

**Calendar**

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

**Planning Comm.** 7pm  
Community Center, Manzanita Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
**Thursday, September 17**  
*September 3 cancelled*

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

**Senior Services** 3:00pm  
Community Center, Alder Room  
500 St Mary's Road  
**Thursday, September 24**

**City of Lafayette:**  
<http://www.ci.lafayette.ca.us>  
**Chamber of Commerce:**  
<http://www.lafayettechamber.org>



**Residential Burglary, 7/31/09** Unknown suspects broke a window in a Mariposa Road home and entered the residence. The thieves stole \$24,213 worth of jewelry and a laptop. Damage to the window is \$300. There are no leads at this time.

**Drive Nicely to Avoid Fist Fights, 8/8/09** Lafayette Police were summoned to Ace Hardware on Mt. Diablo Boulevard to break up a fight between two male subjects. The fight started because Subject #1 did not like how Subject #2 had been driving. Subject #1 punched Subject #2 in the face and body several times. Both subjects fell to the ground during the fight and sustained minor injuries. The subjects refused medical attention and Subject #2 declined to press charges. Perhaps the subjects will remember to "use their words" during their next encounter.

**Drunken Groper Patronizes Petar's, 8/15/09** Police were called to Petar's just after midnight to help remove an unwanted guest. The subject had a strong alcohol smell on his breath, slurred his speech, had difficulty standing upright and had an insatiable urge to touch other patrons. Perhaps this was his chaotic way of dancing to Diamond Dave's Nelly covers? Once Police determined he was unable to care for himself, he was transported to the Martinez Detention Facility where he was booked for public drunkenness.

**Residential Burglary, 8/18/09** Unknown, brazen suspects entered a Los Arabis home at night while the residents were sleeping. The suspects gained access through a backyard gate and then an open screen door. Stolen were two laptops, a camera, two iPods and a purse. There are no suspects or leads at this time. Perhaps the owners will now acquire a large dog.

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## Wanted: Enchanting Art for New Library

By Cathy Tyson



Southwest corner of the new Library

Photo Cathy Tyson

As an army of construction workers complete the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, a "Call for Entry" is going out for submissions of existing artwork to put the finishing artistic touches on the 30,000 square foot structure housing more than 110,000 books and other materials. The City of Lafayette has a budget of \$60,000 for multiple purchases for the lobby, the teen study area, adult reading room, children's area and more.

Looking to create an engaging atmosphere by making art part of a visit to the Library as well as broaden the public's understanding of what art can be, anything goes for potential artists submitting work. "We wanted to do something to attract a greater number of artists, so we left the criteria open-ended," said Cherie Newell, Director of Professional Services at the Oakland Museum of California, "we wanted to leave the door open for all media." She noted that there are already two

or three Lafayette artists who have applied and that this type of request is "notorious for last minute entries." The Oakland Museum is one of many partners in the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium - a pioneering collaboration that provides diverse cultural, arts and educational resources to the community.

Once these newest artworks are selected, they will join two site-specific pieces that were commissioned last year: a unique fifteen foot tall bronze of an off-kilter stack of book pages with some pages "floating" across the Outdoor Plaza by Brian Goggin and a series of artworks for the Children's Activity Deck by Kana Tanaka.

"The City is excited to be working again with its Library Public Art Committee and Oakland Museum to select more artworks for the new Library," said Ann Merideth, Community Development Director. "As the outdoor public artworks are enhancing the Library's outdoor spaces, these small artworks will enhance the interior spaces."

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## Lafayette Chamber of Commerce C.E.O. Honored by Project Second Chance



Jay Lifson at the ceremony

Photo courtesy of the Contra Costa Library

For his dedication for more than a decade to Project Second Chance, an adult literacy program, the Contra Costa Library awarded Jay Lifson, C.E.O. of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the Margaret Leshner Memorial Award. "Jay is never too busy to help, and his donation of time alone makes him a million dollar donor to the cause," said Project Second Chance

(PSC) Director Laura Seaholm. "PSC is thrilled to be able to publicly thank Jay for sharing his passion for helping people change their lives in positive and meaningful ways."

## Preliminary Phase of Potential Dog Park

By Cathy Tyson



Google maps

Dog owning residents will be happy to hear that the City of Lafayette is just a little bit closer to obtaining an off-leash dog park. Noting that this will be a, "long drawn out process" Jennifer Russell, Parks Recreation and Trails Director, emphasized this negotiation is in its initial stage. The City is interested in buying the Olympic Boulevard property but, "We still need to determine if the County is willing to sell it to us at a price we can afford," said Russell.

The triangular shaped parcel along Olympic Boulevard from Reliez Station Road to Pleasant Hill

Road is owned by Contra Costa County and has been officially declared surplus. It's currently leased to the East Bay Regional Park District. The basically flat, open space already has parking, water, and garbage collection.

After considering various locations staff felt that the Olympic Boulevard Staging area meets the design criteria for a dog park. Although early in the process, it may

be divided into separate small and large dog areas.

If the City and County can agree on a value, there will be public hearings, and plenty of opportunity for feedback from residents in the area and of course, dog owners. There may even be some partnering with the Park District, speculated Russell. For more information go to the Lafayette Dog Owners' Group website, [www.lafayettetdog.org](http://www.lafayettetdog.org).

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