

# Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

# Lafayette

## Calendar

**City Council** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Monday, May 14

**Planning Comm.** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Thursday, May 3

**Design Review** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Tuesday, May 8

**Park, Trails, Rec.** 7pm  
Community Center  
500 St Mary's Road  
Wednesday, May 9

**Circulation** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Monday, May 7

**Emergency Prep.** 9:15am  
City Offices  
3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite 265  
Wednesday, May 9

**Senior Services** 4pm  
Community Center, Alder Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Thursday, May 24

**Youth Services** 6pm  
Community Center, Elderberry Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
Monday, May 14

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• upcoming events



**Auto Burglary** 4/17/07  
Smashed front passenger window of vehicle at Jewish Day School, between 12 and 12:15 in the afternoon. Approximately \$930 worth of merchandise stolen, \$230. worth of damage to the car. No suspects.

**Traffic stop with alcohol** 4/20/07  
Officer pulled over vehicle eastbound on Mt. Diablo Boulevard for an unsafe lane change at approximately 11:30p.m. Driver and three passengers, all under 21, were in possession of open containers of beer.

**Strong Arm Robbery**, 4/22/07  
Victim was approached from behind in the Safeway parking lot on Mt. Diablo Boulevard at 3:00 in the afternoon. A demand for his money was made, victim handed over \$74. from his pants pocket. Victim did not see assailant. Safeway management reports that the main parking lot is not covered by video surveillance.

## Slow Down Lamorinda

Last week Moraga residents packed what was supposed to be a procedural meeting of the Town's newly-formed Traffic Safety Advisory Commission to demand action. Metcalf said the Town has responded to those demands by agreeing that it will put out mobile speed monitoring devices and park a police car, sometimes empty and sometimes staffed by a police officer, on Rheem Boulevard, where one of the recent deaths occurred.

The Healthy Choices Committees of Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte High Schools are currently actively engaged in establishing programs to specifically address issues surrounding teenage drivers. Promising among the possible plans is a program that employs peer pressure to encourage more responsible behaviors.

In addition to launching a campaign against

speeding, the Lamorinda officials decided at their meeting on April 13th that their second priority would be substance abuse. When Ruppenthal spoke to the Moraga Chamber last week, he noted that of the six items in the Moraga police blotter of the last issue of the Lamorinda Weekly, three were for driving under the influence and one was for possession of alcohol and marijuana by a juvenile.

However, so far officials have offered no details of what additional steps they plan to take to address the substance abuse issue. "We'll see what happens during the 12 weeks (of the speeding campaign) and take it from there," Ruppenthal said. The City of Lafayette already has an active drug-enforcement program, which has seen particular success in dealing with methamphetamine-related crimes.

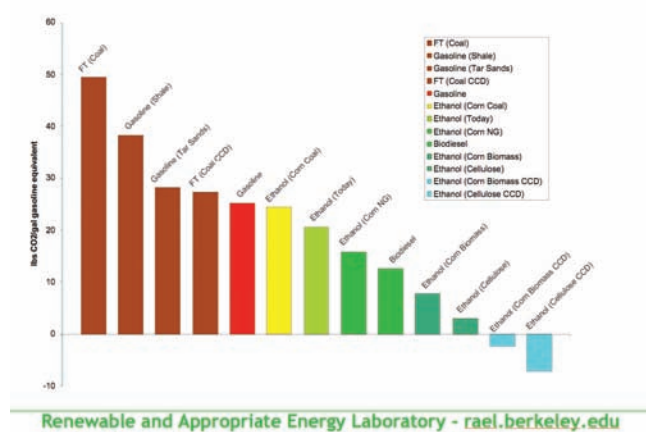
## Acalanes Students Challenge the Community on Global Warming

By Sophie Braccini

When they're passionate, young people have a way of sharing their enthusiasm that's quite powerful. Our youth want to challenge us to act today to fight against global warming. On Earth Day, Acalanes High School students presented the results of a year of study and research on the subject. According to seniors Kennan Cronen and Jeremy Wolff, the question is no longer

Professor Kammen presented his research and understanding of the problem. For the scientist, transportation is the single most important factor influencing carbon levels in our atmosphere. It's clear that we have to find alternatives to burning gasoline; not because we have less and less fossil fuel at our disposal but because of the overwhelming evidence that emission of CO2 is creat-

### An Alternative Fuel is Not Necessarily a Low-Carbon Fuel, but it can be



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whether global warming is happening, but what can we do to prevent a global catastrophe. To convince us and propose solutions, the Acalanes students led by teachers Janet Thomas and Thomas McNamara, invited Professor Dan Kammen, of UC Berkeley's Energy and Resources Group, to speak on the subject. **THE PROBLEM WITH GASOLINE IS NOT SUPPLY, IT'S POLLUTION**

ing a future that threatens us and our children. **CALIFORNIA TAKES THE LEAD**  
Kammen emphasized the fact that even though the United States represents only 5% of the world's population, it consumes 25% of the world's energy. According to Kammen, the Federal Government is not doing enough to address the problem. On the other hand California's Govern-

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## It's Time for the Concert

at the Reservoir  
By Laura Sydora

If your idea of a good time includes good music, good food and a friendly outdoor atmosphere, mark your calendars for May 19!

On May 19, 2007 the Lafayette Rotary Club will host its 14th Annual Concert at the Res., at the Lafayette Reservoir from 1:00 PM to 4:00PM. With guaranteed free admittance, refreshments and raffle tickets sold by the Rotary Club and local schools performing in the concert, the event is sure to be a hit.

According to Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jay Lifson, the concert has been very successful over the years. "It began when a Lafayette Rotarian, Dick Holt, dreamed up a way for his local Rotary Club to help local schools," explained Lifson. The Rotary Club of Lafayette donates money from the event to help support local school music programs, such as buy new instruments. Last year, the club wrote checks to Acalanes for \$1,500 and Bentley for \$500. "Not bad," commented Lifson, "considering the event was cancelled after three songs because of rain."

Money is also raised to fund the Rotary Club's other local projects, such as The Contra Costa Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Trust in Education and Hospice.

This year, concert attendees can expect to see talented performances by the Stanley Symphonic Band led by Bob Athayde. Also performing is the Big

Band of Rossmoor led by Mo Levich, Lafayette's 2007 Business Person of the Year. The Rossmoor Big Band has been very involved in the Lafayette music scene. They have mentored for many of the local young musicians. Finally, the Bentley School Jazz combo led by Brian Pardo and the Acalanes Wind Ensemble led by Rick Meyer will take the stage.

Concert at the Res. has been an event hosted by the Rotary Club for the past thirteen years. Lifson described the reason for the choice of location is due to the fact that, "the reservoir is our most treasured outdoor area in Lafayette. What better back drop than the lake?" The Lafayette Reservoir is an ideal location for the concert as it not only provides for a beautiful setting, but can hold a notable number of people.

Few events are allowed to take place at the reservoir, but "EBMUD has been very willing to work with us on the event," explained Lifson. This year, the Rotary Club expects around 500 people to attend the concert, if weather conditions are permitting. Each year, a stage is erected for the event and then taken down and stored, but there are plans underway to build a permanent stage in the near future.

If your Saturday is looking a little drab, then drop by the reservoir for a couple hours. Your attendance will be more than well received.

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