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Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, October 22, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Planning Commission

Monday, October 15, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd

Design Review

Monday, October 22, 7:00 pm
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 pm
Board Room AUHSD Office
1212 Pleasant Hill Rd, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting
LAFSD Office
3477 School Street, Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us
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Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

Rules Established for Cell Towers in Lafayette

By Cathy Tyson

While smart phone users prefer gap-free cell phone coverage, no one wants a cell tower in their front yard. Without specific rules on the books to corral the location, design and placement of cell towers in Lafayette, a Wireless Communications Facility (WCF) subcommittee was formed that has created guidelines to address those concerns. At a meeting last week, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution and will forward a recommendation to the City Council to approve Ordinance 613 – creating a new chapter in Lafayette’s Municipal Code that covers all things wireless. The City Council

is expected to officially adopt the ordinance later this month.

In mid-November of 2011, after prompting from concerned neighbors, the City Council came to the conclusion that there should be a moratorium on granting permits for WCFs because there was no existing municipal code that specifically regulated their design and placement. Existing Land Use permitting regulations governed cell towers, but didn’t spell out conditions of approval. Given the significant increase in applications for modifications, violations at existing WCFs and a growing demand for data and wireless technology, the

moratorium was approved to give the City some breathing room to get a handle on where existing equipment was, and to craft standards for location, design, placement and permitting.

After months of meetings with concerned residents and two representatives from both the Planning Commission and City Council, input was gathered to craft a new city ordinance.

Stealth facilities, co-location, vertical clearance, preferred sites and much more are clearly described in the ordinance. Commissioner Mark Mitchell explained that, “we built in a lot of safeguards,” including peri-

odic mandatory reviews of facilities. All of the Planning Commissioners agreed that enforcement is critical. Cellular providers are required to prove there is a significant gap in service in order to start the application process.

“The Wireless Communications Facility Ordinance Subcommittee established clear and concise regulations for the location, design, and appearance of WCFs while balancing community and industry expectations,” said Assistant Planner Michael Cass in his October 1 staff report. The City of Lafayette is sending a clear signal to wireless providers – Can you hear me now?

Democracy in Action at Lafayette Community Center

By Cathy Tyson

The presidential contenders weren’t the only ones debating last week. Once again the Lafayette Homeowners Council hosted its annual Candidates Night featuring aspirants for School Board as well as the City Council.

Unfortunately only three of the four contenders for School Board were able to attend; there are two open seats. Dr. Don Wolff was delayed returning from a medical conference on the east coast— that left Jean Follmer, Quinlan Tom and Nancy Wallace to introduce themselves and take questions from the audience.

All 3 share lengthy resumes that highlight a myriad of volunteer positions in the school community, and all 3 have children in the Lafayette School District. ... continued on page A10



From left: Mike Anderson, Traci Reilly, Yolanda Vega, Mark Mitchell and Robert Lobron after Candidates Night last week. Photo Cathy Tyson

Police Report



Week of September 23-29, 2012

911 Calls

3800 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3100 block Lucas Dr.

Animal Cruelty

3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Burglary:

1000 block Upper Happy Valley Rd. (twice)
1200 block El Curtola Blvd.
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Auto 3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Disturbances:

Juvenile 3100 block Sandalwood Court (twice)
Party 1000 block Brown Ave. (twice)
Civil 3200 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Barking dog 100 block Vance Lane
Barking dog 1400 block Reliez Valley Rd.
Noise Del Arroyo Ct/Quandt Rd.
Juvenile 3200 block Lucas Cr.

Verbal Old Jonas Hill Rd/
Powell Dr.
Civil 3300 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Motorcycle Rohrer Dr./Silverado Dr.
3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Phone calls 1000 block Oak Hill Rd.
Threats 3200 block Hillview Ln.

Driving:

Hit & Run 3200 block Camino Colorados
Accident Almaden Ct./Reliez Valley Rd.
Hit & Run Monroe Ave/Moraga Blvd.
Accident 1200 block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Accident 3600 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Accident Chestnut St./Dewing Ave.
Accident Deer Hill Rd./Sierra Vista Wy.
DUI 3500 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Reckless Moraga Rd./St. Mary’s Rd.
Hit & Run Glenside Dr./St. Mary’s Rd.
Accident Mt. Diablo Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Accident Deer Hill Rd./Laurel Dr.
Reckless 1st St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Vandalism:

500 block Merriewood Dr.(twice)

Reports of suspicious activity/
vehicle/subject/circumstances: 31

Traffic Stops:

Over 51 traffic stops logged

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October 28, 2012

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