



**Notes from the City:  
Mayor Brandt Andersson**

The good news is that when the final numbers came in for the recently completed 2009-10 budget year, the City had a modest surplus. Our budget for 2010-11 is also balanced, if only marginally.

The bad news is that these budgets do not represent a stable situation. The City's finances are under pressure from a continuing backlog of unrepaired failed roads. Because of unfunded retirement obligations, the County is under the pressure to increase the cost of the police contracts it has with several cities, including Lafayette. The State will continue to search for ways to tap into local funds. Revenues show no sign of recovering their pre-recession vitality.

The bottom line is that the City is looking at future deficits and reduced reserves over the next few years, even without significantly addressing the failed roads or other unfunded needs. While we have found ways to reduce expenses to match our resources so far, the trends are not promising. Without a new revenue source, our reserves will fall over the next few years, and it will become increasingly difficult to continue to provide the fundamental services our citizens expect.

For the past several months, the City Council has been considering a property transfer tax (which also requires adoption of a city charter). We have tried to educate the public about the implications of adopting a charter and a transfer tax. It recently came before the Council for consideration for placement on the November ballot. The Chamber offered its support for the proposal, but opposition was vocal. Because a general tax cannot (by definition) include a specific expenditure plan, it was very difficult to raise a campaign group of sufficient size and enthusiasm to provide confidence of passage. With a divided Council, the proposal was tabled indefinitely.

Although the transfer tax proposal is not going forward at this time, our needs have not disappeared. A dialogue must continue to determine how to address the real need for a revenue source to address the City's fundamental services. We expect the Chamber will continue to be an effective participant and partner in that dialogue.

**15th Annual Lafayette  
Art & Wine Festival**  
**September 18 & 19 • 10 am**  
Downtown Lafayette - see page 2.

*Upcoming Events*

No Mixer, Chamber Board Meeting, Green Committee or Business Issues Meetings in August.

**AUGUST**

Tues. August 3 • 6 pm  
**National Night Out  
Against Crime**  
Plaza Park

Thurs. August 12 • 8 am  
**Financial  
Roundtable**  
Chamber

Fri. August 13 • 6 pm  
**Rock the Plaza -  
STAGEFRITE**  
Plaza Park

Thurs. Aug. 19 • 8:30 am  
**Entrepreneur's Club**  
Chamber

Fri. August 20 • 6 pm  
**Rock the Plaza  
PACIFIC-COAST BAND**  
Plaza Park

Thurs. August 26 • 5 pm  
**Ribbon Cutting  
Lava Pit Fire Grill**  
3647 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Fri. August 27 • 6 pm  
**Rock the Plaza  
TOTAL ECLIPSE**  
Plaza Park

**SEPTEMBER**

Mon. Sept. 6  
**Office Closed**  
Labor Day Holiday

Thurs. Sept. 9 • 5 pm  
**Ribbon Cutting  
Alternatives For Animals**  
1042 Brown Ave.

Tues. Sept. 14 • 12:30 pm  
**Shop Lafayette  
Committee**  
Chamber

Wed. Sept. 15 • 12 noon  
**Green Committee**  
Chamber

Thurs. Sept. 16 • 8:30 am  
**Entrepreneur's Club**  
Chamber

Sat. Sept. 18 • 10 am  
**15th Annual  
Art & Wine  
Festival**  
Downtown Lafayette

Sun. Sept. 19 • 10 am  
**15th Annual  
Art & Wine  
Festival**  
Downtown Lafayette

Mon. Sept. 20  
**Office Closed**

Fri. Sept. 24 • 8 am  
**Business Issues  
Govt. Affairs  
Meeting**  
Chamber

*September Mixer*

**Wed., Sept 1. • 5:30pm**  
**Blodgett's Abbey Carpet & Flooring**  
3291 Mt. Diablo Ct.

# LAFAYETTE ART, WINE (and a wee bit of music) FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 15 YEARS IN LAFAYETTE

September 18 & 19 • 10 am Downtown Lafayette



It is hard to miss the chamber's little sidewalk sale every year on the third weekend in September. Think of it as Lafayette's "end of the summer" party. 350 artists & vendors, 500 cases of wine, 125 kegs of beer, 15 of the Bay Areas premiere bands, and Contra Costa's largest collection of recyclables. Lafayette's Small Town Charm is the backdrop for one of the Bay Areas largest Festivals. It is a chance to walk through the footprint of the event along Lafayette Circle and Mt. Diablo Blvd. Check out our local businesses and the many artists that join us. And get a chance to say hey to your neighbors. For more information, please visit [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org) or join us on Facebook.

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2010 ART & WINE FESTIVAL SPONSORS

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### It's your turn to step up and get involved!

Petitions to run for the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will be available at the Chamber Office, 100 Lafayette Circle beginning August 1st. They will also be distributed in this newsletter. The petition must be signed by five current Chamber members and returned to the chamber office by September 17. The term of office for the new Directors will be January, 2011 through December, 2012. Voting will take place between October 1-20. Ballots will be mailed to all Chamber members and will be inserted into the October Newsletter.

The Chamber Board, comprised of 17 elected representatives, 2-3 appointed directors-at-large, and a number of non-voting advisors, is the policy making arm of the Chamber and has final authority in all decisions affecting the organization. Our 2011 Chamber President-Elect is Steve Cortes, Cortese Investment Company, Board members are required to attend, at their expense, the annual Planning retreat in November and monthly Board meetings. In addition, they are expected to actively serve on at least one Chamber committee. For more information or to obtain a petition, call the Chamber office at 284-7404.



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.7 a.m.-7 p.m.  
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### LAFAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and maintain a healthy business climate and to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Lafayette.

### 2010 Officers EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### President of the Board:

Caesar Perales, CPA

#### 1st Vice President:

Steve Cortese,  
Cortese Investment Company

#### Executive Committee:

Larry Blodgett,  
Blodgett's Abbey Carpet & Flooring  
Dennis Garrison,  
Oakwood Athletic Club  
Stacy Spell, Oakwood Athletic Club  
Barbara Townsend, Futures Explored

#### Immediate Past

#### Chairman of the Board:

Tony Eichers,  
Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa

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## DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN / EIR SCHEDULE

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**August** – no meetings

### **Tuesday, September 7**

Planning Commission - Final Review of EIR

### **Monday, September 13**

PC gives update to the City Council

### **Monday, September 20**

PC workshop (Shield Block) with Design & Review Commission

All meetings begin at 7pm at the Lafayette Library.

## Chamber Forum/Health Reform



Colleen Callahan spoke on how the new health care reform will impact businesses at a recent breakfast seminar held at the La Finestra Restaurant (located at 100 Lafayette Circle) presented by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and Kosich & Callahan Insurance Services. For questions, please contact Colleen at 284-3911 or visit their website at [www.kosich.com](http://www.kosich.com).



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### MAY & JUNE

*More than Five Years continued.*

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Real Estate

#### **More than Thirty Years**

Desco Development Co.

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Mark Shaw  
Sutter East Bay Medical  
Foundation

#### **More than Twenty-five Years**

Happy Days Learning Center  
The Grapevine –  
Coupon Books

#### **More than One Year**

Alain Pinel Realtors  
Assistforce LLC  
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Medical Group  
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Contractor  
C.E.M. Development Inc.  
Contra Costa Interfaith  
Housing  
D/A Financial Group  
Dechen Designs  
Dr. Stephen Mulligan /  
Dr. Michelle Coleman

#### **More than Twenty Years**

Costco Wholesale  
Fastframe of Lafayette  
Lamorinda Floors  
Saint Mary's College  
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Papillon Gourment Coffees  
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Agency  
Town Hall Theatre  
Company  
U.S. Postal Service  
Wendy Tamis, Harpist

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HomeStyle  
L & L Bookkeeping  
Solutions, Inc.  
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Deanhardt  
Marie Callender's  
McCaulou's  
Mike Hutslar  
Mike Wilson – State Farm  
Moraga Royale  
Mosaic Financial Partners,  
Inc.

#### **More than Ten Years**

Bryn Rowe Landscaping  
Design  
Merchant Services of  
Lafayette  
Oakwood Athletic Club  
St. Perpetua Church

Nibblers Eatery & Wine Bar  
Orinda Motors  
POS Card Systems  
Professional Automotive,  
LLC  
Radstons Office Plus  
Restoration Piano by  
Benjamins Piano Tuning

#### **More than Five Years**

Bodin Associates  
Carey Tax Services, Inc.  
Central Self Storage  
Diablo Publications  
Generations in Jazz  
Junior League of Oakland-  
East Bay, Inc.  
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Conferences, LLC  
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Millies Kitchen *continued...*

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StarrForce  
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Sustainable Lafayette  
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The Heritage Pointe  
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Orinda Branch  
Watson Setzer Real Estate  
Partners LLC  
Western Career College  
Yogurt Shack  
Youth Homes, Inc.  
Zischke Leland Financial

## JUNE MIXER Lafayette Health Club



L to R: Laurie Muggee, Debbie Swigert, owner of Lafayette Health Club and Kathy Korpel.

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce celebrated with Lafayette Health Club and Lamorinda Music at the June mixer to showcase the Lafayette Health Club's recently remodeled facility. Chamber members and guests were serenaded with musical performances by Julia Glide and Laura Zucker. Lafayette Health Club has been in business over 29 years! Stop by the club at 85 Lafayette Circle or visit their website at [www.lafayettehealthclub.com](http://www.lafayettehealthclub.com).

Thanks to the businesses who donated prizes for our raffle, Lafayette Health Club, Lamorinda Music, Mechanics Bank, Orinda Motors, Alternatives for Animals, Skin Care by Timberly, Contra Costa Times, Town Hall Theater, and Laura Zucker.

### FREE BUSINESS RESOURCE

Free business counseling is available through the Chamber office with SCORE business counselors. SCORE counselors have a wealth of experience in all facets of business and are available as often as needed. Contact the Chamber office at 284-7404 to schedule an appointment.



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## Member Spotlight - Lafayette Health Club

Lafayette Health Club is proud to be celebrating 29 years of service in health & fitness to the Lamorinda community! Debbie Swigert, LHC's sole owner since its doors opened in 1981, is passionately committed to assisting members in achieving a healthy, balanced lifestyle by providing a non-intimidating, friendly community oriented club to work out in. LHC's helpful and caring staff, convenient location and unique facility are the perfect match for anyone interested in a health club "where the people are real and so are the results".

Over the past 3 decades, Deb has kept LHC up-to-date and on the cutting edge, offering and teaching the latest and most popular activities the fitness industry has to offer. Lafayette Health Club offers a wide range of classes and services including Personal Training, private and group Pilates Equipment and Mat instruction, Zumba, Spin, Strength Training, Yoga, Circuit, Nutrition & Weight Loss and much more! Currently LHC is promoting "LHC's Summer Blast Off!" which encourages members to get out and explore California on any of the pre-selected routes. For the gym-bound crowd, we offer an alternate of spinning, running and taking LHC classes to participate. Points are earned for miles travelled which culminate in prizes for those who do their best!

Debbie Swigert has always been active, starting with competitive swimming in her youth. At age 25, Debbie opened LHC and also began aerobics (remember Step?!), weight lifting and running. By her 30's, Debbie was back into competing year-round with Masters Swimming. In her 40's, Deb decided to expand her athletic horizons and began racing mountain bikes and competing in road and mountain bike triathlons, where she was a frequent age-group winner. While still swimming competitively, she managed to stay in the top 10 in the nation, in her age group, in the 200-yard butterfly.

Now in her 50's, Deb has had to curtail her activities to accommodate some injuries and physical limitations. Instead of running mountain trails, she and her husband hike. Instead of swimming competitively, she now swims for fitness and the pure joy of being in the water.

As Debbie says: "Activities change as you age. You don't have to stop, you just have to regroup and do a little mental adjustment, JUST KEEP MOVING!!!"

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info@storycraftshop.com  
www.storycraftshop.com  
Contact: Michelle S. Badejo

The Storycraft Workshop is a craft studio where you can explore the corners of your imagination with fun animation, writing, and craft projects. Their workshops give kids an opportunity to develop creative thinking skills and discover talents. Workshops are held all year round at their charming new studio on Oak Hill Rd.

### BANKS

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### BEAUTY SALONS & SERVICES

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onlyonefrankie@gmail.com  
Contact: Joan Huddleston

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### CHIROPRACTORS

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602-500 (phone) 602-5003 (fax)  
olsonchiropractic@hotmail.com  
www.drheidio.com  
Contact: Dr. Heidi Olson

### CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

#### **Green Buddha**

Moraga, Ca 94563  
858-6069 (phone) continued...

#### **Green Buddha** continued.

danadowell@me.com  
www.thegreenbuddha.net  
Contact: Dana Windatt

The Green Buddha eco-friendly line of clothing and accessories were created by the Mother-Daughter team of Jeanne Dowell, Orinda and Dana Dowell Windatt, Moraga. Both have had amazing results practicing the principals of Gratitude in their lives. The founders hope that the Green Buddha line will reflect and inspire a spirit of Gratitude in both the user and the user's sphere of influence and raise one's consciousness to higher values.

### HEALTH CARE/WELLNESS

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Founded by fifteen-year cancer veteran, Ronni Shehorn-Maestas, introtocancer.com is a two-part website: your introduction to cancer plus a store filled with items to make your journey easier or just make you smile. This is the information Ronni and her loved ones wish they had before she began her cancer journey. Use coupon code LCC before September 30, 2010 and get free USPS Priority Mail Shipping.

### PUBLISHERS / PUBLICATIONS

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### Local Happenings

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www.localhappeningsccc.com  
Contact: April Webber

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#### **Bookmark Cafe**

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Contact: Laura Stengel

### WINES / LIQUORS

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Academy Culinary Wines works with chefs to craft wine blends for people who like to cook with good wine. They source high quality table wines from wineries all throughout California, Oregon and Washington and blend them to achieve the ideal flavor profile for different types of everyday gourmet cooking.

## RIBBON CUTTING Fuz Restaurant

Stephen Dill, owner of Fuz Restaurant celebrated with a ribbon cutting along with the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce members. Stephen will be planning his one year anniversary in August. Please stop by to experience his wonderful cuisine at 3707 Mt. Diablo Blvd. or check out his website at [www.fuzrestaurant.com](http://www.fuzrestaurant.com).



## RIBBON CUTTING Risk Concepts

Mike and Kelli Robertson owners of Risk Concept Insurance Brokers, Inc. and staff celebrated their return to Lafayette with friends and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Thanks for all the scrumptious appetizers and libations Kelli and Mike. Check out their website at [WWW.rcibrokers.com](http://WWW.rcibrokers.com). Their office is located at 3732 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite #375; you can reach them at 283-8204.



## RIBBON CUTTING Lafayette Car Wash

Jess and Theresa Wellen celebrated 20 years of business in Lafayette with a ribbon cutting at their Lafayette Car Wash. The Lafayette Chamber members, friends and family dined on scrumptious treats from Susan Foord Catering. Please stop by to wish them all the best at 3319 Mt. Diablo Blvd. or visit their website at [www.lafayettecarwash.com](http://www.lafayettecarwash.com).



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## RIBBON CUTTING Lafayette Physical Therapy

Valerie Watase, Jill Watase and staff of Lafayette Physical Therapy celebrate their new location at 3468 Mt. Diablo Blvd. (Corporate Terrace) with a ribbon cutting with the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.



## Business Briefs.....

**Fastframe of Lafayette**, a mainstay in downtown Lafayette for 19 years, on August 10th will join the many small businesses who call Brown Avenue home. Fastframe opened in 1991 on Moraga Road, moved to its current location in The Clocktower Building, and was purchased in 1999 by original employee Anthony Ruiz. The charming Brown Avenue location is easily accessible from Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Deer Hill Road and has ample free parking. A Grand Re-Opening Celebration is slated for October. For more information contact Anthony at 283-7620, email him at fastframe229@astound.net, and follow "Fastframe of Lafayette" on Facebook.

**Ready to learn secrets of elite athletes?** Bring your running to "race-ready" levels & test yourself in one of Northern California's best 10K events? Personal Trainer & Run Coach Tony Salinaro is announcing a 12-week program, pointing to the Lafayette Reservoir Run 10k, Oct. 31st. Attend a meeting, Wed. Aug. 4th at Lafayette Health Club, 6:30pm. Tony will be explaining Runfitter Training, how he works, the training structure & answer any questions.

**Welcome to the Bay Area Bookmobile** - the "Independent Bookstore on Wheels" - the new incarnation of Lafayette Book Store. Starting in August, you can visit Big Blue and their staff (with their great staff recommendations!) at Fastframe of Lafayette on Brown Avenue They'll be popping up at farmers markets and festivals and schools and book clubs and wherever they're invited all over the Bay Area, selling a selection of new or used books, customized for each appearance. For more info about The Bay Area Bookmobile or to see where we're going to pop-up next, follow them on their facebook page (just search for "The Bay Area Bookmobile").

**Last Call to advertise in The Official Coupon Book of The Lafayette Art & Wine Festival.** Ten thousand coupon books will be placed in wine and beer glasses and distributed at key Glass and Ticket Booths. Coupon books will be filled with offers from Lafayette Chamber of Commerce members, Festival vendors and other area merchants. For more information call 925-284-2651 or go to [http://www.thegrapevinecouponbook.com/Lafayette\\_Art\\_Wine.pdf](http://www.thegrapevinecouponbook.com/Lafayette_Art_Wine.pdf)

**Douglah Designs**, the area's premier full service kitchen and bath showroom would like to announce it is moving at the end of August. The entire staff is excited about the new showroom; it will be filled with beautiful new displays showcasing a number of new and exciting lines! After the first of September everyone is invited to come by and see the new face of Douglah Designs at 3586 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Also, please join us on December 8th for the Lafayette Chamber mixer. [www.douglahdesigns.com](http://www.douglahdesigns.com).

**La Finestra Ristorante** is now serving dinner seven nights a week. Lunch is served Monday through Friday and there is a private banquet room available at no charge that seats up to 40 people. They are conveniently located at 100 Lafayette Circle, Suite #101 in Lafayette. There is no corkage fee on Monday nights. Please visit their website at [www.LaFinestraRistorante.com](http://www.LaFinestraRistorante.com). For reservations please call 284-5282.

**EDD Workforce Services** is sponsoring the 4th Annual 'Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet' Job Fair on September 23, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is FREE to employers and open to all military veterans and the pub-

lic. Of note is that employers can receive a tax credit for employing Veterans (dependable, fast learning, team players) at their companies. Contact Howard Goldsmith at (925) 602-5034 or [howard.goldsmith@edd.ca.gov](mailto:howard.goldsmith@edd.ca.gov) for details and registration.

**Alternatives for Animals**, located at 1042 Brown Avenue in Lafayette, will be holding an Open House on Saturday, September 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be demonstrations on acupuncture, chiropractic care, acupressure, cranial sacral therapy and more, as well as an "Ask the Doctor" session where questions about the health of your family pet can be answered. Due to space constraints this will be a "people only" open house but everyone will receive a goodie bag to take home to their pet. Come and meet Dr. Rettig and tour our wellness center. For more information please call (925) 283-6160.

**Office/Retail space available** - Two offices in 1113 usable space located on Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. Contact Ken Kosich at 284-3911 or email [kkosich@kosich.com](mailto:kkosich@kosich.com).

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• following expenses: modernize technology, new helmets & pads;  
• weight room upgrades; new uniforms and new safety equip-  
• ment. They offer five levels for supporters - Lifetime Platinum  
• \$5,000, Platinum \$1,000, Gold \$750, Silver \$500 and Bronze  
• \$250. Along with being listed in their game programs, banners  
• will be displayed at the entrance of the football stadium to thank  
• donors for their generous contributions. Thank you to the fol-  
• lowing these local businesses who have already contributed, JV  
• LUCAS PAVING, BIG O TIRES, DIABLO FOODS, OAKWOOD  
• ATHLETIC CLUB, LAFAYETTE PARK HOTEL & SPA, HAMLIN  
• CLEANERS & DIAMOND K SUPPLIES. The deadline for dona-  
• tions is August 31st. Maybe you know an Acalanes Alumni who  
• might also be interested in helping. For additional information  
• contact Steve Setzer - 683-1675 or [stevesetzer@comcast.net](mailto:stevesetzer@comcast.net).  
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## Focus on the Arts.....

**The Lafayette Gallery** is pleased to announce the opening of our new show, Snap, which explores the artist's relationship to photography. The show runs from August 10 through Oct. 9, 2010. Artistic inspiration from photography can take many forms. One artist may chose to explore a photographic image by rendering it closely, another may use it as only a reference. Some artists use the actual photographic print in their art making process - others may collage the image directly into their artwork, and in some cases, the artful eye capturing a moment in time creates a photo that by itself is the work of art. All of these photography inspired art forms may be seen in this exciting new show of work by the 23 artists of the Lafayette Gallery.

**Town Hall Theatre** presents a one-man show by Will Durst hosted by Crisis Hopkins on September 10 & 11. Will Durst is a nationally renowned political comedian based in San Francisco. Sweeping both sides of the aisle with a quiver full of arrows dipped in common sense, Durst transcends party ties. For tickets or more information go to [www.thtc.org](http://www.thtc.org).

## ROCK THE PLAZA AUGUST CONCERTS AT PLAZA PARK

The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, the City of Lafayette and Red House Studios today announced this year's summer music series: "Rock the Plaza".

The 'Rock the Plaza' series will take place Friday nights in August at Lafayette's (Elam & Margaret Brown) Plaza Park at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road. The headliners start at 6:00pm and are presented free of charge. Arrive a little early for a good spot on the lawn. This year's line up:

- **Friday, August 13 - STAGEFRITE**
- **Friday, August 20 - PACIFIC-COAST BAND**
- **Friday, August 27 - TOTAL ECLIPSE**



What's happening on Friday, August 6th, you ask? The Lafayette Summer Music Workshop will be hosting non-stop music being performed from 3:30pm - 9:00pm at Stanley Middle School. The annual jazz camp sponsored by Generations in Jazz features bands made up of this

year's attendees. We'll begin the summer music at Stanley and then move Plaza Park for the next three weeks. For more information about the Summer Jazz Camp please visit [lafayettejazz@wordpress.com](mailto:lafayettejazz@wordpress.com).

Come join us for our fifth Rock the Plaza season. Food and beverages will be available or you can pack a picnic. We will provide the music. Your job is to enjoy yourself! For more information visit [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org) or call 925-284-7404

## CLASSIC COVERS CUP 2010

Red House Studios and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce are throwing down the gauntlet and challenging all you aging musicians to show us what you have got! This summer, we are holding a "Battle of the Dad Bands." Preliminary & Final rounds will be held at Red House Studios in Walnut Creek through August. What's in it for winner you ask? Bragging Rights of course and a chance to earn a spot as the opening act for this year's Lafayette Art & Wine Festival and a check for \$1,000. Guests are welcome to attend the contest. A portion of the money raised at the door will be donated to our main beneficiary of the Art & Wine Festival - LASF. For more information, visit, <http://redhouselive.com>.

## Thursday Nights are Village Nights in Lafayette

Now that we have the Contra Costa Certified Market setting up in Plaza Park each Thursday night through September 30th, we invite our residents and businesses to celebrate the additional foot traffic downtown by turning Thursday nights into your night to come downtown, stroll by the shops, run some errands, have dinner in one of our award winning restaurants, visit the Library and pick up some healthy food at the Farmers' Market.

## July Mixer

### Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette



Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette was the site for our mixer in July. Walnut Creek, Orinda, Moraga and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce joined us for a very well attended event. The collection of donations for the Marine Corp Care was overwhelming to see. Ed Stephenson and John Wintersteen

were thrilled and look forward to sending the collection of items to the soldiers. Thanks to the following companies who donated food and beverages for the evening - Susan Foord Catering, Willowstone Catering, Ruth Chris Steak House, Academy Culinary Wines and Republic of Cake. The raffle prizes were very much appreciated as the proceeds for the sale of raffle tickets will go to the Veterans! Thank you to the businesses who donated, Ken Young of Moraga, Moraga Safeway, CVS of Moraga, Loris Swim & Sun of Moraga, Loard's Ice Cream of Moraga, Rent a Space & Terzetto's of Moraga, Beans Travel Service of Moraga, Lafayette Car Wash, Dechen Designs, Ruth Chris Steak House, Hunsucker Goodstein & Nelson PC of Lafayette, Orinda Chamber of Commerce, Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Joan Huddleston of Lisa Marie Salon of Lafayette, Merchant Services of Lafayette, Mike Wilson of State Farm of Lafayette, Oneg Corporation of Concord, Risk Concepts Insurance of Lafayette, The Kensington, The Ruth Bancroft Gardens of Walnut Creek, Renaissance ClubSport of Walnut Creek, Manor Care Health Service of Walnut Creek, Mechanics Bank of Lafayette, Terzetto of Moraga, Sonia's Beauty & Body Salon and the Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette. A big thank you to Warren Boschin of Accounting Associates for being the MC for the night and of course to our hard working and supportive Ambassadors who without we could not make events like these happen! Please visit the Veteran Memorial Building in Lafayette's website at [www.lafayetteveterans.org](http://www.lafayetteveterans.org) to learn more about their services.

### 18th Annual Lafayette Reservoir Run



Oct. 31, 2010

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## SAVE THE DATE! 18TH ANNUAL LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR RUN

**HALLOWEEN, October 31, 2010**  
**Downtown Lafayette**

Registration Forms available September 1st and you can pick up your tee-shirts beginning Monday, September 27.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>Aug.</b>	2	3 <b>National Night Out Against Crime</b> 6pm Plaza Park	4	5 <b>Farmers' Market</b> 4pm Plaza Park	6 <b>Jazz Camp Concert</b> 3:30pm Stanley Middle School	7
8	9	10	Thurs., Aug. 12 <b>Financial Roundtable</b> 8am, Chamber		13 <b>Rock the Plaza STAGEFRITE</b> 6pm, Plaza Park	14
15	16	17	Thurs., Aug. 19 <small>LAFAYETTE CHAMBER</small> <b>Entrepreneur's Club</b> <small>An Alliance of Independent Business Professionals</small> 8:30am, Chamber		20 <b>Rock the Plaza PACIFIC-COAST BAND</b> 6pm, Plaza Park	21
22	23	24	Thurs., Aug. 26 <b>Farmers' Market</b> 4pm Plaza Park		27 <b>Rock the Plaza TOTAL ECLIPSE</b> 6pm, Plaza Park	28
29	30	31 <b>Sept.</b>	1 <b>MIXER</b> Blodgett's Abbey Carpet & Flooring 5:30-7pm 3291 Mt. Diablo Ct.	2 <b>Farmers' Market</b> 4pm Plaza Park	3	4
5	6 <b>Chamber Office Closed</b> Labor Day Holiday	7 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> 8am, Chamber	Thurs., Sept. 9 <b>Farmers' Market</b> 4pm, Plaza Park	10 <b>RIBBON CUTTING Alternatives For Animals</b> 5:30-7pm 1042 Brown Ave.	11	12
12	13 <b>Chamber Board</b> 12pm, LPH&S	14 <b>Shop Lafayette Committee</b> 12:30pm, Chamber	15 <b>Green Committee</b> 12 noon Chamber	Thurs., Sept. 16 <small>LAFAYETTE CHAMBER</small> <b>Entrepreneur's Club</b> <small>An Alliance of Independent Business Professionals</small> 8:30am, Chamber		18 <b>15th Annual Art &amp; Wine Festival</b> 10am Downtown Lafayette
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