by the Homes at Deer Hill homeowners association. The City of Lafayette

would own and control the athletic field, dog park and parking area. If the project is approved, the developer and the city will enter into a landscape agreement spelling out specific obligations. Since vegetation screening is so important, but considering the current drought, O'Brien is in the process of preparing a plan for irrigation water that will address this, possibly with rainwater harvesting, gray water capture and recycled water.

Transportation issues were also discussed with city engineer Tony Coe going over why a roundabout is the best solution at the project entrance: "It best satisfies goals and policies of the General Plan." Coe explained that it helps maintain the semi-rural character of the roadway and will provide a better streetscape

design while slowing down traffic on Deer Hill Road, but allowing it to flow without stopping through the intersection. Other options were considered, but they are expensive and deliver a poor level of service.

Five meetings are slated to complete the review process, with presumably an up or down decision at the culmination, subject to conditions of approval. With summer vacations on the calendar, the plan is to take up the matter of future scheduling at the July 6 city council meeting, and then likely continue the review at the July 27 meeting. "We are not eager to let this drag out much longer," said Mayor Brandt Andersson. Next up to be discussed are design and architecture, water strategy, transportation and park facilities.

## Sack the Bag, Says Lafayette

**By Cathy Tyson**

Starting July 1, Lafayette joins more than 100 other communities within California, banning single-use plastic bags at retailers, requiring a 10-cent minimum charge per bag at select businesses, and also making changes to take-out food packaging requirements. Adopted in December of 2014, Ordinance 626 regulating single use carryout bags had a pause before enactment to give retailers a chance to make plans and presumably

order either compostable plastic bags, or bags made from at least 40 percent post-consumer recycled content.

Businesses that are affected include grocery stores Safeway, Trader Joe's, Whole Foods Market, Diablo Foods, Open Sesame and restaurants that have a take-out component, such as Chow, plus pharmacies, convenience stores and liquor stores. Restaurants, delicatessens, and even food trucks can't distribute single use plastic bags with its take-out food. The other component of the ordinance prohibits Styrofoam containers; food and beverages must be given to patrons in compostable or recyclable receptacles.

While some stores are comfortable using paper bags, others are not happy with the plastic bag ban. Although Jackson's Wine and Spirits has always used paper bags, General

Manager Kip Bruzzone was clear that he is completely against the bag ban, calling it another example of a "creep-

ing nanny state" and "micro managing."

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- Diablo Foods
- Petty Theft**
- 10 block Greenvalley Dr (2)
- Reported to police
- 3600 Mt Diablo Bl
- Safeway (4)
- 900 block Oak St (2)
- 900 block Hough St
- 600 block St Mary's Rd
- Public Nuisance**
- 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 1000 block Lindsey Ct
- Perales St/Pleasant Hill Cr
- 3300 block Lucille
- 10 block Hartwood Ct
- 500 block Arrowhead Dr
- Lucas Dr/Cir
- 500 block Silverado
- Whole Foods
- Promiscuous Shooting**
- S Lucille/Florence Dr
- Reckless Driving**
- St Mary's/Rohrer Drs
- Moraga/St Mary's Rds
- 3300 block Springhill Rd
- Happy Valley Rd/Sundown Ter
- Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Bl (2)
- Mt Diablo Bl/1st St
- Shoplift**
- Safeway (5)
- 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
- Susp. Circumstances** 13
- Suspicious Vehicle** 25
- Suspicious Subject** 19
- Threats**
- 70 block Revere Ct
- 3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
- 3500 block Rowe Pl
- Saranap Av/Old Tunnel Rd (2)
- 900 block S Thompson Rd
- 700 block Moraga Rd
- Traffic Stops** 151
- Trespass**
- Park Ln/Pleasant Hill Rd
- 1200 block Bacon Wy
- Acalanes High School
- Springbrook Pool
- Vandalism**
- 3400 block Golden Gate Wy
- 3300 Mt Diablo Bl
- Noah's Bagels
- 400 block Castello Rd
- BART, Lafayette
- Starbucks
- Verbal Dispute**
- 3300 block Moraga Bl
- Acalanes Rd/Marianne Dr
- Vehicle Theft**
- 900 block 4th St



Sabrina Barba, helper, Holly George, baker, and co-owners/operators Ahmed Shibli and Maria Gastelumendi, who is holding a biodegradable to-go container at the Rising Loafer Cafe and Bakery in Lafayette. The business owners have always been environmentally conscious, and will have no problem with the bag ban since they already embrace recycled compostable products. Photo C. Tyson



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