

## LAFAYETTE FACES TOUGH CHALLENGE TO RETAIL SALES THIS SUMMER

Beginning June 16, Moraga Road will be closed to through traffic Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5:30 pm for the EBMUD Pipeline Project. The closure of Moraga Road is expected to run through August 22. Ongoing updates regarding the project are available at EBMUD's website at [www.ebmud.com](http://www.ebmud.com) as well as the link on the Chamber website [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org). If you have specific questions regarding the road closure, please contact Nora Harlow at (510) 287-0140 or email [nharlow@ebmud.com](mailto:nharlow@ebmud.com).

In addition to the EBMUD project, the City of Lafayette has approved plans to resurface Mt. Diablo Blvd. between 1st Street (the new Library site) and Mt. View (Trader Joe's). Mt. Diablo will never be closed, however there will be times when the traffic will be narrowed to one lane in each direction. Some sidewalk, curb and gutter work will be done at the same time. Add this to a weakening economy and we are faced with uncertainty and challenges. The Chamber will also have a link to the city website for updates on the Mt. Diablo Blvd. project.

How can you help? Join with the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce in reminding our residents why it is so important to SHOP LOCALLY! Sales tax represents over 25% of our city's general funds. If we allow the road work to keep us from shopping in Lafayette, we stand to lose necessary funds to help pay for our infrastructure.

Consider these incentives for promoting local shopping:

- Shifting just 10% of your purchases to locally owned business, you can start a cycle that creates more jobs, lightens the city's environmental impact, expands your own shopping and entertainment options and builds a stronger local community
- Small businesses donate, on average, 250% more to non-profit organizations than do large business.
- Locally owned businesses tend to be small businesses, which can readily fit into existing store fronts and buildings. Keeping old buildings in use may be the ultimate recycling project

Our local merchants have made a commitment to serving our community. Make a commitment to help them during a difficult time. We are all in this together. The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce will work with the City of Lafayette and EBMUD during the summer to get our members up-to-date information on the roads projects. Now is the time to help each other.

## Lafayette Chamber of Commerce 60 Years



**Ambassador Committee celebrating the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce's 60 years of serving businesses and the community.** Pictured are Scott Hampton, Kathy Barleen, Steve Snyder, Leslie Pfeifer, Barb Conlon, Esther Silvera, Cherie Flanagan, Jerry Compton, Melissa Massoli, Warren Boschin and Sandra Meyers. Camera shy ambassadors, Jacques Bernou, Sonia Chilingirian, Anna Stevenson, Tom Henry, Norma Evans, Kelli Roberston and Dana Rotariu. Thanks to Polly Bernson of Diablo Rapid Print for donating the sign in such a timely manner.

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## Upcoming Events

Fri., June 13

**Coffee with the Mayor**  
8 am Chamber Office

Mon., June 16

**Martini Contest**  
6pm-8pm LPH&S

Wed., June 18

**The GREEN Committee**  
12pm Chamber Office

Thurs., June 19

**Entrepreneur's Club**  
8:30am, Chamber Office

Thurs., June 19

**Art & Wine Committee Mtg.**  
5:30pm Chamber Office

Thurs., June 26

**Business Issues / Govt. Affairs Meeting**  
8:00am, Chamber Office

Mon., June 30 – Fri., July 4  
**Chamber Office Closed**

Sun., July 13

**Lafayette Criterium Bike Race**  
7am-4pm Downtown Lafayette

Wed., July 16

**The GREEN Committee**  
12pm, Chamber Office

Thurs., July 17

**Entrepreneur's Club**  
8:30am, Chamber Office

Thurs., July 31

**Business Issues / Govt. Affairs Meeting**  
8:00am, Chamber Office

## June Mixer

Wed., June 11, 5:30 pm

**Lafayette Gallery & The Art Room**

50 Lafayette Circle

## July Mixer

Wed., July 9, 5:30 pm

**Design Within Reach**

973 Moraga Road



Chamber President Larry Duson and Mayor Mike Anderson

## City Honors Chamber's 60th Anniversary and Ed Stokes' Family 40th Anniversary

Mayor Mike Anderson and the City Council began the May 12 meeting by presenting two proclamations. The first was to celebrate the 60 years the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce has served our community. The second was to honor Ed Stokes and Family for their 40th Anniversary and all the contributions they have made to help and support our city.

### Proclamation

Whereas, the **Lafayette Chamber of Commerce** was incorporated on January 17, 1948; and

Whereas, the **Lafayette Chamber of Commerce** strives to promote and maintain a healthy business climate and to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Lafayette; and

Whereas, the **Lafayette Chamber of Commerce** encourages a strong local economy by providing business a voice with local government keeping current on relevant issues effecting business in the community; and

Whereas, the **Lafayette Chamber of Commerce** and their members produce events such as the Lafayette Art and Wine Festival bringing a sense of pride and community to Lafayette; and

Whereas, the **Lafayette Chamber of Commerce** works closely with the city on campaigns such as SHOP LAFAYETTE and Restaurant Row encouraging Lafayette residents to spend their money locally generating sales tax revenues representing 25% of the city's revenues; and

Whereas, the **Lafayette Chamber of Commerce** and its many long time members have worked in Lafayette as business and civic leaders during which time we have benefited greatly from their outstanding contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Lafayette City Council Members, it is my pleasure to honor by proclamation THE LAFAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY

- Mike Anderson, Mayor

Right: Ed Stokes of Diablo Foods and Mayor Mike Anderson Top Right: Ed and Betty Stokes



### 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.

#### 2008 Officers EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**RIBBON CUTTING**



Ben Mahoney and Len Shapiro celebrate with Lafayette Chamber members with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mountain Mike's Pizza offers salad bar buffet a large variety of pizza, beer and wine. Visit them at 3614 Mt. Diablo Blvd. or phone in your orders to 283-6363, they deliver!

**GENERAL TAX MAY BE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT**

The Lafayette City Council recently voted to hire the Tramutola/Godbe Research firms to do a feasibility study on placing a general funding measure on the November ballot. Past measures to fund Roads and Police Services received a majority of voters, however they did not receive the 2/3 majority required for passage of a parcel tax. Therefore, the city is looking at some type of general tax measure which needs only 50% + 1 to pass. The consultants will be conducting a survey of the community regarding increasing sales tax and/or utility use tax.

*Renewing Members*

**Renewed in April**

**More than Thirty-Five Years**  
Bank of the West

**More than Twenty-Five Years**  
Douglas E. Cowden, DDS  
Lamorinda Optometry

**More than Twenty Years**  
Hair by Dallas & Company  
Hamlin Cleaners  
Lafayette Community Center  
Robert J. Kent and Assoc.  
Round Up Saloon

**More than Fifteen Years**  
Town Hall Theatre Company

**More than Ten Years**  
Lafayette German Car Repair  
Law Offices of Belzer, Hulchiy & Murray  
Nor-Ski Sports  
St. Perpetua Church

**More than Five Years**

ABsolute Center  
Friends of the Lafayette Library  
Good Stuff Coupons  
Hospice of the East Bay  
La Finestra Ristorante  
Pacific Union GMAC Real Estate  
Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise  
Village Associates Real Estate

**More than One Year**

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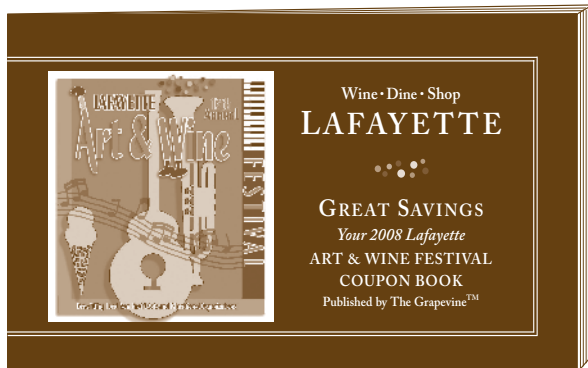
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**MAY MIXER**  
**Lafayette Community Center**



Parks, Trails & Recreation Staff  
 and Commissioners

The Lafayette Community Center was the site for our May mixer. Jennifer Russell, Lafayette Park, Trails & Recreation Director, staff and volunteers welcomed Lafayette Chamber of Commerce members and guests to this cherished community facility.

Jennifer introduced members of the Lafayette Community Center Foundation and Parks, Trails and Recreation commission. As guests gobbled up tasty treats provided by volunteers, many conversations were centered on the fact that so many had used the community center not only as children but also as parents and care givers. They had attended parenting classes, dropped off children for events and even brought their parents to utilize the facility. A true Community Center for all the community.

A big thank you to all the businesses who provided prizes for our raffle, Lafayette Community Center, Cabi, Planning For Life, Ironman Organic Coffee, Round up Saloon, Lafayette Car Wash and Gayler Construction. Kudos to our beloved Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors for all the support that evening. We could not do these events without your help!

Check out the array of classes ranging from "adventures with toddlers" to "youth floor hockey" and a wide variety of adult and senior classes and services at [www.LafayetteRec.org](http://www.LafayetteRec.org). The Lafayette Community Center is located at 500 St. Mary's Road. The center can be reached at 284-2232.

**Recycling and Climate Change**

Did you know that waste reduction and recycling helps to minimize greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, a major cause of climate change? GHGs are generated throughout a product's lifecycle, during mining or raw materials extraction, manufacturing, transportation, and even a product's end of life (whether it's recycled or buried in a landfill). However, the end of life and purchasing choices that businesses make for products can make a big difference in the amount of gas that is emitted.

When we recycle a product (and purchase recycled content products), we avoid the GHGs generated from acquisition of raw materials and manufacturing. While GHGs are still generated when a recycled content product is manufactured, less energy is required than when only using virgin materials. When recycling and composting, we can also avoid the GHGs emitted from landfills. When materials, especially organics, break down in landfills over time, they emit methane gas, a very powerful GHG. Methane has 23 times the global warming potential than carbon dioxide. Lastly, by recycling paper products, the trees that are preserved can continue to sequester carbon dioxide and turn it into oxygen. Better yet, when we reuse products, we avoid all of the GHG emissions described above.

If you would like to learn more about the relationship between recycling and climate change, please visit the state's climate change website, [www.climatechange.ca.gov](http://www.climatechange.ca.gov). For local information on and ideas for reducing your own GHG emissions, visit [www.sustainablelafayette.net](http://www.sustainablelafayette.net).

**GREEN TIP OF THE MONTH:** Rhonda Chaikin, owner of HMR Associates (Help Me Rhonda!)®, has found a wonderful way to promote your business using entirely recycled and green merchandise! In her travels helping businesses go green, Rhonda discovered a company called Blagency that offers reasonably priced eco-friendly marketing merchandise. Go to [www.blagencystore.com](http://www.blagencystore.com) and click on Eco-Friendly to see the various types of recycled products you can purchase to promote your business. One really neat product is the EnviroThing. It's made in the US from 100% post-consumer recycled tires!! It's round - about 4" in diameter - has a whole host of practical uses, like opening jars, and is a great marketing tool. So check 'em out!



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# Business Briefs

**Mt. Diablo Business Women Networking Dinner, June 12th,** 5:45-8:30 PM at Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd. \$37 member, \$44 guest, \$49 after 6/6. Register Early, no walk-ins. June speaker is Beverley Tracewell from FORE, on Women and Osteoporosis. Special Guest will be Rose Romero who received our Wardrobe for Opportunity Client of the Year Award for 2008. For more info contact us at: [www.mtidiablobusinesswomen.org](http://www.mtidiablobusinesswomen.org).

**The 9th Annual Best Martini in the East Bay Contest** will be held on Monday, June 16, 2008, from 6-8 pm, at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa. Sponsored by the Lafayette Park Hotel and Level Vodka by Absolut all proceeds will benefit Project Second Chance, the Contra Costa County Library adult literacy program.

Bartenders from 14 of the areas favorite "watering holes" will compete for 2 different cash prizes. A panel of judges will select The Best Martini in the East Bay, while The People's Choice Award will go to the bartender who receives the most votes from the people who attend the event. Admission is \$20 per person and includes 2 drink tickets - proof that you are 21 years of age is required to attend. Tickets can only be purchased at the door, the night of the event. For more information call 925-927-3250.

**State Compensation Insurance Fund** offers a free seminar on "Heat Illness Prevention for Outdoor Work & Construction Ergonomics" on June 18th in Pleasanton. For more information and to register online go to [www.scif.com](http://www.scif.com).

**Avalon School of Massage Therapy and The University of Metaphysical Knowledge,** 1280 Boulevard Way, Suite 214, Walnut Creek California, announce the following classes for June: Reiki III (June 4 & 11), Using Meditation to Reclaim Your Personal Power & Energy (Thursday evenings throughout the month), Spa Workshop ~ Salt Glows and Mud Wraps (June 18), Magick & the Craft of the Wise (Tuesday evenings June 24-July 29), Aromatherapy Massage (June 25), Our Inner Cast of Characters: Working and Playing with Archetypes (June 25), Prenatal Massage (June 30). To learn more about our classes and instructors, please visit [www.avalonschoolofmassage.net](http://www.avalonschoolofmassage.net). To register, please call 925-280-6500.

**The Learning Café presents** Stu Carty of Constant Contact speaking on "E-Mail Marketing 2.0" on best practices in email marketing for Entrepreneurs, Chambers, Associations, Non-Profits & Small Business on Thursday, June 26 from 10am - Noon at Diablo Valley College - BSL Community Conference Center, parking lot 7 in Pleasant Hill. Cost is \$45 with pre-registration or \$55 at the door. In partnership with The Lafayette Chamber, members receive 15% discount by pre-registering online using your chamber discount code LAFC2. To register online go to [www.TheLearning-Cafe.com](http://www.TheLearning-Cafe.com) or call 925-689-5726.



The Lafayette Rotary Club in front of the mobile solar generator that was used at the Concert at the Res on May 17. The entire event was powered by green energy. The annual event features local schools and the Rossmoor Big Band. The money raised goes to buying instruments for local schools in Lafayette.

**Dechen Designs is hosting a Summer Accessories & Gift Show** benefiting YMCA's Strong Kids campaign on Monday, June 9th (5-9pm) at IDF - YMCA, 350 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. Featuring handcrafted Himalayan Cashmere Shawls, Silk Scarves, Jewelry, Fused Glass Art, Mary Kay and Nikken. Show Special - complimentary table massage by Irma Battig. To learn more and to view our upcoming events, visit ~ [www.DechenDesigns.com](http://www.DechenDesigns.com) or call Dechen @ 925.395.1588. Dechen Designs supports "Fair Trade" in Nepal.

**Mt. Diablo Business Women Networking Dinner, July 10th,** 5:45 - 8:30 PM at Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette; \$37 member, \$44 guest, \$49 after 7/4. July speaker is Emotion Educator Joie Seldon on "EMOTIONS IN BUSINESS: Assets or Liabilities?" For more info contact us at: [www.mtidiablobusinesswomen.org](http://www.mtidiablobusinesswomen.org).

**Cal Shakes gives Special Offer to Lafayette Chamber Members** - \$10 off adult tickets to any performance of Shakespeare's Pericles, directed by Joel Sass, which plays at the Bruns Amphitheater May 28 - June 22.

To order tickets, call the Cal Shakes box office at (510) 548-9666 and mention "Lafayette Chamber of Commerce" to receive your discount. If you're not able to attend Pericles, you can use your special Chamber discount for Cal Shakes' productions of An Ideal Husband (July 2 - 27), Uncle Vanya (Aug 6-31), or Twelfth Night (Sep 10 - Oct 5). For more information about Cal Shakes' 2008 season, visit our website at [www.calshakes.org](http://www.calshakes.org). The fine print: Not valid with any other offer or discount. Limit 4 tickets per order; subject to availability. "Lafayette Chamber of Commerce" special offer available via phone sales only; call 510.548.9666 to order.



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Youth Homes Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, helps abused and neglected children and

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## **RESTAURANTS**

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Named after the Chef's daughter, Gigi creates a stylish, yet casual spot. Jeffery Amber previously ran several San Francisco Restaurants where he garnered a Rising Star Chef Award, as well as numerous other accolades. Jeffrey teamed with long time friend Roxanne Logan who managed some of Monterey County's finer establishments and all three Chow locations. Together they are committed to creating an accommodating, and exciting experience in a fairy tale cottage setting with a seasonally driven menu.

### **The French Bakery**

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The French Bakery is the new name for Lafayette's award-winning bakery Patisserie Lafayette and its tea house Maison de Thé. Both are now located under one roof at 71 Lafayette Circle. Join them for a pot of tea (they have over 50 to choose from), for lunch or afternoon tea, or for a cappuccino and one of their delicious desserts.

## **SENIOR SERVICES**

### **ComForcare Senior Services**

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In response to the need for home care services and a desire of aging and disabled individuals to remain in the comfort of their own homes, ComForcare Senior Services has opened in Lafayette, CA. ComForcare provides in-home assistance with daily activities of living for seniors and disabled individuals of all ages. Services include assistance with meal preparation, medication reminders, Alzheimer's care, bathing and personal care, and much more. Services are available 24/7 from fully bonded/insured, background checked caregivers. Contact them at 925-283-6025. Vern McCalla is the owner/operator.

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## The Heritage Pointe

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Larry Dusan, Barbara Gilmore, Barbara Townsend, Wendy Tamis, (center 4 staff at Massage Cottage) Marian Bernstein, Jane Burns, Jana Lynn, Kamala Stuart, Scott Hampton and Cherie Flanagan celebrate at the Massage Cottage ribbon cutting. Marian specializes in Maya Abdominal therapy. Jane’s area of expertise is Trager Body Work. Jana features Rehabilitative Therapy and Kamala’s focus is Therapeutic Massage. Contact Massage Cottage at [www.Massagecottage.com](http://www.Massagecottage.com) or call 284-2881. They are located at 71 Lafayette Circle.

## Lafayette Chamber of Commerce New Member Reception at EL CHARO



Front Row: Diane Barbera,  
Mike Heller,  
Katherine Bernardo, Luis

Front Row: Wendy Scheck,  
Scott Hampton, Terry Guillory

## Focus on the Arts

**Town Hall Theatre presents “Baby, Be Mine”**, created by Kevin T. Morales, continues through June 28. It is the story of a young actress who, following the opening night of a Broadway show, invites one of the producers back to her place to pitch him the next great idea for a 1930’s style musical revue. Romance is in the air (and maybe in the wine) as the two collaborate to create a story of a composer and his muse struggling in New York during The Depression. The romantic fates of their fictitious protagonists seem to parallel their own, but the course of love never did run smoothly. For tickets call the box office at 283-1557, for more information go to their website at [www.thtc.org](http://www.thtc.org).

**Fastframe of Lafayette presents IN JUNE** Lafayette artist Arlynn Bloom in June exhibiting her original watercolors. Arlynn is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she studied at Philadelphia College of Art. Since 1979 she has lived in California where she has pursued her interest in drawing, abstract figurative sculpture and ceramics. In 1995 she began her work in watercolor painting in order to explore form, line, and color in another medium. Her love of nature and people is reflected in her choice of subject matter. Her main focus currently is the relationships between objects, and subjects to their environment. Arlynn lives in Lafayette with her husband, two daughters and their black lab. Check out Arlynn’s website at <http://homepage.mac.com/arlynnbloom/>. Fastframe is located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Call owner Anthony Ruiz at 283-7620 for more information.

**Fastframe of Lafayette will be showcasing IN JULY** the work Lafayette artist Steven Falk in July. Mr. Falk is a painter whose work is displayed in private collections in the East Bay, San Francisco, Napa Valley, Sacramento, Marin County, Southern California, and on top of his parent’s washing machine in Palm Desert. He is one of fourteen artists selected by the US Department of State to display work at the American Embassy in Uruguay, and one of Falk’s paintings is featured in this year’s U.S. Department of State 2008 Art Calendar. Falk has won several juried competitions – including an Award of Merit at last year’s California State Fair – and shown work at the Bedford Gallery, the Berkeley Art Center, and the Palm Springs Art Museum. To see Falk’s work, go to <http://web.mac.com/steven.falk>. Fastframe is located at 3571 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Call owner Anthony Ruiz at 283-7620 for more information.

**Gold Coast Chamber Players presents** their Season Finale “Cuisine de Musique” on Sunday, June 1 at 2pm at St. Mary’s College (Clay’s Lounge in the Soda Center), 1928 St. Mary’s Road, Moraga. Included in the program are Schubert’s Quintet “Trout”, Schubert’s Shepherd on the Rock and Martinu’s Kitchen Revue. For tickets call 798-1300 or check out their website at [www.gcplayers.org](http://www.gcplayers.org).

**Cal Shakes offers** a Five-Week Conservatory summer theater program for ages 8-18 from June 16-July 18 at Bentley Upper School. Participants immerse themselves in a wide variety of master classes as well as in daily rehearsals for a full Shakespeare production. For more information and to register visit [www.calshakes.org/v4/educ/camps.html](http://www.calshakes.org/v4/educ/camps.html).

**Diablo Light Opera Company and Diablo Symphony join forces** for a special fully stage concert version of “Brigadoon” on June 28 at 7pm or June 29 at 2pm at the Leshner Center for the Arts in 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Daren A.C. Carollo, DLOC’s artistic director, will direct a cast of 50 singers and dancers in the production. The concert is the first event in DLOC’s 50th anniversary celebration. Tickets (\$20-\$43) are on sale at the Leshner Center – call 943-7469 or visit [www.lesherartscenter.org](http://www.lesherartscenter.org).

**Town Hall Kids offers a array of classes for kids of all ages** – “Rising Stars” (ages 3-7), “Bravo” (ages 7-11), “Encore” (6th through 8th grade), “Ovation” (9th grade+), and “Teen Actors Guild” (ages 14-18). For more information including dates of classes visit their website at [www.thtc.org/education/](http://www.thtc.org/education/).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>June</i>	2	3 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> 8am, The Duck Club	4	5	6	7
8	9 <b>Chamber Board Meeting</b> 12pm, LPH&S	10	11 <b>MIXER</b> 5:30pm <b>Lafayette Gallery &amp; The Art Room</b> 50 Lafayette Circle	12	13 <b>Coffee with the Mayor</b> 8am, Chamber Office	14
15	16 <b>Martini Contest</b> 6-8pm, LPH&S	17	18 <b>The GREEN Committee</b> 12pm, Chamber Office	Thursday, June 19th <b>Entrepreneur's Club</b> <i>An Alliance of Independent Business Professionals</i> 8:30am, Chamber		21 <b>Art &amp; Wine Committee Meeting</b> 5:30pm, Chamber Office
22	23	24	25	26 <b>Business Issues / Govt. Affairs Meeting</b> 8am, Chamber Office	27	28
29	30 <b>Chamber Office CLOSED</b>	<i>July</i>		3	4	5
6	7	8 <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> 8am, The Duck Club	9 <b>MIXER</b> 5:30pm <b>Design Within Reach</b> 937 Moraga Rd.	10	11	12
13 <b>Lafayette Criterium Bike Race</b> 7am-4pm Downtown Lafayette	14 <b>Chamber Board Meeting</b> 12pm, LPH&S	15	16 <b>The GREEN Committee</b> 12pm, Chamber Office	17 <b>Entrepreneur's Club</b> <i>An Alliance of Independent Business Professionals</i> 8:30am, Chamber	18	19
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