

Outpouring of community support to preserve Leo's legacy of kindness



Photo Pippa Fisher

The tribute at the entrance to Burton Valley Elementary School tells of a selfless, kind child who was a friend to everyone, and urges others to "Live Like Leo."

By Pippa Fisher

The notes and posters left as a tribute at the entrance to Burton Valley Elementary School tell of the sweet, selfless boy who lost his life in a fatal bicycle accident July 28. A memorial foundation set up to honor his memory is growing by the day, reflecting the outpouring of love and support from the community.

Ten-year-old Leo Cellura touched everyone he met in his short life with kindness, inclusivity and empathy. Based on these principles that Leo embodied, his parents

now hope to honor his memory with the Live Like Leo Memorial Foundation.

According to the fundraiser organizers, the foundation will reward young people for kindness, selflessness, and empathy rather than on their accomplishments, seeking instead "to build and support decent humans who care for others before themselves – and hopefully create whole communities of young people who live like Leo did."

At time of going to press the foundation had raised \$203,379 in just over two weeks.

Those wishing to donate in Leo's memory should go to www.gofundme.com/f/leo-cellura-memorial-scholarship-fund

Three spots open; four candidates contesting for city council

The Nov. 3 election will see three seats open on the Lafayette City Council, following Mayor Mike Anderson and Council Member Steven Bliss' announcement that they will not be running for office.

Council Member Cam Burks is also up for reelection.

Four candidates have filed papers to run for the three seats – Cam Burks (incumbent), Carl Anduri, Gina Dawson, and Farschad Farzan. - P. Fisher

BLM rock garden becomes Lafayette's latest art installation

The Lafayette City Council approved plans to move a middle school student's anti-racism artwork to a more permanent location.

As reported in the Aug. 5 issue of this paper, Adam Dolberg's message of inclusivity created with painted rocks alongside the Lafayette-Moraga Trail has been repeatedly vandalized. The relocation of the art, to a site near the Community Center, approved together with input from the Public Art Commit-

tee, is in recognition of the young man's dedication.

Adam agreed to a simple, extendable, two-year contract for monitoring, and maintenance of the rock garden.

Thanking Adam for his patience with the city's processes in getting the relocation approved, Mayor Mike Anderson commented, "You are a recognized artist – it is a great concept and we want it done correctly."

- P. Fisher

PG&E hydrostatic testing in downtown Lafayette

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"Untested transmission pipeline runs counter to state laws passed after San Bruno's tragic gas incident."

Members of the GSTF are glad the utility is receiving audits from the CPUC, the first of which was completed in June. "Untested, high pressure, vintage pipeline under busy downtown roads has long been a red flag for us," says Dawson. "Prior to the (June) audit, PG&E had no testing schedule for down-

town pipelines until 2026. Due to the long list of GSTF safety concerns, the CPUC added a second audit week for December of this year."

The utility informed the city of the work on Aug. 7, just days before work started Aug. 11, but Sarkissian says they had in fact already notified roughly 1,500 customers in the immediate area of construction, and had been working closely with the city on the project for some time for permitting and planning purposes.



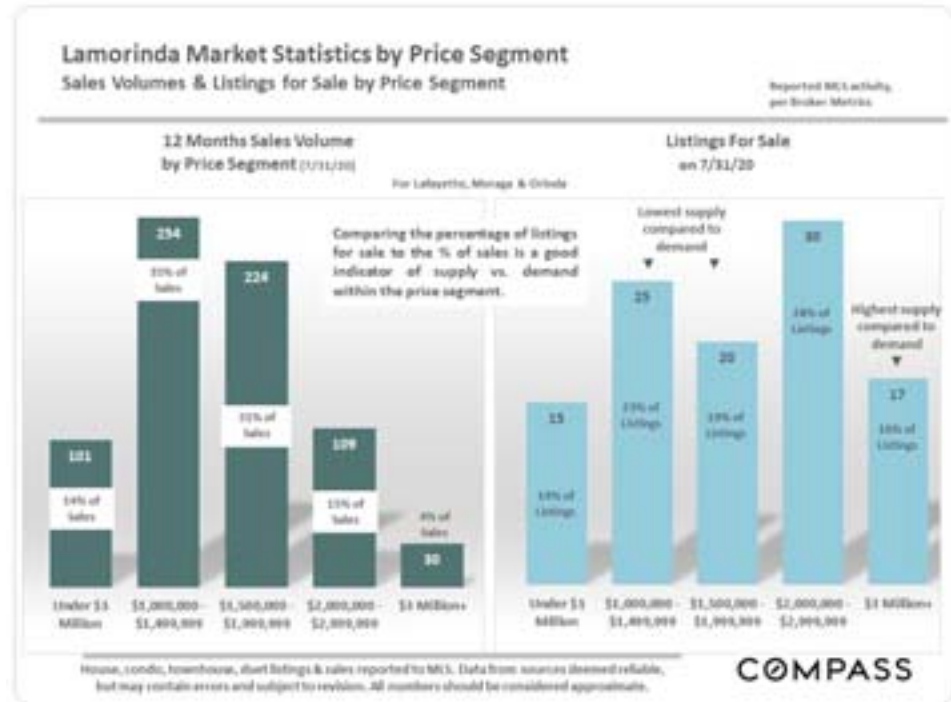
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Lafayette Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m.
Teleconference via City of Lafayette's YouTube Channel:
<http://bit.ly/LoveLafayetteYouTube>

Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Don Tatzin Community Hall

Design Review

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m.
Lafayette Library & Learning Center.
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Arts & Science Discovery Room