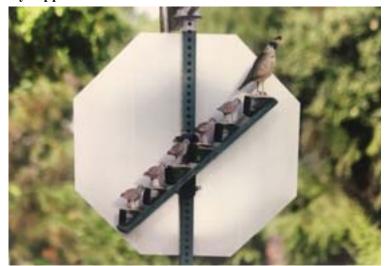
Lafayette through the eyes of the lens; photos on display

By Pippa Fisher



Chuck DeLeuw's first place photo: "Thanks for Stopping in Lafayette." Photo Chuck DeLeuw

afayette city council took time recognize the participants of the most recent "Day in the Life" photo contest, including first place winner Chuck DeLeuw for his submission entitled "Thanks for Stopping in Lafayette."

organized by the public art committee. Rules specify that the photo must be taken on a particular day display in the Lafayette Library – in this case, July 29 on the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of room through the end of December. Lafayette.

Lafayette resident Christine during the Nov. 26 meeting to Yarosh received special recognition for her photo "Tour de Lafayette." Other contestants included Dana Anderson for her photo, "50 Years of Leadership," Stu Selland for his untitled photo, Michael Dawson for "Trees of the Lafayette Moraga This is the fourth such contest Trail" and Erin Partridge for "Sun Over Burton Valley."

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The photos are all currently on and Learning Center's homework

City wins victory in lawsuit

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trial court victory Dec. 6 over conflict of interest. a group of neighbors who alleged the city had used biased procedures Sommer was surprised by the ver-2016.

A statement released by the city Dec. 7 said, "The Court found that on an administrative record with the council's closed sessions were no live witnesses. There were four justified and proper, that the council's decision was based on a fair, thorough process, and that there was no evidence that anyone at the city – the council, staff, or the city attorney - was biased."

The city noted that legal fees cost the taxpavers \$683,692.

At issue were claims that the of the city's attorneys fees." city violated the Brown Act by meeting in closed session and of sidering whether or not to appeal. prejudice at the design review and

The city of Lafayette won a planning commission level due to

The plaintiff's attorney Scott in reaching a land use decision in dict, and by the amount of the legal

> 'This was a one-day trial based one-hour depositions in the case. The only relief sought was a new and impartial hearing," said Sommer, adding, "The city hired a litigation firm from San Francisco which lists white collar criminal defense among its specialties. Petitioners are astonished at the report

The plaintiffs are currently con-

Community hall renamed for Tatzin

By Pippa Fisher



Mayor Don Tazin, left, poses next to Vice Mayor Cam Burks at the community hall renaming. Photo Pippa Fisher

sizeable crowd showed up for vice after 33 years. the Nov. 26 city council meeting. And people weren't there to that they were standing in the midhear policy discussed on this occa- dle of the heart of the city. "And sion – they were there in apprecia- I'm standing next to the man who tion of Mayor Don Tatzin, for whom represents the spirit of this heart," the community hall at the Lafayette he said. Library and Learning Center was being renamed in his honor.

work and dedication Tatzin put into making the library a reality nine years ago, the LLLC Founda- Lafayette, our Library and Learntion proposed renaming the hall to ing Center Community Hall, is bethe Don Tatzin Community Hall as Tatzin steps down from public ser-

Vice Mayor Cam Burks noted

Burks said that there is only one leader whose impact has been In recognition of all the hard so profound and so enormous, decade after decade. "And that is Don Tatzin. And that is why the heart of ing named in his honor."

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