



Judy Carney honored as Lafayette's 2009 Citizen of the Year

Turn the calendar back to 1993. Judy Carney had just moved to Lafayette. She volunteered to chair the Lafayette School parcel tax campaign. This was a tax that had not been approved for 20 years. But Judy rolled up her sleeves, worked tirelessly and the tax to benefit our schools and community passed. She never slowed down. Serving on the Lafayette and Acalanes School Boards, serving as the Burton Valley PTA President, Chair of the Sesquicentennial parade, Board member and Advisor of Town Hall Theatre, Advisor to the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Lafayette Reservoir Run are just some of the positions Judy has held and contributed to our community. She was a founding board member of the Lafayette Community Foundation, member of the Lafayette Library Building Committee, Lamorinda School Bus Transportation Authority and now serves on the Senior Services Commission.

But many of us in the community know her because we have coffee with her on the 4th Monday of every month. Years ago, seeing the need for non-profits, schools, organizations, commissions, city council & other community leaders to get together, Judy formed the Community Liaison meetings, better know as "Judy's Meeting." So what better place to tell her about her selection as this year's Lafayette Citizen of the Year.

You can help celebrate Judy's service to our community by attending a dinner in her honor on Friday, March 20, at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa. Reception begins at 6:00pm, dinner and the program begin at 7:00pm. For reservations, please call the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at 925-284-7404 or visit www.lafayettechamber.org This event is sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the Lamorinda Sun.

Downtown Strategic Plan

When you receive this newsletter, much will have happened since this article was drafted. In the April newsletter we should be able to devote a significant portion of space to what has transpired. Two years ago, the Lafayette City Council hired a group of consultants to develop a strategic plan for our downtown. This plan is expected to guide our city through the next 20-30 years. The council appointed a committee to help them through this process. The committee is made up of commissioners and volunteers from most special interests in Lafayette. Ann Denny (with Larry Blodgett and Jay Lifson filling in) have been alternating as the Chamber representatives and Steve Cortese has represented local developers.

A series of meetings are currently underway to review the DRAFT PLAN. The Chamber held a meeting on February 24th, where they invited all of Lafayette's Downtown Property Owners and Business Owners/Operators. The next night the public was invited to review and comment on the plan. The Draft Plan now goes back to the City Council for acceptance and then begins the Environmental Review. Once they deem the plan complete, the Downtown Strategic Plan and Specific Plan will have regulatory power and will supersede parts of our General Plan completed in 2002. Some of the critical points include downtown housing densities, building heights, parking, circulation and zoning considerations. Don't be left on the sidelines wondering what happened to our downtown. Go to the city website, www.ci.lafayette.ca.us and review the plan. Think about coming to one the Chambers Business Issues Committee meetings which have changed to the fourth Friday of each month at 8:00am at the Chamber office, 100 Lafayette Circle, #103.

Upcoming Events

Thurs.-Sun., March 5-8
Lafayette Jazz Festival
 Acalanes Performing Arts Center

Tues., March 10 • 8 am
Shop Lafayette Working Group
 Chamber Conference Room

Wed., March 18 • 11:45pm
Green Committee
 Chamber Conference Room

Thurs., March 19 • 8:30 am
Entrepreneur's Club
 Chamber Conference Room

Thurs., March 19 • 4:30 pm
Ribbon Cutting
Diablo Rapid Print
 1014 Oakhill Road

Fri., March 20 • 6 pm
Citizen of the Year Dinner
 LPH&S- 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Tues., March 24 • 5:30 pm
Business Forum
 Mechanics Bank
 3640 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Fri., March 27 • 8:00 am
Bus. Issues / Govt. Affairs Meeting
 Chamber Conference Room

Tri-Chamber Mixer
 Lafayette,
 Pleasant Hill & Orinda
 Wed., March 11, 5:30pm
Absolute Center
 3658 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette

Message from Chairman Tony Eichers

As your 2009 Chairman of the Board, I am honored to serve you, our city and community. As I look around our community we are facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities, I am reminded of one of Charles Dickens favorite quotes, "these are the worst of times, the best of times". We are in a time when we face uncertainty, not knowing what might come our way, I ask you to look forward. These difficult times remind us to be ready for opportunity, embrace change and work towards a brighter future. I challenge myself and you to do our very best!

Lafayette Business & Community Directory Reminder

If you are a Lafayette Chamber of Commerce member, you should have already replied to the verification request we sent to you asking for updates to the contact information for you and your business. If you have not sent in your update, please send information immediately. The deadline is March 5.

If you are interested in advertising in the book, please contact Lyn Thorsen at (707) 363-5230 or lyn@syilkcellars.com. We produce 11,500 directories and they are mailed to every home in Lafayette. If you miss this opportunity the next chance to get into our Business & Community Directory will not be until Spring, 2011. Please contact Linda Carlson at the Chamber with any questions or concerns.

Try Lafayette First! Update

The "Try Lafayette First" campaign was so successful we received double the amount of donations for the \$1,000.00 drawing! We will be holding an additional drawing for the balance of the raffle prizes. You can download more pledge forms for your customers on our website. We will advise of the upcoming drawings as soon as they are scheduled.

Thank you for your generous donations from the following local merchants for the "Try Lafayette First" Campaign: ABsolute Center, Amarin Thai Cuisine, Art & Science of Eyewear, Big O Tires, Big Sky Luxury Yarn, Blodgett's Abbey Carpet & Flooring, Clocks, Etc., Fastframe of Lafayette, Imagine That Photography, FedEx Kinko's, Knoxx Restaurant & Lounge, Lafayette Book Store, Lafayette Car Wash & Detail Center, Lafayette German Car Repair, Nerd4Rent, Inc., Oakwood Athletic Club, Pinkies Nail Salons, Postino, Powell's Sweet Shoppe, Professional Automotive, LLC, Questa Antiques, Safeway, Sandy's Unique Boutique, Sharp Bicycles, Skin Care by Timberly, Specialtees, Sugi Fine Bedding & Gifts, Teacake Bake Shop, Town Hall Theatre, Urban Suburban, Valhalla Automotive, Inc. and The Yarn Boutique.

The Green Committee now begins their meetings at 11:45 on the third Wednesday of each month. We have implemented a mentor program to see your business through the process of becoming county certified, and we have added guest speakers at each meeting. Hope to see you here. For more information, please call Jay at 284-7404.

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Membership Spotlight

Dale Turner, AIA, LEED, AP, CGBP Speaks out on green building



In the U.S., buildings consume 65% of electricity, create 30% of greenhouse gas emissions, create 136 million tons of construction & demolition waste each year, consume 12% potable water, and use 40% of raw materials globally. With statistics like these, it's no wonder that municipalities are quickly moving to reduce waste in buildings. "We are in a fast-changing and exciting time in both commercial and residential construction," says Dale Turner Architect, a LEED Accredited Professional and a Certified Green Building Professional. "Building codes are being revised, and we will soon see significant changes in construction methods."

The initial cost of two of the most talked about green methods for homes -- solar panels and dual-plumbing for greywater use -- often scare homeowners off. Considering our escalating energy crisis and water predicted to be a crisis within 15 years, future savings are well worth considering, especially when looking at retirement. Yet, building green doesn't have to include solar panels or dual plumbing, and it doesn't necessarily cost a whole lot more. Use of Energy Star and Water Sense rated appliances and fixtures, a hot water circulating pump, insulating attic and crawl spaces, and using green materials and products have a positive impact on the environment.

Often overlooked is the health benefit of building green. Indoor air pollution is two to five times worse than outside, and we spend 90% of our time indoors. The health of our families alone is reason enough to get serious about building green. Dale Turner, AIA, LEED, AP, CGBP is a long time member of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and a Rotarian. Check out her website at www.daleturnerarchitect.com or contact her at 299-0713.

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Lafayette Jazz Festival Tickets Now Available

Tickets for the upcoming Lafayette Jazz Festival March 5,6,7 & 8 are available at the Chamber office. Tickets for Thursday, Friday & Sunday are \$5.00 and tickets for Saturday are \$10.00. For more information and the complete line-up of this years entertainers, visit our website www.lafayettechamber.org or call 284-7404.

FEBRUARY MIXER - GNU Group

WOW! Over 60 chamber members and guests attended the mixer sponsored by GNU Group which was held at their fabulous Lafayette facility on Wednesday, February 11th. Everyone was very impressed with their wide range of displays of clients they have provided services for. Over the last 35 years they have Branded and developed identities for literally hundreds of organizations, companies, products and services. Thank you to Phil Murphy, President of the GNU Group and his staff for their hospitality and for providing a delicious assortment of appetizers. Visit their website at www.gnugroup.com.



As always, special appreciation to the Chamber's awesome Ambassadors for their help and friendliness behind the scenes at all the mixers. And of course thanks to all the members who donated items for the raffle: Lafayette Car Wash, Skin Care by Timberly, Round Up Saloon, Shags of Planning For Life, Sonia's Beauty & Body Salon, Eric Haag of New York Life, Orinda Motors and GNU Group.

Business Briefs

Big O Tires announced that they now have FREE WIFI at their location at 3328 A. Mt. Diablo Blvd. For more information call them at 283-2258. Big O Tires has been a Lafayette Chamber member for over 50 years.

Mt. Diablo Business Women's March Networking Dinner will be held March 12, 5:45 – 8:30 PM at Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd.; \$37 member, \$44 guest, Register Early, Please no walk-ins. The March speaker is Chris Williams, VP of Sales for market OUT LOUD, speaking on “Social Networking”. For info contact: [www.mt Diablobusinesswomen.org](http://www.mt Diablo Business Women's.org).

Town Hall Theatre's Annual Fundraiser will be held Friday, March 13, 6:30 to 10:30. Please join us at Town Hall Theatre for a night of food, bidding and entertainment! Begin the evening in our newly remodeled lobby and enjoy scrumptious food from Wild Thyme Catering, buy a raffle ticket for 20 bottles of premium wine and head upstairs to bid on a spectacular live auction item and then enjoy songs by Town Hall staff and friends. Party tickets and raffle tickets for an overnight stay at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa are available at: www.townhalltheatre.com

Susan Foord Catering & Cafe announces – Big, Bigger, Best. In today's world of challenges, small business owners have known all along what the big corporations are now realizing: listen to your customers. That's just what we're doing. You ask we listen. Our lunch enthusiasts wanted more seating to enjoy lunch at our Café. So we changed our name to Susan Foord Catering and Café, moved my desk out and created “The Study”: a quiet, comfortable dining room. Our friends are thrilled to find the niche. Next, we decided there's nothing better than a great hamburger. Voila! we now grill the best hamburger in town. Niman Ranch beef burger with fresh French fries for \$7.75, you just can't get any better than that! On Fridays, after work, we offer affordable wines and beers along with a complimentary small plate. “The Study” is the place. What's next? We'll keep you posted. In the meantime we will continue to listen and learn and always strive to be the Best. Come by, you'll like what we've done. Susan Foord Catering & Café is located at 965 Mt. View Drive (across from Trader Joe's) Call them at 299-2469 or check out their website www.susanfoordcatering.com.

The Avalon University of Metaphysics and the Avalon School of Massage Therapy offer the following classes and events for March: Reiki I & II, March 4, 10:30a.m.-1:30p.m. and March 20, 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m., \$200; Nine Steps of Protection, March 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m., \$65.00; Avalon Wisdom Council: A Sacred Community Discussion Group, March 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m., free; Prenatal Massage, March 12, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., \$125.00; Swedish Massage Refresher, March 13, 11:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m., \$100.; Make Your Own Healing Jewelry, March 14, 1:00-4:00p.m., \$35; 11:00a.m. – 8:30p.m.; No Fault Communication, March 15, 10:00a.m.-5:00p.m., \$99; Swedish Massage, March 21 – May 25, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Mondays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., \$3,000.00; Open Heart Seminar, March 22, 12:00 -5:30p.m., \$75. per couple; Healing Night, March 25, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.; free community event; Spa Workshop: Salt Glows and Mud Wraps, March 26, 9:00a.m. -5:30p.m., \$150; The Human Energy Field: Understanding Auras and Chakras, March 26, 7:00-9:00p.m., \$65. To register, please call 925-280-6500. Located at 1280 Boulevard Way, Suite 214, Walnut Creek California 94595. www.avalon-school-of-massage.net.

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The Learning Café presents “Innovators Exchange” on Friday, March 20th – networking at 7:30am, program from 8-10am. The event will take place at Renaissance Club Sport, 2805 Jones Road, Walnut Creek. Innovators Exchange brings together the best and brightest executives and thought leaders who will present positive approaches to current business issues. A panel of CEOs, Sales and Marketing Experts focuses on “How to Reach New Customers in a Soft Economy.” Designed for senior executives, business owners, and visionaries. Distinctive opportunity to hear from and ask questions of high performing business and thought leaders as they connect innovation to their own marketing and sales success. Seating is limited; pre-registration, on-line or by phone, advised - Registration: Pre-register for \$68 (\$98 at the door) To register call 925.689.572

Mountain Mike's Pizza will feature the band Jump-In on Thursday, March 26 from 6:30-8:30pm. For more information about the band visit their website at www.jump-in.ws. Mountain Mike's Pizza is located at 3614 Mt. Diablo Blvd. – visit their website at www.mountainmikeslafayette.com.

Diablo Rapid Print located at 1014 Oak Hill Road in Lafayette has launched a new service! Big Hat Press is our new book publishing subsidiary. You can check us out on the web at www.bighatpress.com. We specialize in personal publishing and offer a variety of services to help you complete your book project. Whether it is your personal memoirs, a book of poetry, a history book, or perhaps a fictional story you have written, we can help you get it done! We offer design, formatting, an ISBN and barcode for your book, and much more! There are also a variety of binding styles and printing options to choose from. Binding styles include perfect binding which is how your standard paperback book is bound, spiral binding, or beautiful hardcover binding. Our whole and entire intent is to make your book publishing experience as fun and easy as humanly possible. Give us a call at 925-380-1381 or send us an email at shop@bighatpress.com and we would be happy to discuss your project.

The All Women's Crew of Habitat for Humanity East Bay will be benefiting from a Texas Hold “Em Tournament on Saturday, April 4 at Grace Episcopal Church, 130 Muir Station Road, Martinez. Everyone is invited. This event has a 6:30 pm check in – games begin at 7:00 pm. Contact Marianne Clark at (925) 974-7647 or Sue Quesada at (510) 875-3049.

Hospice of the East Bay announces their new Chief Executive Officer – Cynthia A. Hatton, RN, MSN. Cynthia has an extensive career in healthcare management that has spanned over 28 years. As a leader in the industry, she has been recognized at both national and state levels for her expert knowledge of home health and hospice operations and regulations.

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Central Contra Costa Sanitary District announces that four area public agencies in central Contra Costa County have begun two pilot programs for the safe disposal of unused medications at three drop-off sites in Martinez and Walnut Creek. These sites will be open to all county residents starting on Wednesday, February 11. Disposal of pharmaceuticals in either the trash or down a toilet or drain has become a serious public concern. All three collection sites open on Wednesday February 11, and will be open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Collection site locations are: (1) Contra Costa Regional Medical Center Sheriff's Substation, 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez (2) Contra Costa County Sheriff's Field Operations Building, 1980 Muir Road, Martinez and (3) Walnut Creek City Hall, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek. To ensure privacy, anyone dropping off medicines should put pills into a sealable plastic bag; liquids should be left in their bottles, but still put into a sealed plastic bag to prevent leakage. For more information, contact Michael Scahill, Communication Services Manager 925-229-7310, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District.

The Internal Revenue Service has discontinued the IRS Small Business Resource Guide CDs. Beginning this year the IRS is only making this valuable tool accessible online at <http://www.sbrg.irs.gov/>. The decision was made to discontinue the CD format because the majority of small business owners, and those providing services to them, have access to the internet. And with our ever-changing world, a real-time electronic format can be updated regularly, and as needed.

American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter is once again pleased to offer FREE Adult CPR and Preparedness Training on Saturday, March 14, 2009. In this American Red Cross training, individuals will learn Adult CPR, Choke-saving, rescue breathing and about the 911 system. All participants will also learn five important action steps such as creating an emergency plan and assembling a disaster supplies kit to help keep their families safe during emergencies. They will be providing breakfast and lunch, and handing out a CPR Saturday t-shirt to all volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help with teaching, registration, test proctoring, product sales, set-up and clean-up as well as helping with other duties. For more information and locations of training go to their website. - www.redcrosscpraturday.org.

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Saturday March 28 9:00-10:30 am
**Introduction to
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Microsoft Publisher is an easy to use program for creating marketing materials for business and home. This class will show you how to create Flyers, Newsletters, Brochures, and more.

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Rick Kattenburg, Masters of Architecture (U.C.Berkeley), has been a licensed architect in California for over 30 years. He has taught design at bay area colleges and specializes in residential architecture in the Orinda-Walnut Creek-Danville Corridor, having designed and built well over a hundred and fifty projects locally.

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Marcy Wheeler has a B.F.A. in Painting from the University of Illinois. She is a working artist and has been teaching classes in acrylic painting in Lafayette since 2000. You may have seen work by Marcy Wheeler at her (former) bakeries, Toot Sweets, in Berkeley and Lafayette as well as in local galleries such as the Lafayette Gallery, Bedford Gallery and ProArts.

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After 12 years in Walnut Creek, Color Me Mine Paint-It-Yourself ceramics is open in the La Fiesta Square next to Chico's. For information, promotions, classes, group events or to book a party visit www.lafayette.colormemine.com. To own this new franchise please contact Lindsay Craine at (818) 291-5907, or visit www.colormemine.com.

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preparation and finish work. Tom performs interior and exterior custom painting, deck restoration, pressure washing and cabinet refinishing. Tom offers free estimates, guarantees his work for three years and has many local references available.

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Focus on the Arts.....

Lafayette Gallery's new show, "Food, Glorious Food" runs from March 10 to May 9, 2009. The artists of Lafayette Gallery are pleased to present a show that celebrates food with paintings, collage, prints, ceramics, photography and much more. "During the entire run of "Food, Glorious Food" we will be collecting canned goods for the Contra Costa Food Bank," says Lieberman. "While we celebrate food, we shouldn't forget those who are hungry." Bring canned goods to the Gallery and when you make a purchase you will be automatically entered in our raffle Lafayette Gallery is located at 50 Lafayette Circle and is opening from 11 am - 5 pm, Tuesday - Saturday. For more information call 925-284-2788 or visit their website at www.lafayettegallery.net.

Diablo Light Opera Company's East Bay premiere of "The Producers" runs through March 15th, 2009. That's the blockbuster musical by Mel Brooks that won 12 Tony Awards, the most ever. DLOC is one of only 10 theater companies in the country that have been granted the rights to produce this show in 2009, and they are giving it our all to make it an unforgettable production and an uplifting experience in these stressful times. Performances are at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive in Walnut Creek. Tickets (\$34-\$43) are on sale at the center ticket office: (925) 943-7469. For more information visit their website - www.dloc.org.

Town Hall Theatre Company presents Pulitzer Winner "Rabbit Hole". The show runs from March 7 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday, evenings 8:00 p.m. and Sunday Matinees - 2:00 p.m. "Rabbit Hole", the bittersweet 2007 Pulitzer Prize-winning play by David Lindsay-Abaire, is an intensely emotional examination of compassion, grief and honesty. Despite the subject matter, this play is often extremely funny, setting up emotional contrasts between ironic humor and infinite sadness which make the loss of the child more poignant, without dissolving into melodrama. Contact the Town Hall Theatre Company Box Office at 283-1557 for exact dates and times and ticket prices. For more information visit their website at www.townhalltheatre.com. The Theatre is located at 3535 School Street.

Zeta Gallery's owner Evelyn Fulgado-Taylor is showcasing her own artwork as well as that of other local artists in a contemporary art show "Love and Art" which runs through March 28th. Zeta Gallery features fine contemporary art, ceramics, paintings, innovative photography and fine jewelry as well as glass art, textile art and a unique collection devoted to the art of Africa. The gallery is located at 3437 Mt. Diablo Blvd. For more information call 283-6011 or check their website at www.zetagallery.com.

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1	2	3 Executive Committee Meeting 8am The Duck Club	4	5 Lafayette Jazz Festival Del Valle Clubhouse	6 Lafayette Jazz Festival Acalanes Performing Arts Center	7 Lafayette Jazz Festival Acalanes Performing Arts Center
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8 Daylight Savings Time begins Lafayette Jazz Festival Acalanes Performing Arts Center	9 Chamber Board 12pm • LPH&S	10 Shop Lafayette Working Group 8am Chamber Conference Room	11 Tri-Chamber Mixer 5:30pm ABsolute Center 3658 Mt. Diablo Blvd Lafayette	12	13	14
15	16	17 Managing HR Issues 9am Chamber Conference Room	18 The Green Committe 11:45am Chamber Conference Room	19 8:30am Entrepreneur's Club Chamber Office Ribbon Cutting 4:30pm Diablo Rapid Print 1014 Oakhill Rd.	20 Citizen of the Year Dinner 6pm LPH&S	21
22	23	24 Business Forum 5:30-7:30pm Mechanics Bank 3640 Mt. Diablo Blvd.	25	26	27 Bus. Issues/ Govt. Affairs Meeting 8am Chamber Conference Room	28
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