



**Lafayette**

**Public Meetings**

**City Council**  
Monday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Planning Commission**  
Monday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Design Review**  
Monday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**School Board Meetings**  
**Acalanes Union High School District**  
Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.aalanes.k12.ca.us

**Lafayette School District**  
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 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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**Voters elect Candell and Gerringer to city council**

By Pippa Fisher



Susan Candell voting  
Photo Brian Candell  
Candell comes to the council from her position on the Circulation Commission. Gerringer is a longtime Lafayette School Board member.

Although results won't be certified until early December to allow for final counting of mail-in ballots, preliminary indications show Candell with 28 per cent of the vote and Gerringer with 23 per cent.

Ivor Samson garnered 21 per cent with Karen Maggio and Dave Smith trailing at 15.5 and 12.5 per cent respectively.

The election this year prompted plenty of strong feelings on several contentious issues within the city including a recently enforced, revised conflict of interest policy for the planning and design review commissions and controversy over development on Deer Hill Road.

Mayor Don Tatzin offered the winners his congratulations. "I also say thank you to the other candidates who did the hard work of putting themselves forward. I know that Teresa and Susan have the best interests of Lafayette at heart and have the capacity to be outstanding additions to the council. Their complementary skills will also blend well with incoming Mayor Cam Burks, and Council Member Mike Anderson," Tatzin posted on social media Nov. 7 as the results became apparent.

Election day played out under the shadow of Council Member Mark Mitchell's sudden passing the previous day (see related article on Page A1).

"While I am looking forward to representing Lafayette on (the) city council and want to thank the many wonderful volunteers who made it happen, I am deeply saddened that I will not be serving with Councilman Mark Mitchell," said Candell. "Ivor Samson and I, plus our family and friends

did have a party scheduled at the Roundup, but canceled in respect to Mark.

"When on council, I will always consider 'What would Mark do?' during my decision-making, and I know he won't steer me wrong. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mark's family during this difficult time."

Gerringer offered, "Congratulations to Susan and thank you to Ivor, Karen and Dave who put themselves and their visions for Lafayette forward. The campaigns were spirited and brought out strong feelings and opinions on issues facing Lafayette. The common thread is that all of us, no matter where we are in our history with Lafayette, love our community and are willing to step up to keep Lafayette a livable, lovable place. I am humbled and honored that voters have placed their trust in me. I take that trust seriously, and will represent everyone with integrity, compassion and thoughtfulness."

And Gerringer echoed Candell's sentiment about Mitchell. "In the meantime, I ask that we all take a moment to remember council member and friend, Mark Mitchell, and reflect on his leadership and unwavering commitment to Lafayette. May we all follow his example."

The council will need to appoint a replacement within 60 days of Nov. 5 to fill the vacancy on the city council left by Mitchell, whose term expires in 2020. The topic is on the agenda for discussion at the Nov. 13 city council meeting (after this issue of Lamorinda Weekly went to press).

**Time Travel at Town Hall Theatre**



Photo Rupert Coles

Town Hall Theatre went back in time Nov. 3 at the Sun King's concert celebrating 50 years since the release of the Beatles' White Album.

Concertgoers came dressed as characters from the album. From left: Paul Walton as Bungalow Bill, Mimi Petrlich and Colin Ganter as Blackbirds (both honorable mentions), Jay Lifson as Mother Nature's son and Kathy Doyle as Mother Nature (third place), Paul and Chelsea Rustigan as John and Yoko (grand prize winners), contest judge Brad Gillis from the band

Night Ranger as a policeman and event organizer Tom Stack as the Maharishi. Not pictured in second place was Matt Chaney dressed as Rocky Raccoon and in fourth place were eight concertgoers dressed identically as a "murder of blackbirds."

Stack says this was Town Hall's greatest reach show. "Every winner was from Lamorinda, but we had guests from Placerville, Glen Ellen, Oakley, Richmond, Greenbrae, Palo Alto, Dublin, Castro Valley, Alameda, SF, and Fremont."

— P. Fisher

**Community Thanksgiving Breakfast, now in its 40th year**

By Pippa Fisher

It is a sure sign that fall is in the air and the holidays are almost here in Lafayette when it comes time for the annual Community Thanksgiving Breakfast. The event, now in its 40th year, will be held on Friday, Nov. 16 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

This year the featured speaker is Donna Wright Sommerville, co-founder of Grateful Gatherings. She will be presenting "Furnishing Homes with Hope," describing the work the organization does to assist families including single mothers, foster children and military veterans transitioning from homelessness or crisis into a new home with the help of volunteers, donors and partners.





Grateful Gatherings began in 2013 when Wright Sommerville, having seen a 10-year-old on the news talking about being homeless during the holidays, provided a Christmas dinner and presents for the girl and her family. When the

family was placed in a new apartment a few months later, Sommerville realized the family had no furnishings. She rallied 20 of her friends and within four days had collected enough furniture and household items to help the family set up their new home and new life.

The community breakfast, hosted by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, welcomes all to come together and share the morning meal. Pastor Dan Senter from Our Savior's Lutheran Church will provide the invocation and Rev. Robin Wells from the Lafayette United Methodist Church will offer the benediction at the end of breakfast. The event starts at 7 a.m. and should end by 8:30 a.m., making it a great way to start the day before heading into work.

The cost is \$25 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://lafayettechamber.org/breakfast/> or through the chamber. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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