

# Lamorinda Community

## Calendar, Notes, News

# Lafayette

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Monday, April 13	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, April 2 Thursday, April 16	
Design Review	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road Tuesday, April 7	
Senior Services	3:30pm
Community Center, Alder Room 500 St Mary's Road Thursday, April 23	
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**Bentley Grand Theft 3/20/09** Lafayette Police were called to The Bentley School when a teacher discovered a missing wallet and laptop. While the officer was there, another teacher reported a missing laptop. Video surveillance caught a black male entering an open rear classroom door and exiting with an unknown object under his white hoodie sweatshirt. The unknown suspect proceeded to display his climbing prowess by easily scaling a retaining wall before disappearing into a wooded area.

**Missing License Plate and No Prescription 3/20/09** Lafayette Police pulled the suspect over on Pleasant Hill Road near Mt. Diablo Boulevard for a missing front license plate. The suspect submitted to a vehicle search and police found three pills in the trunk. It was determined that the suspect was in possession of Methadone without a prescription. The suspect was transported to and booked at the Martinez Detention Facility. The lesson here is to make sure you have front and rear plates when transporting narcotics.

**Fist Fight 3/20/09** Lafayette Police were called to the East Bay Regional Park Trail near the water tower off School Street. It was an outside assist call for East Bay Regional Parks Police. Two 18-year-old Acalanes students had engaged in a consensual boxing match that left one of the young men unconscious. Witnesses reported that one boy punched the other in the face two to three times with a closed fist. The punches knocked the boy out and he fell to the ground, hitting his head on the pavement. He went into a seizure and remained unconscious for about 30 seconds. Witnesses called 911 and carried the injured boy to the street to wait for the ambulance. First, we hope the young man will recover completely. Second, we wonder what on Earth they were thinking. Third – please see first and second again.

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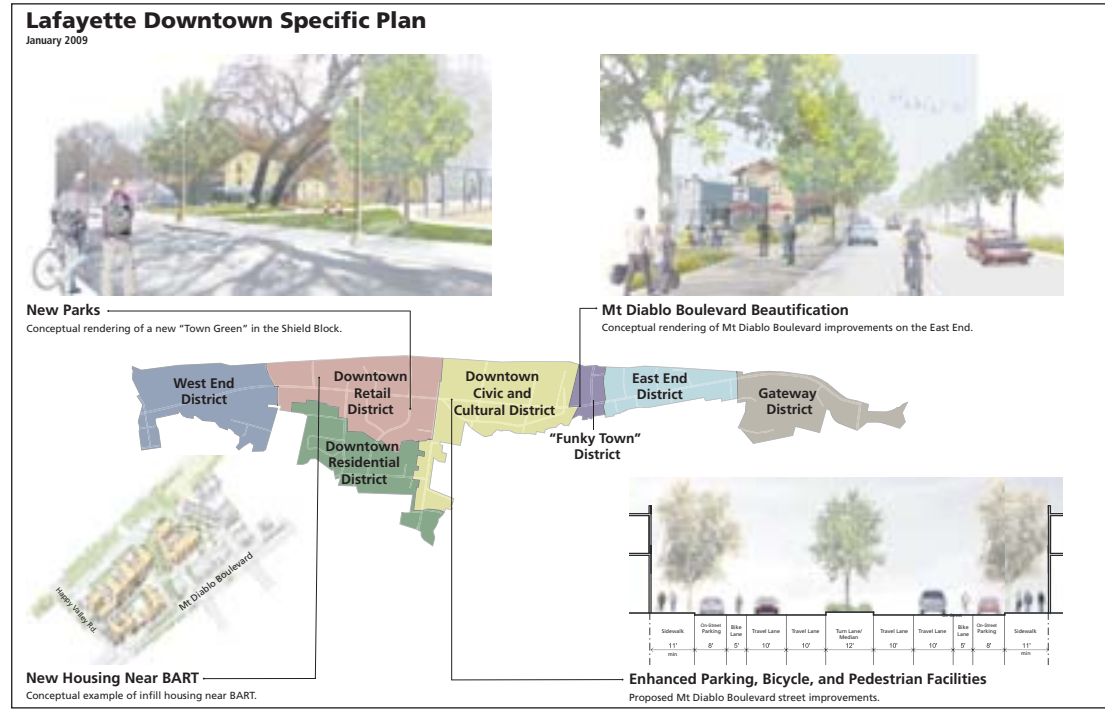
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### Public Invited to Downtown Strategy Forum

By Cathy Tyson



Residents wanting to learn more or offer comments on the Downtown Strategy and Specific Plan are invited to a joint meeting of all involved departments and committees for a discussion of the main issues. This will be the first time that the City Council, the Advisory Committee, the Environmental Task Force and the Planning, Design Review, Circulation and Parts, Trails, and Recreation Commissions have gotten to-

gether to offer their recommendations, now that their respective reviews are complete. Arriving at a final draft plan that can be forwarded to the environmental review phase of the process is the goal of this forum. A short presentation by consultant, Wallace Roberts & Todd will kick off the evening. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's

Road. For more information, contact Ann Merideth, Community Development Director at [amerideth@lovelafayette.org](mailto:amerideth@lovelafayette.org). To learn more, read the executive summary, examine the current draft of the Downtown Strategy and Specific Plan, check out comments from various commissions and committees and more, go to [www.lovelafayette.org](http://www.lovelafayette.org) and scroll down to Downtown Strategy News.

### Girl Scouts Making a Difference

By Cathy Tyson



Being an eco-warrior is not easy. Lafayette Girl scout troop 32959 has worked for more than a year learning about environmental

challenges, identifying and taking specific actions to make a positive difference and finally telling others about ways to impact climate

change, said Ann Johnston, their troop leader. These fifth grade girls co-hosted, "Global Climate Change: Kids Making a Difference" recently with Sustainable Lafayette as the final "telling others" segment of their task. These empowered young ladies made a point of informing the approximately 150 attendees gathered at Our Savior Lutheran Church of specific environmental actions they are taking. "Everyone here has the power to change the world – so let's begin," said one Girl Scout, kicking off the event. Next up were presenters Doug Grandt and Paul Valva from Al Gore's national organization, The Climate Project. ... continued on page 14

### Senior Needs Survey Given the Green Light

By Cathy Tyson

The Lafayette Senior Needs Assessment Task Force is happy to announce that they have received the go-ahead funds from the City Council to cover the cost of a senior needs survey, although there's a small catch. Part of the agreement was that the task force will raise enough funds to contribute at least one-third of the full \$29,750 research cost.

Blvd (off Risa Road) in Lafayette. "We want to hear from seniors - what they need to live happy, safe and interesting lives, what their opinions and hot button issues are," said McCahan. Input gathered from the workshops will assist the consultant, B.W. Research, in designing a phone survey. They will provide the Task Force with at least 400 completed interviews of Lafayette residents that are 55 years and older. Senior Services Coordinator Mei Sun Li, encourages those receiving the survey phone calls to be patient and not hang up on interviewers since direct input from everyone contacted is important to the future well being of all generations and not only to older residents.

According to the Task Force, a well designed and professionally executed survey is critical providing the city with solid reliable data. This data will help the city to establish strategic priorities in preparation for the expected tremendous growth of an older age population and to make the city a viable candidate for future outside grants. "I would be thrilled if we can raise the full amount of \$29,750 to reimburse the City's General Fund," said Ruth McCahan, Chair of the Task Force.

Why now? McCahan said that they wanted to parallel the Downtown Strategy planning effort. As the city looks to provide a framework for future growth, taking into account the needs of seniors is vital.

As part of the research process, there will be two community workshops, hosted by the Lafayette Senior Liaison Committee, that are planned for not only the participation of older residents but also concerned families, organizations who serve seniors and community leaders. Input gathered from the workshops will assist the consultant, B.W. Research in designing the phone survey which will take place sometime in May. The dual workshops will be held on one day – Tuesday April 28th at 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Temple Isaiah, 3800 Mt. Diablo

The "Rapturous Fiddling with Mark Shaw" concert on Friday, June 5 will be one of the fundraisers for the Senior Needs Assessment Project. The afternoon 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. event at the Lafayette Community Center will not only feature "Hot Club" music of the '30's and Irish countryside tunes but also raffle prizes and light refreshments donated by Aegis of Moraga. For more information on the concert or to register for the community workshops call Lafayette Senior Services at 284-5050 or reach them via e-mail at [seniors@lovelafayette.org](mailto:seniors@lovelafayette.org).

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