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Lafayette Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Aug. 19, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m. Lafayette Library & Learning Center, Arts & Science Discovery Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Lafayette:

www.ci.lafayette.ca.us Phone: (925) 284-1968

Chamber of Commerce:

www.lafayettechamber.org

Key Aging Information Delivered at Upcoming Senior **Symposium**

By Cathy Tyson

wealth of information for seniors and their families will be presented at "Aging by Design," the a morning full of useful advice. fifth annual senior symposium pre-Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church. Updates on the Lamorinda with experts and vendors from over

same place at the same time to deliver

"Because dementia sented by the Lafayette Community Alzheimer's strike such a large per-Foundation in cooperation with the centage of the population and can have such critical impact as to how we age, we are having Dr. Mike Nelson, Village and the latest information a local board- certified neurologist, to about the Lamorinda Spirit Van along bring attendees up to date with current information on this crucial aging

30 local agencies will all be in the issue," said Lafayette Community Foundation board member Don Jenkins. Dr. Alan Brast, a specialist in applied psychology dealing with critical sign" questions. Cliff Dochterman, past world-wide president of Rotary by design in a way that encourages at-

tendees to find ways that they may empower their lives with service to their families and community.

Coffee and light refreshments illness issues, will be the featured start at 8 a.m. with speakers beginning speaker addressing the "Aging by De- at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive in Lafayette. International and now a resident of The event is free, but organizers Moraga, will share his views on aging would appreciate a reservation; simply call (925) 284-8214.

John Kiefer Gets a Trail

By Sophie Braccini

afayette is a city that likes to cel-July 27 John Kiefer, also known as "Papa John," was honored at the dedication of the John Kiefer Trail. Held on a beautiful, warm day the ceremony was simple yet heartfelt and most of the 40 people who gathered to honor their friend headed out along on the steep, but conveniently located, path that links a whole neighborhood to the large network of Briones trails.

Kiefer is known to many as debrate its local heroes and on Lafayette's chicken expert who has trained hundreds of potential chicken owners for free, but not everyone knows that for several decades he has been the organizer of a trail maintenance group and that has added four new trails to Lafayette. "Making trails take time," he said, "sometimes decades. But the ones we created helped connect neighborhoods to larger trails."

The process of the creation of the John Kiefer trail was in itself complicated. First it took the sale of a large private property, a development project, and the creation of an easement for a public trail. "Only two points were identified in the development agreement," recalled Kiefer, "the start at Leslyn Lane and a connection with the Lafayette Ridge Trail in Briones Regional Park." The difficult terrain made it clear that a land survey had to be done, but there was no budget for that. "So I decided to take on the task myself," said Kiefer, who was then 25 years younger. "I simply got the maps and a hundred-foot tape measure. There was no GPS, and it was not easy to make sure the trail would stay on the correct piece of property."

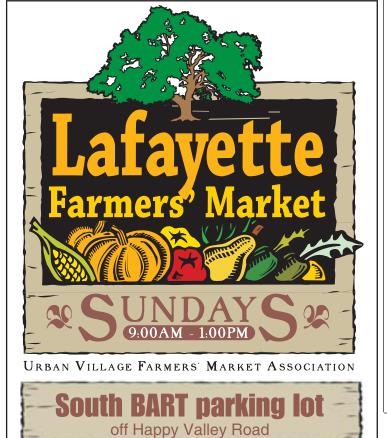
During the process he met with property owners who were surprised to meet a surveyor who moved around by himself, equipped with only a tape measure.

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John Kiefer by his namesake trail on Leslyn Lane.

Photo Sophie Braccini



Lafayette Police Department **Crime Statistics**

July 21-Aug. 3 Alarm responses - 87

Traffic stops - 182 Alcohol

Acalanes Rd @ Hwy 24 2nd St @ Mt Diablo Bl Moraga Rd @ St Mary's Rd

 Animal cruelty Mt Diablo Bl (2)

Burglaries

 Auto Michael Ln Windtree Ct (2) Mt Diablo Bl

St Mary's Rd (2) · Stolen Vehicle

 Residential Castleton Pl

Sanford Ln

Bell St Los Arabis Ln Springhill Rd Carol Ln

Hit & Run

Mt Diablo Ct Mt Diablo Bl (2) Stanley Bl

Sweetbrier Cr

Hospitalization-mentally ill

Promiscuous Shooting

Silverado Dr **Prowler**

Moraga Bl

Reckless Driving

Valley Rd

Moraga Rd @ Mt Diablo Bl Canyon Rd @ Estates Dr El Curtola Bl @ Old Tunnel Rd Lucas Ct @ Lucas Dr Deer Hill Rd @ Pleasant Hill Rd Happy Valley Rd @ Mt Diablo Bl Deer Hill @ Oak Hill Rds

Theft- Petty

Silverado Way Mt Diablo Bl (5)

Black Hawk Rd

Mt Diablo Bl (3) Lancaster Dr

Mt Diablo Bl @ Pleasant Hill Rd

Theft-ID

Stanley Bl

Woodview Dr

Trespassing 1st St @ Deer Hill Rd

Vandalism

Leland Dr Blackwood Ln

Quandt Rd

Rossi St

Laurel Dr (2) Sunset Lp (3)

Garden Ln (2)

Olympic Bl @ Reliez Station Rd St Mary's Rd (2) Happy Valley @ Upper Happy

City seeks volunteer for vacancy on the **Design Review Commission**

The Lafayette City Council is soliciting applicants to fill one vacancy on the Design Review Commission.

The five-member body is responsible for matters relating to aesthetics and the physical appearance of the city. The commission advises the staff, planning commission, and city council and acts on applications for design review including residential and commercial development

Members of the design review commission are selected on the basis of education, training and experience in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, design, city planning or a related field.

Individuals interested in this volunteer position may obtain an application from the City's web site at www.lovelafayette.org or in person at:

City of Lafayette Offices

3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 210, Lafayette, CA 94549

You may also call the City's Clerks Office at (925) 284-1968 to request an application be mailed to you. Completed applications must be received by 5:00 pm September 9, 2013.