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Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Not available at press time
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Board Room AUHSD Office
1212 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 4:30 p.m.
Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
Stanley Library
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Thanks and Praise at City Council Reorganization

By Cathy Tyson



New council members Mark Mitchell and Traci Reilly Photo Cathy Tyson

It was the end of an era last Monday night, as two longtime City Council members retired after a combined 37 years of volunteer service on Lafayette's Planning Commission and City Council. Former Mayor Carol Federighi sat on the council for 13 years, serving three times as mayor, and prior to that spent eight years on the planning commission. Carl Anduri had been on the council for 10 years and planning commission for six. All told, that's countless Monday nights, listening to potential ordinances, proposed projects, budget dilemmas and task force reports that

keep the city running. With heartfelt comments all around, it was obvious the two council members stepping down from the dais will be missed. Having won seats in the November election, newcomers Traci Reilly and Mark Mitchell change up the membership of the city council for the first time since December 2006 when Brandt Andersson joined the team. The "Fab five" – Federighi, Anduri, Andersson, Don Tatzin, and Mike Anderson – had a good working relationship; while they didn't always agree with each other at city council meetings, their

tenure was marked by civility and respect.

Former vice mayor, and now mayor, recently re-elected Mike Anderson joked, "You're going to miss us, but when you come back you only get three minutes," referring to the allotted time for members of the public to comment on issues.

"It's been a pleasure to serve with you," Federighi told her fellow council members. "It's truly been a privilege and honor. This has been a wonderful community to live and work in." She reflected on the changes that have happened downtown during her volunteer service to the community, including new businesses and restaurants, a new affordable senior housing project in the works, passing the downtown specific plan, creating a downtown historic district, and the soon to be authorized wireless facilities ordinance.

Thanking his wife, city staff, and election volunteers, Anduri went on to praise the creation of the environmental and senior housing task forces. He said his biggest regret was the timely repair of all the residential roads in the city; Anduri had worked diligently on the Fix our Roads campaign. In his opinion, the hardest part

of serving on the city council was making decisions based on what is in the best interest of Lafayette and all residents.

Longtime council member Tatzin told Anduri, "I look up to your contributions and your powerful vision for the city. We're very fortunate to have had your exceedingly sound judgment." He also thanked Federighi as the best advocate for the three-minute rule, "A true velvet gavel."

"It's been an absolute pleasure," said City Manager Steven Falk, complimenting the pair for their incisive analysis and probing questions, civility and for their "fair and respectful treatment of staff." Both Federighi and Anduri received gifts of Lafayette-opoly from city staff and a framed small reproduction of the banners with signatures of city staffers on the back.

Council freshmen Mitchell and Reilly graciously thanked family and friends who made their election to the city council possible. Reilly called the transition "pretty amazing," and commented that she is surrounded by four men at home, her husband and three boys, and now on the dais, once again surrounded by four men.

Lafayette Sinkhole on the Mend

By Cathy Tyson



Photo Cathy Tyson

A deluge of rain on Dec. 2 caused a torrent of water that when coupled with upstream debris blocked a Mt. View Drive storm drain. All that water swirling around eventually chipped away at soil above the drain and under the roadway and – voila! A 15-foot sinkhole was born.

When the roadway collapsed, utilities pipelines also took a hit: PG&E, EBMUD and the sanitary sewer lines needed an immediate fix. Utility crews rallied to restore service and city engineering staff had to hustle to complete plans in order to get a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Working late into the night, Engineering Services Manager Tony Coe, Senior Engineer Farzaneh Sanders and Associate Engineer Matt Luttrupp produced the detailed plans necessary for repair work and managed to get the critical paperwork in by a 6 a.m. deadline the next morning in San Francisco. ... continued on page A10

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LAFAYETTE POLICE	
Police Report	
Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	
Accident	
11/26	1600 block Reliez Valley Rd (accident/injuries)
11/28	900 block Dewing (hit & run)
11/29	Mt Diablo Bl @ Oak Hill Rd (accident/injuries) Happy Valley Rd @ Hwy 24 (reckless driving)
12/1	900 block Moraga Rd (hit & run) Pleasant hill Rd @ Rancho View Dr (accident/injuries) 1st St @ Mt Diablo Bl (reckless driving)
12/3	Hwy 24 @ Central Lafayette exit (accident/property damage) 2nd St @ Mt Diablo Bl (accident/property damage) 3500 block Mt Diablo Bl (accident/property damage)
12/4	First St @ Deer Hill Rd
12/5	100 block Springhill Ln (hit & run)
12/6	Hwy 24 @ Central Lafayette exit (reckless driving) Mt Diablo @ Oak Hill Rd (reckless driving)
Alcohol	
11/28	Reliez Valley Rd @ Withers (drunk in public)
11/30	200 block Lafayette Cr (intoxicated)
Animal Control	
11/27	Deer Hill Rd @ Sierra Vista Wy
12/5	700 block St Mary's Rd
Battery	
11/30	3500 block Mt Diablo Bl
12/4	3300 block Mt Diablo Bl
Burglary/Theft	
11/26	900 block Acalanes Rd (ID) 3100 block Bradena Ln (auto) 1200 block Monticello Rd (petty theft)
11/27	3500 block Mt Diablo Bl (petty theft) Read Dr @ Rohrer Dr (auto) 400 block Los Arabis Dr (residential)
12/1	100 block Lafayette Cr (auto)
12/3	3600 block chestnut St (petty theft) 3400 block School St (auto)
12/4	1100 block Glen Rd (access card)
12/5	4100 block Hidden Valley Rd (credit card fraud)
12/6	4000 block Los Arabis (grand theft) 1800 block Reliez Valley Rd (credit card fraud) 1100 block Upper Happy Valley Rd (ID theft) Glenside Dr @ St Mary's Rd (auto)
12/7	3500 block Boyer Cr (auto) 3600 block Happy Valley Glen Rd (petty theft)
12/8	1100 block Garden Ln (ID theft)
Drugs	
12/1	900 block Hough
Promiscuous Shooting	
12/7	800 block Rosedale Av Brook St @ Dewing Av
Vandalism	
11/26	900 block Dewing Av 1000 block Brown Av
12/4	3600 block Mt Diablo Bl
12/8	200 block Lafayette Cr (two calls)
Traffic Stops	
Week ending 12/01/12	111
Week ending 12/08/12	66

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