



**Lafayette Book Store/Dave Simpson
Named Lafayette's
SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

Back in 1998 Dave Simpson bought the struggling Lafayette Book Store, the oldest book store in Contra Costa County. In a retail world where independent businesses, especially book stores, were getting eaten for lunch by the "big box" stores, Dave turned the hometown store into a landmark in Lafayette. With hundreds of book clubs, schools, collectors and friends finding Dave's store to be the place to find the book they were searching for. Dave's staff is widely regarded for their knowledge of books and their ability to put the right books into people's hand.

Here's a review that one his fans posted on the internet: "Great little bookstore. Cozy atmosphere, knowledgeable staff. Something for everyone. Great staff picks table, excellent personalized recommendations, dollar bargain books, extensive selection of used books, used kids for a buck. Stopped in last time I had lunch at Postino restaurant and picked up a copy of Olive Kitteridge and signed up for Book Culture. Ended up getting a copy of the new Pulitzer Prize winner for 8 bucks. Beats 15 dollars, or 10 at Target. For those in the know, this is a program that gives you the absolute cheapest price for every book on the planet. But, shhhh, don't tell anyone, it's our little secret."

"My goal was to create a book store that was truly part of the community," says Dave. "I wanted the store to be a gathering place and for us to play an active role in serving and supporting the community." To that end, over the last ten years Lafayette Book Store has donated more than \$100,000 to local schools, libraries, and non-profit groups. The store has been awarded the Golden Oak Award, the highest honor bestowed by the California PTA, and the Margaret Leshner Memorial Award for Exceptional Community Business Partnerships. The Leshner Award was presented to Dave by Project Second Chance, which is the Contra Costa Libraries Adult Literacy Program. Dave's 1,500 square foot store has also been recognized by the readers of Diablo Magazine as the best Indie Bookstore twice!

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Taste of Lafayette - Tuesday, May 18th

The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Lafayette Community Foundation are once again teaming up for a great night out on the town.

Taste of Lafayette is a tour of Lafayette's finest eateries that lets you sample the signature cuisine of each restaurant. The event begins in Lafayette Plaza at 5:30pm where you will check in, listen to music provided by Red House Studios, enjoy a glass of wine sponsored by Wine Thieves, nosh on appetizers, and get a chance to join in on a spectacular raffle that will raise money for the projects that the Lafayette Community Foundation will fund. Next you can stroll down Lafayette's Restaurant Row on Mt Diablo Blvd. or board the shuttle bus that will take you up and down the boulevard. Between 15-20 local restaurants and catering companies will be participating. At each stop, comes another "taste." Finally, we gather back in the park to enjoy coffee and dessert.



May is Restaurant Row month in Lafayette. Banners line the main drag to remind our community we have a number of award winning restaurants right here in town.

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May Mixer
Wed., May 12, 5:30pm
**Joint Mixer with
Pleasant Hill Chamber
Chateaus of Pleasant Hill**
2770 Pleasant Hill Rd.
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Upcoming Events

Tues. May 11 • 12:30 pm
**Shop Lafayette
Committee**
Chamber Conference Room

Tues. May 11 • 5pm
**Ribbon Cutting
Republic of Cake**
2 Theatre Square, #151, Orinda

Tues. May 11 • 5:30 pm
**Green Business
Open House**
Chamber Conference Room

Thurs. May 13 • 5pm
**Ribbon Cutting
Allstar Medical Supply**
1930 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Walnut Creek

Tues. May 18 • 5:30pm
Taste of Lafayette
Plaza Park

Wed. May 19 • 12 noon
Green Committee
Chamber Conference Room

Thurs. May 20 • 7:30am
**Health Insurance
Seminar**
La Finestra Restaurant
100 Lafayette Circle

Thurs. May 20 • 8:30 am
Entrepreneur's Club
Chamber Conference Room

Thurs. May 20 • 5pm
**Ribbon Cutting &
20th Anniversary Party
Lafayette Car Wash**
3319 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Mon. May 31
**Office Closed
Memorial Day**

Planning Commission Takes Positions on Key Issues in the Downtown Specific Draft Plan

At their April 19 meeting the Planning Commission began to discuss some key components of the DSP Draft that have been debated for the last 10 months. Starting to build consensus the commission took a straw poll and voted 6-0 in favor of not supporting the 25' height limit proposal and a 6-0 vote to eliminate the Menu of Standards from the plan. The chamber has felt it is unethical to "Down Zone" commercial properties. Taking the height down to 25' is simply not fair to the property owners or developers. A financial analysis was prepared by Seifel Consulting to understand the viability of using a list of requirements that had to be met in order for a developer to build beyond 25'. The Seifel report made clear that the menu of standards should not be considered as a tool to guide development in the future. We had checked in with developers to find that most projects would not pencil out under the conditions set in this second draft plan. The Chamber supports the comments the Planning Commission made. Many more meetings are scheduled to continue the DSP discussion. Your Chamber Board of Directors put together a sub-committee to "bird dog" the draft plan. They have been meeting with property owners on a regular basis to keep the interested parties informed. They have also attended and testified at most of the public meetings. You can visit the city website www.ci.lafayette.ca.us to look at the schedule and get details on the process.



Lafayette Green Committee Holds Evening Workshop

Did you know that your chamber has a dedicated group of volunteers working behind the scenes to help local businesses "go green." On Tuesday, May 11 we will be holding an OPEN HOUSE "GREEN WORKSHOP." We will have GREEN COMMITTEE volunteers on hand to help you get started, evaluate your current practices and help you GREEN your business. In 15 minutes, they will be able to evaluate your business and let you know if you qualify as a Lafayette Green Business. Drop in and let our dedicated group guide you. Refreshments will be served. This event is Free and you do not need to register. We will be on hand from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

If you would like to find out more about our LAFAYETTE GREEN program, visit www.lafayettechamber.org.

Celebrating GREEN Businesses in Lafayette

The Lafayette Chamber is proud to salute the following businesses for their outstanding efforts to conserve energy and water, recycle and reduce their waste and prevent pollution. When residents support these businesses, it means they are supporting the efforts to protect our environment.

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Elmwood Stationers • Hair by Melissa • HMR Associates • Lafayette Car Wash & Detail Center

Lafayette City Offices • Lafayette Gallery • Lafayette Tree & Landscaping • Lamorinda Music

Lescure Technology Services • Mechanics Bank • Professional Automotive LLC

Stillpoint Center for Health • Taylor's Nailers Construction Co. • Temple Isaiah

Tom Romaneck Painting Co. • Veterans Memorial Building

And here is a list of all the local businesses that offer green products-

Ace Hardware • Chartreuse Products • Clocks Etc.!! • Contra Costa Certified Farmers' Markets
Diablo Foods • ECOlunch Boxes • Elmwood Stationers • Free Wheelin' Farm • Handlebars Toys

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Bike to Work Day Thursday, May 13

Come help celebrate National Bike Month and California Bike Commute Week in May with Bike to Work Day. The Bay Area's 16th annual Bike to Work Day will take place on Thursday, May 13th, 2010. Bike to Work Day is an event that helps to promote commuting by bicycle. Energizer stations will be open at the Lafayette BART station from 6:30-8:30 a.m and at Plaza Park from 7 - 9 a.m and 3 - 5 p.m. For more information visit: <http://www.511contracosta.org/bike-ped/bike-to-work-day/>

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Jeannette Hanson, the very lovely owner gives all a great welcome and lets you wallow in the wonderland she created here in Lafayette three years ago after being in business in Walnut Creek for 19 years. Even young impertinent persons are welcome in Whippersnappers except don't play on the stairs lest you snap your whipper in a fall.

Whippersnappers is situated in the Happy Valley Shopping Center at 3645 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite B next door to Ware Designs and four doors down from the post office. You can reach Jeannette at 962-0969



Taste of Lafayette continued from page 1.

Chow Restaurant has again made the 2010 Top 100 Bay Area Restaurants published by the San Francisco Chronicle. Chevalier was selected as a 2010 Bib Gourmand Restaurant in the Michelin Guide and along with Artisan Bistro named Best of the East Bay by readers of Diablo Magazine. Add that to the numerous awards won by Pizza Antica, Metro, The Duck Club, The Bistro at the Park, Postino, Uncle Yu's, Amarin Thai, Yankee Pier, Vino and Blue Ginko. This year's exciting new restaurant is Roya's Garlic Garden. Many of these restaurants will be participating in our "Restaurant Walk" on May 18th. This is your chance to try as many restaurants as you can squeeze into two hours. If you would like to view our Taste of Lafayette on YouTube, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r74ISEvnQsl>

Proceeds from the event benefit the Lafayette Community Foundation and the Services and Programs of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. The Community Foundation serves a vital community resource, investing in programs and projects which promote and enhance the civic, cultural, educational and environmental health of Lafayette. The Foundation provides donors the opportunity to build a legacy by investing in Lafayette through identification and support of community needs and organizations.

Tickets for the event will be available through the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, located at 100 Lafayette Circle, Suite 103. Visit our website at www.lafayettechamber.org or call 284-7404. For more information, contact Jay Lifson, Executive Director, Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at 925.284.7404. For more information about the Lafayette Community Foundation, www.lafayettecommunityfoundation.org.

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and become a fan on the Lafayette Chamber Facebook fan page. Then invite all your friends to become a fan too! I'm told it's viral. Sounds scary but it's not. Then we'll start adding all kinds of cool content to the page and you'll be sucked into the vortex and you'll spend endless hours moving from the chamber fan page to the Entrepreneur's Club Fan Page to the TRY LAFAYETTE FIRST fan page to pictures of your girlfriend from high school who's been looking for you for 23 years back to the chamber page and.... You get the picture. What did we do with all our free time before we got connected on line. Oh yeah, I remember, we actually got together. Ouch, I just got poked!

Focus on the Arts

Fastframe of Lafayette features local watercolorist Jenifer Peake Kolkhorst during the month of May. Jenifer, a lifelong gardener, started painting 22 years ago when she wanted to translate the beauty found in the garden into another dimension. Jenifer's paintings have been exhibited at the Moraga and Orinda Libraries and the Bedford Gallery, and she is a member of the California Watercolor Society and Oakland Art Association. FASTFRAME is located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Call owner Anthony Ruiz at 925-283-7620 for more information.

Lafayette Gallery's show "Fresh and Beautiful" - a salute to Spring - continues through May 8. The artists of Lafayette Gallery are pleased to present a show that extols Spring in paintings, collage, prints, ceramics, photography, jewelry and much more. Lafayette Gallery is located at 50 Lafayette Circle. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11am - 5pm. For more information call them at 284-2788 or visit their website - www.lafayettegallery.net.

Town Hall Theatre, to round out its 2009-2010 season, presents the intelligent and accessible play about family, relationships, math, and madness: Proof, by David Auburn. This play has won a slew of awards including a Pulitzer Prize for Drama and a Tony Award for Best Play. Preview performances are June 3 and 4, and runs from June 5 to July 3. For tickets and information call (925) 283-1557 or go to www.TownHallTheatre.com.

Gold Coast Chamber Players presents Fantasy-Phantasies on Saturday, May 22nd at 8 pm at the Community Hall at the Lafayette Library. The program consists of Two Rhapsodies for oboe, viola, and piano by Charles M. Loeffler; Phantasy Quintet for 2 violins, 2 violas, and cello by Ralph Vaughn Williams; Phantasy Quartet for piano, violin, viola, and cello by Frank Bridge and Quintet for oboe and string quartet by Arnold Bax. Tickets are \$10-30 and are available by calling the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce (925) 284-7404 or online at www.gcplayers.org. For information, call 283-3728.

Pacific Chamber Symphony proudly presents "Eroica" and "Aranjuez" Together - program of lyric Romanticism with a Spanish twist. The concert will take place May 22, 2010, 8:00 p.m. at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Pacific Chamber Symphony welcomes world re-known guitarist Paul Galbraith as solo guest artist. Don't miss this zesty season finale as Maestro Lawrence Kohl adds a dash of Spanish flair in Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez" and lyric Romanticism in Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony. The surprising combination will warm the heart. Tickets; \$30 adults, \$26 seniors, \$7 students - Purchase at the Lafayette Chamber.

Lafayette Gallery's announces their new show "Black & White" which runs from May 11 - June 5. The works in "Black & White" have wonderful qualities ranging from stark contrasts to subtle gradations. Elegance emerges from these monochrome works where, without the chaos of color, it is line, shape and pattern that communicate the artists' mood and message. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday 11am - 5pm. For more information call them at 284-2788 or visit their website - www.lafayettegallery.net

APRIL MIXER

Restoration Piano by Benjamins Piano



Steve Benjamins (center) pictured with fellow Chamber members.

What a overwhelming turn out at the April mixer hosted by Steve Benjamins at his fantastic piano shop located at 3434 Golden Gate Way in Lafayette. Beautiful pianos were on display, each one with it's very own personality. We were serenaded during the course of the evening as we sipped libations and tasted lovely appetizers. Chamber members were able to see old friends and meet new ones as well. Thanks to the following Chamber businesses who provided donations for our raffle: Lafayette Car Wash, Skin Care by Timberly, Heritage Bank, Town Hall Theatre, Urban Suburban, Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary, Mary Kay and Get A Gofer. Check out Steve's website at www.restorationpiano.com or call him at 284-3077.

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Concert begins at 8:30pm. For tickets or more information please contact the Town Hall Theatre at www.thtc.com or the chamber at www.lafayettechamber.org You don't want to miss this all Beatles' show. You can say you were there!



APRIL RIBBON CUTTING Lamorinda CrossFit

Luca, Anni and David owners of Lamorinda CrossFit.

Lafayette Chamber members, family and friends of Lamorinda CrossFit gathered at their new location to celebrate. This conditioning and training center offers the Crossfit program that has a community of people that care about your fitness goals. Check out their website at www.LamorindaCrossFit.com or call 284-7404. They are located at 1031 Blackwood Lane.

Dave Simpson continued from page 1.

Dave operates four lines of business out of his store: new books, used books, an online book store, and off site events. But like they say on the Ginzu Knife commercial, "That's not all." Dave finds time to coach High School Lacrosse and sit on the Lafayette Chamber Board of Directors. Dave was the architect who helped us create the TRY LAFAYETTE FIRST and the PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR HOSE IS campaigns. As the economy was beginning to go south, Dave understood the importance of sharing the importance of "shopping local." Lafayette was able to weather the financial storm a lot better than most Bay Area neighborhoods. Dave chairs the chamber's SHOP LOCAL COMMITTEE. He has been a real cheerleader for all our businesses.

Dave will be honored at the annual Small Business Awards Luncheon on Friday, May 7th at the Concord Hilton. Congratulations Dave! In our book, you are one great guy! Thanks for making a difference in our town!

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Allstar Medical Supply continued

Mike founded his first home healthcare company in 1983. He is president of Allstar Oxygen Services in Concord and will be opening Allstar Medical Supply in Walnut Creek this May. After living in Lafayette for 17 years, his family moved to Walnut Creek in 2008.

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Pink Purse is a fresh (and somewhat edgy), energetic company that helps women realize the dream of business ownership. One way they do this is through their seminar, **Your Business Plan is Like a Bra, It Supports Your Every Move**. This seminar teaches women business planning basics in a lively, motivating and engaging environment. Check their website for seminar dates: www.pinkpurse.org. Pink Purse will soon have a non-profit, called the Purse, where they act as investment angels giving start-up grants to women-owned ventures through business plan competitions.

Business Briefs

Fundraiser for Lafayette Library & Learning Center on Wednesday, May 5 - 11am-2pm. The 2nd Annual East meets West - a journey along the SILK Road (Fashion Show & Luncheon featuring Dechen Designs and Bay Area designers) will be held at Veteran's Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Reservation required. Individual seating starting from \$85. Email rsvp@lllcf.org or call Chris at (925) 283-6513, extension 101.

American Cancer Society announces the first annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer for Contra Costa County. They will host a kick-off breakfast on May 13th for team captains to learn more about the non-competitive 5K walk through Heather Farm Park on June 19th. For more information about the event or to receive an invitation to the kick-off breakfast, call (925) 934-7640 option 3 or email makingstridescontracostacounty@cancer.org.

Mt Diablo Business Women Networking Dinner 5:45-8:30pm - May 13th - Lafayette Park Hotel, 3278 Mt Diablo Blvd. Guest Speaker: Jody Bagno-Dill "What Vibe's got to do with it - Better business with better results". For info and registration contact www.mtDiabloBusinessWomen.org. Members - \$37, Guests - \$47. Must register by noon May 10th. Please no walk-ins.

11th Annual Lafayette Kitchen Tour, hosted by the Lafayette Juniors: Saturday, May 15 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$35 (\$25 tax deductible) and are available for purchase in advance through a Lafayette Juniors member or in person at the following locations: Douglass Designs, 3577 Mt. Diablo Blvd., 925/284-4560 or Premier Kitchens, 3373 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 925/283-6500. For more information, go to www.lafayettejuniors.org. This year's major beneficiary is Brighter Beginnings: www.brighter-beginnings.org.

Pink Purse's Business Planning Seminar for Women will be held from 9:00am-11:00am on May 15 at Bing Crosby's Restaurant, 1342 Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek. The seminar, entitled "Your Business Plan is Like a Bra, It Supports Your Every Move" is an inspiring seminar which motivates women to start their own business. Participants will learn the essentials of starting a business, and begin writing their own business plan during the workshop portion of the seminar. This is a great seminar for new & existing businesses. Learn more at: www.pinkpurse.org or call Camille Rose at 787-8906.

Allstar Medical Supply's owner Mike Kuller invites you to join him at the grand opening of his new facility located at 1930 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Walnut Creek (in the old Blockbuster Video building). The celebration is from 10 am - 2:00 pm on Saturday, May 15th. Refreshments will be available.

Lafayette Car Wash & Detail Center celebrates 20th Anniversary on May 20. Champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Jesse, Theresa and Blake Wellen, who operate this family owned and operated business, want to use the occasion to thank the community for their many years of support. The facility has grown from a small car wash to one of the busiest washes and most comprehensive detail facilities in Contra Costa, with services that include Body & Paint Repair, Paintless Dent Removal & Windshield Repair.


The Nurture Center celebrates their 10th year of doing business in Lafayette with a "Family Resource Fair" on Saturday, June 5th - 10am-2pm. Meet Bay Area Birth Educators, Lactation Consultants, Doulas, Childhood Nutritionists, Acupuncturists & more! Huge raffle with prizes including a Dotalier glider, Co-Sleepers, a Medela Adv. Breastpump, Beco Carriers plus much more. All raffle proceeds benefit The Bay Area Crisis Nursery. With guest speakers, live demos, free chair massages - well there's too much fun to list! Free admission. See you there!

11th Annual Best Martini in the East Bay Contest will be held on Monday, June 21st from 6-8 pm at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa sponsored by the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, Diablo Magazine and Effen Vodka. Bartenders from 14 of the area's favorite "watering holes" compete for two awards. Admission: \$25 per person includes two drink tickets. Tickets are available at the door only, and ID will be required for all guests. All proceeds benefit Project Second Chance.


Hospice of the East Bay is looking for volunteers at their Bruns House In-Patient Hospice to fill two 4 hours shifts, weekdays and weekends. Bruns House volunteers receive comprehensive training so that they are confident in carrying out their duties. For more information and a volunteer application call Hospice of the East Bay at (925) 887-5678 and ask for the Volunteer Department or email volunteers@hospiceeastbay.org.

Office space available for rent at 3466 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Suite C-205, Lafayette. An ideal workspace for someone seeking a spacious, furnished one-person office. Choose from two private offices within the suite - office 1 - 160 sq. ft. or office 2 - 117 sq. ft. Rent - \$775-\$875 per mo. Offices are carpeted and furnished, optional amenities include a DSL connection, access to office kitchen, and fax. Located conveniently close to the complex restrooms and ample parking within the complex and close to Highway 24 and BART. Please contact Keiretsu Forum at info@keiretsuforum.com.

Steve Falk, Lafayette City Manager emails a Friday summary most weeks about what is going on in the city. If you are interested in receiving the summary send an email to SFalk@ci.lafayette.ca.us and ask to be added to his list of subscribers. You can also read the Daily Briefing by going to the homepage of the city's website www.ci.lafayette.ca.us.



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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2	3	4 Executive Committee Meeting 8 am Chamber Conference Room	5	6	7 Big Band Dance 7:00 pm Veterans Memorial Building 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	8
Mon., May 10 Chamber Board Meeting 12 pm Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa	Tues., May 11 Ribbon Cutting Republic of Cake 5 pm 2 Theatre Square, #151 Orinda		Green Business Open House 5:30 pm Chamber	Wed., May 12 Joint Mixer with Pleasant Hill Chamber Chateaus of Pleasant Hill 5:30 pm 2770 Pleasant Hill Rd. Pleasant Hill	Thurs., May 13 Ribbon Cutting Allstar Medical Supply 5 pm 1930 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Walnut Creek	15 Concert at the Res 11:00 am Lafayette Reservoir
16	17	18 Taste of Lafayette Plaza Park 5:30 pm	19 Green Committee 12 pm Chamber Conference Room	Thurs., May 20 Health Insurance Seminar 7:30 am La Finestra Restaurant 100 Lafayette Circle	Entrepreneur's Club <small>An Alliance of Independent Business Professionals</small> 8:30 am-Chamber Ribbon Cutting & 20th Anniversary Party! Lafayette Car Wash 5:00 pm 3319 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	22 Sun Kings at Town Hall Theatre 8:30pm
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