

The Weekly Roundup



June 22, 2018 | What's Doing in Lafayette?

Lafayette's 50th Anniversary Party Coming Up July 29



Get ready to celebrate Lafayette's 50th Anniversary! Founded in 1848, the City of Lafayette was incorporated in 1968. Come pay tribute to 50 years of incorporation on Sunday, July 29, at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center and along Golden Gate Way. The festivities will begin at 2:30 pm, in the Community Hall, and will include a reception honoring early City Council members, mayors and businesses that have operated in Lafayette for 50 years or more, as well as longtime residents who have lived in Lafayette for 50 years or longer.

The main event is from 4pm - 7pm, and will include a special Back Forty Texas BBQ dinner along with entertainment from Dave Martin's House Party band, a kid zone with games and activities and a parade. There will also be historical displays with Town Hall actors in costume, community organizations with tables and something for everyone. Don't forget to bring something to put into the time capsule to be opened in 2068!

Don't miss this very special party. The event is free, and there will be special discounted dinner tickets for the first 1,000 guests. Information about dinner tickets will be coming soon [here](#). You can see historic photos of Lafayette [here](#).

Mr. Tatzin Goes to Sacramento

As we've written about in recent Roundups, Assembly Bill 2923, sponsored by Assembly Members David Chiu and Timothy Grayson, would remove a city's zoning and land use authority on BART-owned land within ½ mile of a transit station and hand it over to the BART Board. Last week a group of mayors, including Lafayette Mayor Don Tatzin, met in



Sacramento with both Assembly Members Grayson and Chiu to discuss the bill. The meeting was termed productive as there was some consensus on points, from the cities' standpoint, to work on as the bill moves forward. You can learn more about the bill [here](#). We will keep you posted on developments.

Those joining Mayor Tatzin at the meeting include Ron Bernal, City Manager, Antioch; Edi Birsan, Mayor, Concord; Carlyn Obringer, Vice Mayor, Concord; Kathleen Tropa, Assistant City Manager, Concord; Lily Mei, Mayor, Fremont; Niroop Srivatsa, Director, Planning & Building Services Department, Lafayette; Christine Martin, Assistant to the City Manager, Livermore; Amy Worth, Mayor, Orinda; Becky Hopkins, Assistant to the City Manager, Pleasanton; Brian Dolan, Assistant City Manager, Pleasanton; Hawa Nasiri, Intern, Pleasanton; Cindy Silva, Mayor Pro Tem, Walnut Creek; Richard Harmon, Townsend Public Affairs, Representing Hayward; and Alex Gibbs, Townsend Public Affairs, Representing Tri-Valley Cities, Walnut Creek.

Join the Chamber of Commerce for the Trouble with Monkeys



That's tonight, Friday, June 22, 6:30-8:30pm, and Lafayette's Rock the Plaza series, now in its 13th season, again takes place at Plaza Park, corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road. The Trouble with Monkeys will take the stage. They deliver a rocked-out celebration of the Monkees hits, plus other AM/FM radio smashes from 1966-1968. The band has opened for popular tribute acts like Zepparella, Hell's Belles, Get The Led Out, Spazmatics, supported mainstream original artists, such as Berlin, The Empty Hearts, Gary Hoey, International Swingers and the Vibrators, and

performed two-hour sets at festivals, such as the Gilroy Garlic Festival, San Mateo Fair, Summer at the Lake, Lafayette Art, Wine & Music Festival. In late 2016, The Trouble with Monkeys was signed to Mi5 Recordings/Universal, and the band is currently recording an album for release in winter 2017. Visit Trouble with Monkeys on their Website [here](#).

From the Chief: This Week's Police Department Report

One of the tools Lafayette Police use to educate and warn drivers of their speed are "Speed Trailers." Lafayette Police deploy these speed read-out trailers in areas where we have received complaints of speeding. The trailers are equipped with radar and display a vehicle's speed as it approaches a trailer. These trailers are a friendly reminder to check your speed and be aware of your surroundings. So the next time you pass a speed read-out



trailer – or a fixed speed read-out sign – and you realize you’re are traveling over the posted speed limit, think to yourself, would I want someone doing this in my neighborhood or passing my family as they are out for a walk? Drive safe this summer!

Over the past three weeks, Lafayette Police have responded to five reports of auto burglaries in the 3500 block of Mt. Diablo Blvd., near Peet's Coffee. The burglaries occurred during the hours of 5:30am to 10am, and some victims have reported only being away from their vehicle for a short period of time. As always, do your best to secure your valuables and do not leave anything in plain sight. Lafayette Police have been actively investigating these cases. Anyone with information or sees something suspicious is encouraged to call.

It’s Officially Summer: Project Time Around Town

This summer, the City has three major construction projects. The first project is a road reconstruction project where existing roads are being “ground in place” to make a new road base that is then treated with cement to make an even stronger road base. Then the new base receives two layers of paving. The roads being reconstructed this year are: Via Media, Via Baja, Crescent Drive, Moon Court, Hillview Lane, and Del Arroyo Court. The second construction project is a surface treatment project that is intended to extend the life of streets that are already in fairly good condition. The streets receiving surface treatments this year are Colorado Ct., Ethan Ct., Glenside Dr. (Los Palos to Las Trampas), Las Trampas (the public portion of road), Mariposa Rd., Upland Dr., Webb Ln., Natasha Dr., Rahara Dr., Los Arabis Dr., Upper Happy Valley Rd., North and South Peardale, Camino Vallecito, Pine Ln., El Nido Ranch Rd. (Upper Happy Valley to south of Pine). The third construction project is a storm drain rehabilitation and replacement project. This project will line or remove and replace eight sections of older corrugated metal storm drain pipes at various locations throughout the City. Along with these major construction projects, the City will also perform various maintenance activities including pathway paving, re-striping, and patch paving.

In addition to the City work listed above the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD), Comcast, and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) all have projects in the City this season. The project with the greatest impact on traffic is PG&E’s gas main replacement project on St. Mary’s Road which includes closing a portion of St. Mary’s between S. Lucille Lafayette And Rheem Dr. in Moraga. Drivers will need to detour around this work during the road closure hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The City has and will continue to adjust traffic signals on Moraga Road to try and reduce the traffic backup due to detoured traffic, but at times the roadways will be jammed and we appreciate your patience.

Let There Be Light: Oak Bridge Parking Lot Café Lights

On a “lighter” note, the City recently added some café lights above the Oak Bridge parking lot located at the corner of Golden Gate Way and First Street. The café lights are not set to light up every night but will be turned on for special events and festivals near the parking lot, Library and Plaza Park.



Think of the possibilities for using the parking lot for all kinds of great outdoor events!

Meet Therese Kain, Engineering Assistant



Now in her 15th year on staff at the City of Lafayette, Therese provides administrative assistance to the Engineering Department – from helping the public with encroachment permit applications and information requests to database management, document recording and information retrieval, and ongoing support of the City’s annual Capital Improvement Program projects. She was Project Administrative Assistant for the exciting construction phases of two landmark City projects: the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building, and the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. With a BA in

Psychology and English Literature from the University of New South Wales and credentials from the Library Association of Australia, Therese worked as a professional engineering librarian in London and San Francisco, an academic editor in San Diego County, and in administrative assistant and marketing management roles in architectural and engineering fields before joining City staff in 2004. She enjoys working as part of Lafayette’s vibrant community in, what she calls, “the best job ever.”

Read All About it: Library News

There are a lot of events going on throughout the summer at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Coming up tomorrow, Saturday, June 23, 11am – 2pm, in the Community Hall is Lafayette Summer FamilyFest 2018. Join us for fun, family-oriented entertainment as we celebrate our Summer Reading Festival! We have an exciting day planned with summer carnival-style activities – bubbles, games, balloon animals, prizes and old-fashioned fun you won't want to miss!



Then it’s the event you’ve been waiting for: Build & Program Your Own Arduino Rover! From Monday, June 25 - Thursday, June 28, 10:30am - 12:30pm, in the Technology Lab, is a four-day workshop for middle and high schoolers. Attendance at all four classes is required. Parents must sign a waiver/release before student can participate. A personal laptop is highly recommended. Participants should have some basic experience with computer programming and electronics. Students will purchase all the parts needed (\$50 Materials Fee) to build and program a rover and will be able to take it home at the completion of class!

For more information about both these programs visit the Library online [here](#). Don’t forget, the Library will be closed Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day.

Lamorinda Spirit Van Programs Hit the Road

The Lamorinda Spirit Van drives Lamorinda residents age 60+ to grocery/sundry shopping, errands, medical and personal appointments, the gym or exercise class, physical therapy, lunch with a friend, social occasions, classes, the Lafayette Community Center, and to lunch at the C.C. Café at Walnut Creek Senior Center. There is an upcoming Mini Day Trips on Saturday, June 30, to the Santa Cruz Board Walk to see the sights and have lunch. Then, on Saturday, July 28, it is off to Muir Woods and lunch. And don't forget the Ice Cream Social/Afternoon Tea from 2:00 to 3:30 pm, Wednesday, July 18, in the Alder Room on the back side of the Lafayette Community Center. This will be a lovely way to kick back and enjoy the summer with the Lamorinda Spirit staff/riders. For details and to RSVP, call 925-283-3534.

It's the Lamorinda Community's Annual July 4th Moraga Fun Run!



Join the Lamorinda community and kick off the July 4th Holiday by participating in either the 2-mile or 5-mile run/walk. The event also features 400-meter and 800-meter races for the youngsters. Find all the details [here](#). And if you're not up for the run/walk but interested in cheering the runners and helping

out, they are looking for event volunteers. Find out more [here](#).

A Town Hall Theatre Thank You Event

Our very own Town Hall Theatre is excited to announce its annual Donor Thank You Event, a one-night-only performance of the original and inventive documentary musical "Gone Missing," created by The Civilians, with music and lyrics by Michael Friedman. Gone Missing will have one performance only on July 14, 2018, at 8pm, at Town Hall Theatre Company, 3535 School Street, in Lafayette, CA. The event is free to all Town Hall donors, with a suggested donation of \$20.00 for the general public. Seats can be reserved now through the Box Office at (925) 283-1557 or online at www.TownHallTheatre.com.

Lafayette Listens Update



Lafayette Listens is the City's forum for civic engagement and there have sure been a lot of comments and opinions offered on our site. We have four lively current topics – PG&E Concerns, the City's Annual

Budget, Rezoning of Deer Hill and AB 2923 – which together have generated over 100 visits. You can read everyone’s comments [here](#).

To weigh in on any of these open topics (please get your PG&E comments posted by June 30) simply log into Lafayette Listens [here](#). We want to hear from you! Oh, and stay tuned for news concerning some very special Love Lafayette caps...

Monday’s Public Meetings

Monday is public meeting night in Lafayette. Most of the City’s open meetings are held on Mondays at the Lafayette Library & Learning Center, [3491 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette, California 94549](#). This Monday’s (June 25) public meetings are:

- The City Council, beginning at 7pm, in the Community Hall. You can find the meeting agenda and staff reports [here](#).
- The Design Review Commission, beginning at 7pm, in the Arts & Science Discovery Room. You can find the meeting agenda and staff reports [here](#).
- Planning Commission - Special Meeting, 7pm. **Note location:** The Lafayette Parks & Recreation Center, [Sequoia Room, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, California 94549](#). You can find the meeting agenda and staff reports [here](#).

Photo of the Week



Last week, we wrote about the Lennar project on the site of the old Cape Cod House restaurant. Just in case you don’t remember this famous Lafayette haunt – or if you just want to stroll down memory lane – here’s a drawing of this quasi-landmark in its heyday.

Poem for the Week

In The Summer

*In the summer
I stretch out on the shore
And think of you
Had I told the sea
What I felt for you,
It would have left its shores,
Its shells,
Its fish,
And followed me.*

-Nizar Qabbani

This weekly summary is prepared by City Manager Steven Falk for the Lafayette City Council, staff, and the Lafayette community. Do you have thoughts about this week's Summary or a contribution for next week's message? Forward it to [him](#) now! Do you have opinions about Lafayette? Share them at [Lafayette Listens!](#) You can subscribe to The Roundup [here](#).