



# Lafayette

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Monday, April 25, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Planning Commission

Monday, May 2, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### Design Review

Monday, April 25, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

### School Board Meetings

**Acalanes Union High School District**  
Wednesday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
www.acalanes.k12.ca.us

### Lafayette School District

Wednesday, May 11, 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 March 20 to April 2

Alarms	67
911 Calls (including hang-ups)	6
Noise complaints	6
Traffic stops	95
Suspicious Circumstances	15
Suspicious Subjects	16
Suspicious Vehicles	30
Abandoned Vehicle	
3400 block Moraga Blvd.	
20 block Sanford Ln.	
Hansen Dr./St Mary's Rd.	
El Nido Ranch/Acalanes Rds.	
Assault w/deadly weapon	
500 block Merriewood Dr.	
Battery	
1100 block Laurel Dr.	
Unknown location	
Burglary, Auto	
4000 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Lamorinda Tow	
Burglary	
10 block Reliez Manor	
Burglary, Commercial	
30 block Lafayette Cr.	
Burglary, Residential	
1100 block Laurel Dr.	
800 block Rosedale Ave.	
3600 block Happy Valley Rd.	
Civil Problem	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
3200 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
900 block Diablo Dr.	
1000 block Blackwood Ln.	
500 block Florence Dr.	
Dispute	
4200 block El Nido Ranch Rd.	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Disturbance	
4000 block Happy Valley Rd.	
Fireworks	
800 block Mt View Dr.	
Forgery	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Mechanics Bank.	
Harassment	
800 block Broadmoor Ct. (phone)	
Health & Safety violation	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Hit & Run	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
In Custody	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Litter	
4000 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Loitering	
Dyer Dr./Hampton Rd.	
Missing Adult	
3300 block Reliez Highland Rd.	
1000 block Aileen St.	
Unknown location, Lafayette	
Panhandling	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd. (3)	
3400 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
3600 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
Police/Fire/EMS response	
3500 block Mt Diablo Blvd.	
St. Mary's/Las Huertas Rd.	
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3400 block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Public Nuisance	
1000 block Windsor Dr.	



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## Gas Station to be Demolished to Expand Safeway Parking

By Cathy Tyson



Photo Cathy Tyson

Attention Safeway shoppers: more parking spaces are coming soon.

Say goodbye to the Valero gas station at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Oak Hill Road, as it will be demolished so Safeway can expand its parking lot to accommodate more customers and employees.

Although with 152 spaces the store's current parking lot meets the required number of

parking spaces according to the city code, regular shoppers will tell you that it can be tricky to find a spot during peak hours. By removing the gas station, 40 additional parking spots will be added, along with an extension of the surrounding wall and landscaping.

If this sounds vaguely familiar, it should. Back in 2012 the proposal was originally submitted. At that time, it went through the initial parts of the review process, but Safeway put the effort on hold.

City staff support the move as the gas station does not conform to other businesses in the retail business district. Safeway has been at that location for more than 50 years; it was remodeled in 1999.

While the Planning Commission unanimously supports the parking expansion, there were some lingering concerns about the recyclable drop-off area in the far northwest corner of the lot.

Discouraging BART parkers is also a concern. Safeway's Real Estate Manager Todd Paradise did not respond to repeated queries from the Lamorinda Weekly.

Some of the questions residents have are, will the lot be patrolled, and will employees have stickers to identify their vehicles?

It is unknown when demolition will begin.

## More Downtown Parking on the Way

In other parking news, city leaders are exploring two downtown locations for public lots.

In late March, the city agreed to pay half of the cost of an appraisal for the nearly half-acre Oak Bridge parking lot at the corner of First Street and Golden Gate Way. The 27 parking spaces could be used to relieve pressure on the Lafayette Library and Learning Center and the Park Theater next door should it reopen. Once the appraisal determines the cost, the city may or may not choose to enter into negotiations with the sellers.

In addition, less than six months ago the Lamorinda Weekly reported the City of Lafayette is also investigating an opportunity for more parking at the site of the Barclay Simpson Gallery-Lescure Building adjacent to Diamond Kay on Mt. Diablo Boulevard with a similar strategy to share the cost of an appraisal.

Parking meter funds and enforcement revenue are used to purchase parcels for off-street parking. That balance is currently over \$1 million.

## Is Going Green Worth the Green When Remodeling?

By Cathy Tyson

With Earth Day right around the corner, it's a time to reflect on how homeowners and apartment dwellers, along with the City of Lafayette, weigh the costs and benefits of making sustainable choices. Are residents willing to

spend a bit more to go green?

Obviously, most residents have a budget and do the math when making choices about replacing appliances or in the course of a major, or even minor, remodel. Designer Laura Arkell at Douglass Designs wholeheartedly agrees that the majority of their clients absolutely make green choices that are functional as well as beautiful, even if it may cost a bit more, since they are looking for quality finishes that will stand the test of time.

Moraga resident Judy Rowland did a significant amount of research on all the components of their remodel, looking at, as she puts it, "price and saving the planet," and took into account long term energy savings. Ultimately she and husband Jon, who plan to stay in their home for many years to come, opted to replace all their windows, install a tankless water heater, select energy efficient kitchen appliances and put in an attic fan. They are very happy with the overall results,



Laura Arkell shows a Guildstone countertop and sink in the Douglass Design showroom that is made with 60 percent organic materials. Photo C. Tyson but pleasantly surprised at the fan, based contractor Bob McLaughlin of McLaughlin Renovation and Construction to update a small downtown apartment complex. Lafayette landlords John and Suzie Bannister used Moraga-

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