



Lafayette

Public Meetings

City Council

Monday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,
Arts & Science Discovery Center,
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Acalanes Union High School District
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
AUHSD Board Room
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

Lafayette School District

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Board Room
3477 School St., Lafayette
www.lafsd.k12.ca.us

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



Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Oct. 11-24

Alarms	52
911 Calls (including hang-ups)	7
Noise Complaints	5
Traffic Stops	116
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subjects	13
Suspicious Vehicles	33
Abandoned Vehicle	
Mariposa Rd/Mt View Dr	
1000 block Los Arabis Dr	
Animal Cruelty	
Lafayette Cir/Mt Diablo Blvd	
Post Office	
Battery, Sexual	
3400 block Golden Gate Way	
Burglary, Auto	
3500 block Terrace Way	
900 block Dewing Ave	
3200 block Camino Diablo	
3600 block Walnut St	
Burglary, Residential	
1200 block Upper Happy Valley Rd	
Civil Problem	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
3900 block Leroy Wy	
Dispute, Verbal	
4000 block Viora Pl	
1700 block Reliez Valley Rd	
DUI	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Fireworks	
Burton Valley Elementary	
Fraud	
3600 block Sundale Rd	
3300 block Victoria Ave	
Hit & Run	
Acalanes High School	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Withers Ave/Taylor Blvd	
Loitering	
Springhill/Blackhawk Rds	
Neighbor Dispute	
3600 block Bickerstaff	
Police/Fire/EMS Response	
1000 block Hoedel Ct	
Pleasant Hill Cr/Acalanes Ave	
900 block Dewing Ave	
3800 block Palo Alto Dr	
Public Nuisance	
900 block S Thompson Rd (3)	
Mt Diablo Blvd/Oak Hill Rd	
1000 block Oak Hill Rd	
200 block Lafayette Cir	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd	
Promiscuous Shooting	
1800 block Reliez Valley Rd	
Via Roble/Dolores Dr	
Reckless Driving	
Moraga/Hamlin Rds	
Pleasant Hill Cir/Acalanes Ave	
St Mary's/Moraga Rds	
Pleasant Hill/Reliez Valley Rds	
Oak Hill Rd/Hwy 24	

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Slow Moving Project Making Progress

By Cathy Tyson

Developments taking ages before final approval seems to be trending in Lafayette. Lennar Homes first had study sessions in 2013 for a then 47-unit project at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Dolores Drive, the site of Celia's, plus two adjacent parcels that total two acres, which garnered a very unenthusiastic response from the Design Review Commission at the time.

The applicant recently unveiled a completely reconfigured, larger 66-unit design at a DRC meeting featuring three three-story buildings with an underground parking garage, anchored by a restaurant on the corner. This time around, it reaped some compliments, but also some suggestions for improvements. Residences

in the proposed project will be for sale and include 26 two-bedroom and 32 three-bedroom units, with only 8 one-bedroom units.

Finding a balance between what Lennar wants and city concerns has centered on ingress and egress. Both the Circulation Commission and DRC evaluated plans and provided comments in 2014. At that point, the DRC let Lennar know that they would hold off on their critique until "appropriate access points" were spelled out.

Traffic, access and parking have been challenging from the start. Lennar took input from staff, neighbors and adjacent commercial property owners to heart and came up with a new and improved version of the project with a shared driveway on the

far western edge of the property that calls for a traffic signal. Access from narrow sloping Dolores Drive has been nixed as well as a driveway in the middle of the block. The Circulation Commission approved this change in September 2015.

Owners of long-time Lafayette business Diamond Kay across the street still have concerns about how the project would affect their customers and deliveries, and urged commissioners to rethink the proposed angled parking along Mt. Diablo Boulevard.

At the Oct. 13 meeting planning staff explained their support for angled parking instead of parallel parking as it does not create needed additional on-street spaces. There are currently

nine existing on-street parallel spaces, while there could be 21 angled spaces, a net gain of 12 new spaces.

The most recent feedback from commissioners praised the design team on their progress with the new plans, as well as working with neighbors, but still suggested improvements to make it feel more village-like and less monumental – more intimate and warm.

One resident called the newest iteration "frankly uninspiring" – something that could be found in Emeryville or Irvine.

The applicant is continuing to work on the project and will be back with more adjustments to this version that will return for more review in the new year.

Concern Over Traffic Light on Reliez

By Cathy Tyson



Photo C. Tyson

Local residents jammed the Community Hall to weigh in on a proposed traffic signal at the corner of Reliez Station Road and Las Trampas

Road at the Oct. 26 Lafayette City Council meeting.

Lengthy comments on both sides of the issue focused on inconven-

ience, safety, traffic flow, and dangerous left turns coming out of Las Trampas and Richelle Court.

Currently there is a flashing light at the crest of the hill that will flash when activated by pedestrians. "The problem is you don't know which cars are going to stop," said Council Member Don Tatzin. "It's kind of like Russian roulette." The proposed signal would rest on green for motorists along Reliez Station Road.

A thorough year-long study with community input, an effort that not everyone at the meeting was aware had happened, was completed in May 2015 that evaluated the feasibility of addressing traffic congestion and safety issues along Reliez Station Road and Olympic Boulevard. Ultimately the consultants recommended a roundabout at the intersection of

Pleasant Hill Road and Olympic Boulevard and a traffic signal at Reliez Station Road and Las Trampas/Richelle Court, along with additional corridor improvements.

City Engineer Tony Coe is preparing drawings that will come back for community review at a design open house where the public will be welcome to view the plans. In addition, a second public meeting will occur with the Circulation Commission where drawings and feedback will be presented. Finally, the project will be back before the city council when construction bids are received. Public meetings are all listed on the city website, www.lovelafayette.org. To read the entire Feasibility and Options Study, type "Reliez" into the website search box.

Los Palos/Glenside Drs
Pleasant Hill/Hwy 24
Reliez Valley/Silver Dell Rd
Reliez Valley/Pleasant Hill Rd
Pleasant Hill/Mt Diablo Blvd
Echo Springs/Reliez Valley Rd
Road Rage
Mt Diablo Blvd/Moraga Rd
Shoplifting
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd (2)
Terrorist Threats
900 block Janet Ln
Theft, Grand
600 block Glorietta Blvd
Theft, Petty
900 block Yorkshire Ct
3100 block Mars Ct
10 block Hidden Valley Rd
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd
3800 block Quail Ridge Rd
Safeway
3400 block Mt Diablo Blvd (from veh)
3200 block Alta Ln
700 block Los Palos Dr
Theft, ID
Reported to police
3200 block Camino Colorados (3)
1000 block Windsor Dr
Theft, Vehicle
Oakwood Athletic Club
1100 block Upper Happy Valley Rd (2)
Threats
1000 block Carol Ln
Unwanted Guest
3300 block Betty Ln
Safeway
1000 block Blackwood Ln
600 block Huntleigh
900 block Hough Ave
Vandalism
Toyon/Reliez Valley Rds
1000 block Windsor Dr
600 block Huntleigh Dr
600 block Hough Ave
1300 block Reliez Valley Rd

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