



Lafayette

Public Meetings

City Council

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

Planning Commission

Monday, March 21, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, March 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, March 16, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.aalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, March 9, 7 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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Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Feb. 7 - 20

Alarms	77
911 Calls (including hang-ups)	28
Noise Complaints	3
Traffic Stops	175
Suspicious Circumstances	11
Suspicious Subjects	24
Suspicious Vehicles	30

Abandoned Vehicle

900 block 4th St
1200 block Vacation Dr

Auto Recover

200 block Lafayette Cir

Burglary, Auto

Safeway
3300 Sweet Dr
1500 block Rancho View (2)

Civil Problem

3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd
20 block Camellia Ln

Dispute, Verbal

3300 block Mt Diablo Blvd

Disturbing the Peace

700 block Los Palos Dr
1000 block Serrano Ct
4000 block Marianne Dr

DUI

Acalanes High School
Pleasant Hill Rd/Hwy 24
Old Jonas Hill Rd/John Way

Fireworks

Burton Valley Elementary

Found Adult

Hawthorne/Beechwood Drives
3300 block Las Huertas Rd

Forgery

3400 Mt Diablo Blvd
1000 block Serrano Ct

Fraud

3900 block S Peardale

Harassment

1000 block 1st St
El Nido Ranch/Acalanes Roads
900 block Dewing Ave
1000 block Serrano Ct
400 block Knox Dr
900 block S Thompson Rd
500 block McBride (phone)
3300 block Mt Diablo Blvd
3500 block Brook St

Health & Safety Violation

Springhill/Pleasant Hill Roads
Golden Gate Way/1st St

Hit & Run

location n/a
50 block Lafayette Cir
Acalanes High School
1000 block Carol Ln
Trader Joe's (2)
Pleasant Hill/Mt Diablo Blvd
Postino
3500 block Wilkinson Ln

Intoxicated Subject

Foye Dr/4th St

Loitering

Lafayette Library

Missing Adult

Reported to police
3400 block Golden Gate Way

Panhandling

Whole Foods(3)

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Lucas Ranch Development Appealed

By Cathy Tyson

There was yet another bump in the road for the beleaguered Lucas Ranch Estates development in Burton Valley. Although the Planning Commission approved the project's Phase I Hillside Development Permit for Lot 4 on a split vote Jan. 4, adjacent homeowner Bryan Goldwyn and Mayor Mark Mitchell filed an appeal of that decision.

At issue is the proximity, privacy and mainly the appearance of what is supposed to be a very low, one-story home. While the conceptual drawings meet the letter of the law of what the city considers to be a one-story home, it actually appears to be a two-story home, when viewed from below.

On Jan. 4 the Planning Commission reviewed lots 4, 6 and 7, along with the privacy study they had directed the applicant to prepare, which included photos taken from the pri-

ivate section of Rohrer Drive, along with photo renderings. They ultimately adopted on a split vote, four in favor and three against, the Phase I application by Lucas Ranch developer Soldier Field Partners, and required as a condition of approval, to make the home on lot 4 appear as a very low one-story residence when viewed from any vantage point.

Goldwyn appealed the Planning Commission's decision Jan. 14 because of a number of factors, including: the development is not compatible with the scale of the existing neighborhood, there is no entitlement to build homes of the proposed size and the home is not very low or single-story, with similar concerns for lots 6 and 7, except for the one-story requirement.

In addition, Mayor Mitchell also filed an appeal of the Planning Com-

mission determination for lots 4 and 6. One of his concerns was the lack of story poles for a proposed stable that was slated for lot 4.

At the Feb. 22 City Council meeting, architect Tim Ward proposed a modified slightly smaller version of the house that is pushed back away from the Goldwyn property and reconfigures the conceptual plans, so the home appears less massive. While still large, drawings from this home have shrunk – from over 10,000 gross square feet to 8,600 gross square feet – from October to November 2015.

After much discussion and public comment, the matter was continued until April 25 to give the applicant the opportunity to modify the lot 4 proposed home to appear as a very low one-story residence. According to the city attorney, Mayor Mitchell's appeal has been satisfied since the council is

reviewing the matter.

Sending it back to a divided Planning Commission might be causing more harm than good, suggested Council Member Mike Anderson. Now the burden is on the applicant and architect to resolve height concerns and come up with a low slung home; they are also required to include a conceptual landscape plan that would help screen the home from the Goldwyn's residence.

A loose-knit group of "over the bridge neighbors," also known as "Rohrer extension" residents, who live in close proximity to Goldwyn are contributing to the effort, according to David George. He sees this decision as an "encouraging step" that "shows the city is listening, common sense prevailed." But he adds, "This could have been handled by the Planning Commission."

Lafayette School District Leans Toward Bond Measure

By Cathy Tyson

It appears that the Lafayette School District completed all of its homework before its due date: In an extensive group effort over the past 18 months, teachers, staff and parents, along with consultants and an architecture team, thoroughly assessed all of the facilities that make up the five district campuses and compiled a long

list of many troubling infrastructure issues.

Faced with aging schools, and an ever increasing number of students, the governing board is set to authorize placing a \$70 million bond measure on the June 7 ballot at their March 9 meeting.

Residents may be unaware just

how old these schools are: Lafayette Elementary School opened in 1943 and has approximately 550 students; Burton Valley Elementary opened in 1957 and has almost 800 students; and Stanley Middle School opened in 1955 and has 1,270 students.

The bond would cost property owners no more than \$30 per

\$100,000 of assessed value of their taxable property and needs 55 percent voter approval to pass. Safeguards are built into the measure with an independent citizen's oversight committee, annual audits, all revenue to stay local and no funding for administrator salaries.

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Police/Fire/EMS Response

Round Up
Starbucks
3700 block Mt Diablo Blvd
3200 block Camino Diablo

Public Nuisance

1200 block Rose Ln
900 block Reliez Station Rd (2)
3600 block Bickerstaff St
700 block Los Palos Dr
1000 block Lindsey Ct
700 block Glenside Cir
Mt Diablo Blvd/Golden Gate Way
Library
700 block Glenside Cir
1700 block Reliez Valley Rd

Promiscuous Shooting

3500 block Silver Springs Rd
400 block Read Dr
Acalanes Rd/Pidgeon Ct
Old Jonas Hill Rd/Powell Dr

Reckless Driving

Moraga Rd/Mt Diablo Blvd
Reliez Valley Rd/McGraw Ln
Mt Diablo Blvd/Happy Valley Rd
St Mary's Rd/Glenside Dr
Happy Valley/Deer Hill Rds
Moraga Blvd/Victoria Ave
Pleasant Hill/Hwy 24
Reliez Station Rd/Glenside Dr
Lafayette School
Greenvalley Dr/Pleasant Hill Rd
Glenside/Burton Drives

Shoplifting

Safeway

Theft, Petty

Noah's Bagels
1100 block Pleasant Hill Cir
Reported to police
20 block Almaden Ct
Iverson/Miller Drives

Theft, Grand

3300 block Mt Diablo Blvd
1000 block Serrano Ct

Theft, ID

50 block Lafayette Cir
800 block Broadmoor Ct

Theft, Vehicle

1000 block 2nd St
600 block Michael Ln

Trespass

900 block Sunnybrook Dr (auto)
3200 Alta Ln (auto)
1200 Monticello Rd (auto)
Lafayette school

Unwanted Guest

Safeway
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd

Vandalism

1000 block Oak Knoll Rd
Lafayette Cemetery

Warrant

3600 block Bickerstaff St



Deteriorating window casing at one Lafayette school.

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