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Lafayette

Population Shrinks in Lafayette

By a teensy bit

By Cathy Tyson

Since the last census more than ten years ago, the look of the city of Lafayette has changed and modernized, but aside from residents getting slightly older, the data doesn't illustrate any major alterations. In fact, it's amazing how little has changed. Although the number of rainy days, dog walks and great cups of coffee aren't counted – population, age, race and housing occupancy are. The not-so-big news for Lafayette is compared to the prior census in 2000, the population has shrunk by a whopping 15 people. Just over ten years ago 23,908 people called Lafayette home, fast forward a decade and the

population has shrunk to 23,893.

Other data reflects the continued homogeneity of Lafayette; according to recent census figures the vast majority of residents are white. Of the 23,893 souls living in Lafayette in 2010, 20,232 identified themselves as Caucasian. In the ten years since the last census was taken the city is ever so slightly, approximately 2%, more diverse. In 2010 there were 2,162 Asian residents, 1,388 total Hispanic or Latino residents and only 166 African American residents. The figures don't exactly balance due to responses of "some other race" and "two or more races."

The census snapshot also tabulated figures on age and housing. Residents are getting older – with the average age shifting upward from 42.3 in 2000 to 45.2 in 2010. Orinda is somewhat older with an average age of 47.8. Moraga can't be considered a spring chicken either, with an average age of 45. The portion of Lafayette residents that identified themselves as between sixty and sixty-five has grown substantially from 4,613 to 5,747. By comparison, the average age county-wide is 38.5 years.

Housing numbers also demonstrate the obvious. In the red hot real estate market of 2000, the aver-

age vacancy rate of homes and rental properties town was 1.9%; ten years later it more than doubled to 4.4%. In Contra Costa County the situation was more extreme; in 2000 the average vacancy rate was 2.9%, in 2010 it was 6.2%.

For the whole story go to the California Department of Finance; they are responsible for the California State Data Center that has all the numbers for California from the 2010 Census. Helpful staffers included data from 2000 on all the data profiles http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/state_census_data_center/census_2010/view.php.

Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, July 11, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Planning Commission

Monday, July 18, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Design Review

Monday, July 11, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center in the Arts & Science Discovery Center at 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements
City of Lafayette:
www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
Chamber of Commerce:
www.lafayettechamber.org



New Sewer Upgrade Along Pleasant Hill Road

By Cathy Tyson

Attack of the orange cones along Pleasant Hill Road? Drivers wondering what's up with the bright fluorescent traffic channeling devices should be happy to know they are not the work of invading aliens; rather they are part of a Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) project increasing sewer capacity. Crews will be installing, replacing and rehabilitating about 5,600 feet of six-inch diameter to 18-inch diameter sewer pipe along

Pleasant Hill Road between Springhill Road and Deer Hill Road as well as the residential neighborhood between Stanley Boulevard and Highway 24.

Cones and electronic signage are already up and stacks of green pipe are waiting, at the staging area across from Acalanes High School, to be installed. Flaggers were at work directing traffic around a lane closure on Stanley Boulevard last week. High school students and staff should be relieved that con-

struction along Pleasant Hill Road was specifically designed to be completed by August 12, 2011 – prior to school starting.

How much capacity is enough? According to Chris Carpenter, Community Affairs Representative of CCCSD, pipes in this area date from 1948 – 1949; increasing capacity will improve wet-weather flows and accommodate more than sixty years of population growth.

The existing sewer line runs right through Acalanes High

School – adjacent to buildings and directly through the baseball diamond. "Replacing it would be quite disruptive to the school," said Carpenter. Hence the installation of a brand new 18-inch diameter relief sewer line along the southbound lane of Pleasant Hill Road. A number of nearby smaller-diameter residential sewer mains are in poor condition, so they'll be replaced. Total cost of the project is \$1,729,000. ... continued on page A8

As Seen in Lafayette



What a difference a week makes - from unseasonably rainy to melting. Quiet day at Cold Stone Creamery due to rain just a few days ago, but on toasty warm Sunday the Velez family came down from El Sobrante to enjoy a late lunch at Chow and savor cool ice cream at shop that features a "personalized ice cream experience." C. Tyson

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