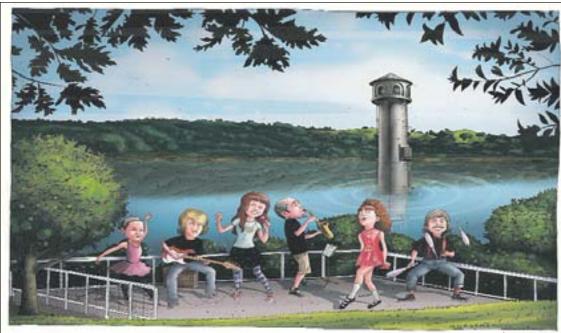
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Civic News Lafayette

New Police Chief Seeks a **Community Partnership**

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Having previously worked in San Ramon as a Patrol Deputy and De- his thirties who helped out at Chief tective, as a Supervising Sergeant Christensen's last post, will be volfor Oakley, and most recently as manager of the County Emergency Services Support unit, the Chief brings a unique skill set to this position.

He reports that traffic and complaints related to traffic are the number one concern of residents. When someone complains of speeders in the neighborhood, Christensen makes a point of having officers check it out to analyze the extent of the problem and looks at what the department can do to change behavior. "When tickets go up, the number of accidents goes down," he said. Call it a deterrent, but he's found that people really do think twice when they've been His own mother volunteered in the ticketed. "We are here to make the past; Christensen opined that she community safer."

When he first started the job, City Manager Steven Falk suggested the Chief go out and meet people, and more than a couple of drivers were surprised to be introduced to their new police chief when he was on patrol.

In his prior position working for Emergency Services Support, coordinating with other agencies was a key aspect of the job and it's clear he's brought that collaborative point of view to Lafayette. That philosophy is manifested in the new motto for the department: "A community partnership." Looking to foster the support of the community, police rely on attentive are keenly aware of unusual or suspicious activity to report tips. we have," said Christensen.

ship is the recently launched volun-Crime Prevention Committee, the Department is actively encouraging residents to volunteer a few hours a week doing manageable tasks that would free up officers to increase the level of service around Lafayette. The plan is to craft a short citizen's police academy seminar and possibly organize a field trip to the Martinez Detention Facility as a brief overview to eduserve the public.

Sean Larson, a professional in unteering to help manage the Lafayette patrol fleet. Specifically, he'll be helping to clean the vehicles and making sure all the many pieces of equipment are complete—one less task for officers. With a limited budget, the idea is to stretch resources and fill a few hours per week with community service helpers.

While Christensen looks forward to welcoming incoming volunteers, he cautioned, "There's a major vetting process - we don't want untrustworthy people in the police department." Plan on a background check, being fingerprinted, and taking a polygraph. passed the tests.

Finally, the community partnership theme continues with the Chief directing officers to get to know all the bank managers and staffers downtown, creating a relationship. The goal of this is to explain what will happen in the, hopefully unlikely, event a bank gets robbed, to give personnel a comfort level of how police will respond to that type of situation. Ditto for the night-time patrols they are required to meet and greet all the establishments that serve alcohol. If there happens to be a call for service, bar owners will be familiar with the protocol.

Parting advice? Christensen residents and business owners who recommends making your house number clearly visible from the street. "If I can't find your house, "That's the best crime fighting tool I can't help you – same with fire and emergency personnel." In A second aspect of this partner- Lafayette the police see many crimes of opportunity, an unteer program in the Police locked car with a purse or laptop Department. Together with the in plain view is an invitation. Given how safe residents generally feel, he warns against complacency. "There's nothing you can do to get your sense of security back once your home or car has been broken into." It's worth a couple of minutes to make sure doors and windows are locked. To report suspicious activity call the office number at (925) 299-3220 or dispatch at (925) 284-5010, and cate volunteers on how the police of course, in case of emergency, dial 911.

More Regulation in the **Works for Massage Parlors**

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Srivatsa explained the goal of overnight," she said. the ordinance is not to prohibit letrack of the massage businesses in and the plan is to work with the police department and with the busicertified, "it won't happen Reilly.

Compliments were doled out gitimate practitioners, but to keep from thankful residents. "This will go a long way to separate sleazy town. Since this is a new program, sex for sale from legitimate establishments," said one gentleman.

"This seems reasonable and nesses to ensure practitioners are makes sense," commented Traci

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