

LAFAYETTE'S SAFE, CONNECTED, PLAYFUL FUTURE

The City Council recently set priorities for the new fiscal year which starts in July. They reflected on the community's needs—both current and future—and also reviewed the City's budget to better understand available resources. The Council unanimously identified three key priorities:

- 1 Wildfire prevention and preparedness will remain a primary goal, ensuring our community is ready to respond effectively in an emergency.
- 2 Advancing Mt. Diablo Boulevard corridor planning and related downtown improvements will ramp up in 2026.
- 3 Planning for our recreational future is a new focus and will address the needs of the aging Community Center building and the shortage of athletic fields in a fiscally sustainable way.



In this issue, you'll find more information about the challenges of maintaining our busy Community Center and other City facilities, updates on plans for a more connected and vibrant downtown, and a few reminders to get outside—whether that's exploring the trails in Community Park or enjoying all that downtown has to offer.

All of these efforts depend on strong community engagement. We encourage you to stay connected and look for opportunities to get involved as we continue working together to make Lafayette an even better place to live, work, and visit. To stay in the know, sign up for the Weekly Roundup e-newsletter

www.lovelafayette.org/e-notification (After you sign up, look for a confirmation email and add enotifications@ci.lafayette.ca.us to your safe senders list.)



CONTEMPLATING THE FUTURE OF OUR AGING COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center has long been an important gathering place for Lafayette residents, supporting a wide range of programs, events, and community activities. While the stand-alone Jennifer Russell Building (opened in 2015) remains in good condition, the main building at the Community Center tells a different story.

The facility was constructed in the 1950s as an elementary school and converted to the Community Center in the 1980s. It has reached the end of its useful life and is increasingly costly to maintain, requiring at least \$16 million during the next 20 years.

While these investments would keep the building operational, they would not modernize the facility or address its underlying limitations. In practical terms, this means committing substantial resources to an aging structure without achieving long-term value.

For that reason, the City is beginning discussions about potential options for reconstruction or replacement of the Community Center. This work will focus on identifying a

long-term approach that better aligns with community needs while making prudent use of public funds.

To stay informed about this process and opportunities for public involvement, sign up for "Community Center Future Planning News" at: www.lovelafayette.org/e-notification



MAINTAINING THE SPACES OUR COMMUNITY RELIES ON

The not-so-glamorous work behind great public spaces



In 2024, Lafayette voters approved the temporary Measure H half-cent sales tax, allowing the City to stabilize its day-to-day operations and address a previously identified structural budget deficit for the next several years. With that stability now in place, the City has been able to take a closer and more comprehensive look at another important issue: the long-term maintenance and replacement of City facilities.

A recently completed citywide facilities assessment evaluated the condition of our infrastructure and what it will take

to maintain it over the next 20 years. The study included the Community Center, the Police Station, the Corporation Yard and the Library as well as all the parks and trails. As a result, we identified a significant gap between current funding levels and the amount needed for long-term capital maintenance—often referred to as “deferred maintenance.” The most pressing concern is the aging Community Center (see front page).

To address these challenges, the City has already begun taking action to close these gaps.

With support from Measure H, the City is:

- Investing an additional \$400,000 a year—adjusted by 3.5% each year to keep pace with inflation—to increase long-term maintenance funding for the City’s buildings, parks and trails, bringing the total first year investment to \$855,000.
- Continuing road repair and maintenance through the annual Road Paving Program (this year includes \$1 million in Measure H funding toward projects repairing more than 20 neighborhood streets).
- Setting aside \$2.25 million for parks capital maintenance that will be necessary in the next 3 years.
- Establishing a new \$75,000 annual fund dedicated to trail maintenance
- Evaluating options for the Community Center, including potential reconstruction or replacement

We are grateful to Lafayette voters for approving Measure H. These funds have allowed the City not only to stabilize operations, but also to begin making critical investments in maintaining and improving our facilities—without reducing core services.

NEW WAYFINDING SIGNS ADDED TO COMMUNITY PARK TRAILS

Lafayette’s trails offer residents and visitors a chance to experience the beautiful hills and open spaces that define our community. To make it easier to explore Community Park’s trail network, the City’s Trails Subcommittee has recently installed new wayfinding markers.

There’s plenty to discover within the park’s 68 acres, including oak woodlands, open grasslands, and two eucalyptus groves, along with remnants of historic walnut and pear orchards. Along the way, you can enjoy views of Las Trampas Creek, Grizzly Creek, and Burton Valley—and may even spot local birds and wildlife.

The Trails Subcommittee helps inspect and maintain Lafayette’s trail system, often partnering with volunteers from local organizations on maintenance and improvement projects. To learn more about the Parks, Trails and Recreation (PTR) Commission, visit: www.lovelafayette.org/PTRC



Scan (or click) the QR Code to see a map of Community Park.

MAPPING MOVEMENT DOWNTOWN: *A Plan for Pedestrians, Bikes and Cars*

The City has begun work on a new plan to guide how people move through downtown Lafayette—whether walking, biking, taking transit, or driving. The Mt. Diablo Boulevard Corridor Multimodal Mobility Plan (“M3”) will create a shared vision for how people in our downtown move around the vibrant mixed-use corridor over the next 20 years.

At its core, M3 is about making it easier and more appealing to get around downtown—whether you’re heading to school, meeting friends, shopping, or catching BART. The goal is to identify where and how improvements to the transportation network can:

- Make everyday trips easier without a car, including safer and more convenient options for walking, biking, and accessing transit
- Enhance the downtown experience, support local businesses and create a more welcoming, community-oriented environment
- Reduce reliance on private vehicles over time, particularly as Lafayette continues to grow

The plan area extends from Acalanes Road to Pleasant Hill Road and includes the Lafayette BART station and the City’s commercial core—the heart of shopping, dining, recreation, and community events.



M3 will build on previous studies and ongoing projects, while also planning for the future. Over the next several years, Lafayette is expected to see new housing—much of it located along the corridor—making it even more important to thoughtfully plan today how people will move through downtown tomorrow.

Working with a consultant team and the community, the City will develop a comprehensive, long-term plan that identifies and prioritizes projects, programs, and policies to guide future investment.

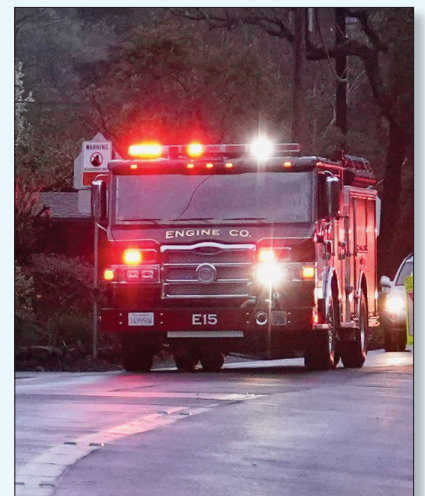
To stay informed about M3 and opportunities to get involved, sign up for updates at: www.lovelafayette.org/e-notification or visit: www.lovelafayette.org/M3

INSTALLING A PREPAREDNESS MINDSET

Disasters can strike at any time—are you ready? Lafayette has prioritized emergency preparedness, particularly the dangers of wildfires, for a number of years. We will further those efforts through:

- Continued community outreach on how to mitigate hazards and be prepared for wildfire. Topics include emergency alert notifications, wildfire evacuations, and encouraging residents to take steps to better prepare themselves, their household, and their neighborhood
- Continued training of Lafayette staff to maintain and grow our emergency response and management skills
- Working with Contra Costa Fire on mitigating hazards in town and encouraging residents to lower their risk of wildfire damage by hardening their homes
- Teaming up with our mutual aid partners including Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services, Lamorinda CERT, American Red Cross and others.

Visit www.lovelafayette.org/Ready for more information.





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CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

On July 4, 2026, the United States will mark the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Communities across the country—including Lafayette—will be celebrating this historic milestone.

The City is partnering with the Lafayette Historical Society on a special July event highlighting the role of France in the American Revolution, including the contributions of our town's namesake, the Marquis de Lafayette who came to America at just 19 to support the Revolution and was instrumental in securing an increase in French support for America's battle for its freedom. More details will be shared soon—stay tuned to the City's website for updates. In the meantime, you can "visit" the Marquis (or at least his statue) in Lafayette Plaza during some fun upcoming events, including Lafayette Chamber of Commerce's Artisan Walk (May 9), Taste of Lafayette (May 19) and Rock the Plaza concert series (June 5, 12 & 26).



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WE'RE ROLLING OUT THE WELCOME MAT FOR NEWCOMERS

This year, the Lafayette Juniors, a local nonprofit organization, partnered with the City and the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation to welcome new residents and help connect them with important resources in town including ways to get involved in the Lafayette community.



If you are a new Lafayette resident (in the last year or so), we hope you will drop by the next *Hello Lafayette* event on July 30. Explore tables hosted by key community partners and local organizations. There will be light refreshments and activities for the kids.



To RSVP and receive an event reminder, scan the QR Code.



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