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Lafayette Website Offers Peek into Major Projects

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Residents can check the progress of Town Center III, located behind Panda Express. Photo Cathy Tyson Who doesn't want to know about major construction projects in Lafayette?

Seeking to answer questions about projects that are sprouting up around town, the City of Lafayette recently used a platform by iCityWork Inc. to create the Major Development Projects page on the city's website. The page will provide an interactive portal showing project locations, along with details about what it will look like when complete, including height, lot size and more.

Noting the level of interest from buyers, sellers, developers and local residents of Lafayette properties, City Manager Steven Falk says the planning department is busier now, fielding inquiries and processing applications, than it has been in decades.

Photo Cathy Tyson "Because the city runs a super lean operation, we look for tools that allow people to help themselves," Falk said. "Providing the public with a reliable online resource that provides transparent information about major development projects in Lafayette eliminates a phone call and allows our planners to concentrate on other tasks. It's good for everybody involved."

All new commercial construction, new multifamily construction projects of 5,000 square feet or more, and all major subdivisions are criteria for projects to be included on the website, according to Chris Juram, planning technician in charge of the project that launched on July 1. Current projects on the site include Lennar Homes, Lenox Homes, Lucas Ranch Estates, Town Center III and Woodbury I.

The Major Development Projects map is a new addition to the city website, but there are also 40 other maps that illustrate an array of helpful city aspects, from bus routes, street sweeping, FEMA flood maps, hiking trails and public parking. Visit www.lovelafayette.org and click on City Hall to get started.

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