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Hello, Lafayette!

October is here and we couldn't be more thrilled to share another wonderful month of local stories and connections! This month's cover celebrates Bushra Gill, a remarkable artist who discovers extraordinary beauty in life's imperfect, everyday moments. We're also delighted to introduce you to Town Hall Theatre's inspiring new executive director, Morgan Dayley, and education director, Erika March, who share insights about their educational programs.

Our **Business Spotlight** shines on attorney **Daniel Horowitz**, whose exceptional legal expertise is matched only by his deep commitment to our Lafayette community. His dedication to professional excellence and local involvement truly embodies what makes our town special.

A big thank you to Wei-Tai and Violet for hosting the Home Electrification Open Houses in September! Check out the *Guide to Home Electrification* on page 21, and feel free to email us at Lafayette@n2co.com with any questions.

As always, we encourage you to keep our participating businesses in mind for your future needs – and please thank them for their generous support that makes *Greet Lafayette* possible! Their partnership helps us continue connecting our amazing community. You can see a few RAVE REVIEWS on page 16!

Warmest regards,


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October Mayor's Musing



Mayor Susan Candell

Lafayette simply would not be such a great place to live and work without our amazing partners! One of our biggest partners is the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. The City works with the Chamber throughout the year, but the highlight is Lafayette's largest civic event — the annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival.

The Chamber organizes the event, which takes almost the entire year to plan. Over 85,000 visitors attend, with 200+ booths, 30 food vendors, non-stop music on three stages, and a very fun KidsZone! Lafayette thanks all of the Chamber members who worked hard to bring this event to our city. If you missed the Festival, make sure to put it on your 2026 calendar — it's always the third weekend in September!

Another partner working hard this fall is the Community Foundation of Lafayette. The Foundation awards grants to many local nonprofit organizations that support our residents by providing vital services. To fund these grants, they host events throughout the year, including the recent Lafayette's Senior Symposium, organized with another partner, Lamorinda Village.

The annual Senior Symposium brings together vendors and speakers who provide help and services for our seniors, and for those who care for them. If you haven't already purchased tickets for the Foundation's fundraiser 'Denim and Diamonds', the event is Saturday, October 4. Visit cflafayette.org/ to get yours!

Warmly, Your Mayor

Susan

Please let me know if you have suggestions for future topics for the Mayor's column at scandell@lovelafayette.org.



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Imperfectly Perfect

Artist Bushra Gill Finds Beauty in Breaks, Mistakes, and Everyday Life



Bushra Gill's layered paintings and prints combine everyday imagery with intricate Islamic geometric patterns.

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For as long as she can remember, Bushra Gill has been creating. “I always thought being an artist was something I had to become,” she says, “but it was actually a part of me from the beginning.”

Growing up in suburban Texas as the daughter of a conservative Pakistani family, Bushra never imagined her passion for making things would one day take her to the Pratt Institute in New York City. New York became home for decades, where Bushra studied fine art, worked in museum education at MoMA and The Drawing Center, and later ventured into fashion. She opened a boutique in the East Village, launched her own clothing line, and designed bridal and bridesmaids’ gowns.

When her husband Kamran’s job brought the family to Lafayette, their sons, Harris and Shiraz, were still small. Bushra

stepped back from full-time art to focus on motherhood. “Another artist once told me, ‘You’ll always be an artist, but your kids will only be young once.’ That stayed with me,” she recalls. When her boys reached their teens, she returned to the studio. Regaining her skills took time, but she found her voice stronger and surer.

Today, Bushra works mainly in painting and printmaking, layering everyday imagery — trees, flowers, people she knows — with intricate Islamic geometric patterns. These tiny shapes, she explains, are like “building blocks.” Change one, and the whole image shifts. Her favorite parts, she says, are “the breaks and mistakes — reminders that perfection doesn’t exist.”

Printmaking remains central to her process, sparking new ideas year after year. Recently, she has been exploring patterns



Bushra paints at her home studio in Happy Valley.

that bend and move in dimensional ways, a direction she’s eager to develop further.

It’s been a busy year for Bushra, with exhibits across the Bay Area, including Lafayette, Orinda, and Walnut Creek. She recently curated a show of Lafayette female artists at the new Abe’s Café downtown and has several shows coming up this fall.

Beyond her art, Bushra’s life in Lafayette has been shaped by community. When she and Kamran first moved here, they discovered a close-knit Islamic homeschool co-op at Sienna Ranch that became “the family we didn’t have in California.” Since then, her connections have only deepened — from the warmth of her Happy Valley neighborhood, with traditions like progressive holiday parties, to the interfaith Neighbor to Neighbor group, where for more than a decade she has gathered with Christian, Jewish, and Muslim neighbors and realized that “we are all much more alike than we are different.”

Even after 15 years, Lafayette’s natural beauty continues to inspire and fill her with awe: “Every time I go up or down the hilly roads, the vista that unfolds is a gift.”

Follow her work on Instagram @bushragill_art or subscribe to her newsletter at bushragill.com/newsletter.

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Stage and Spotlights

Town Hall Theatre helps students build stage skills, confidence, and connection.

BY GG GALLAGHER

Morgan Dayley (left), Town Hall's new executive director, and Erika March, education director. Photo by Craig Isaacs, BlueGoo Photography.

That process allows students to shed the pressure of perfection and instead cultivate soft skills like self-confidence and empathy for others.”

Town Hall's offerings range from themed plays like “Willy Wonka Jr.” to student-devised performances, as well as the Young Playwrights Program, which gives teens the opportunity to debut original works at the annual festival. Residencies in local schools further expand access, bringing theater directly into the community.

For students like Tess, those opportunities translate into courage and a sense of belonging. Town Hall's education programs are not just about making theater, but about shaping confident, connected young people ready to shine on any stage.

Learn more about Town Hall's education programs or register for upcoming sessions at townhalltheatre.com.

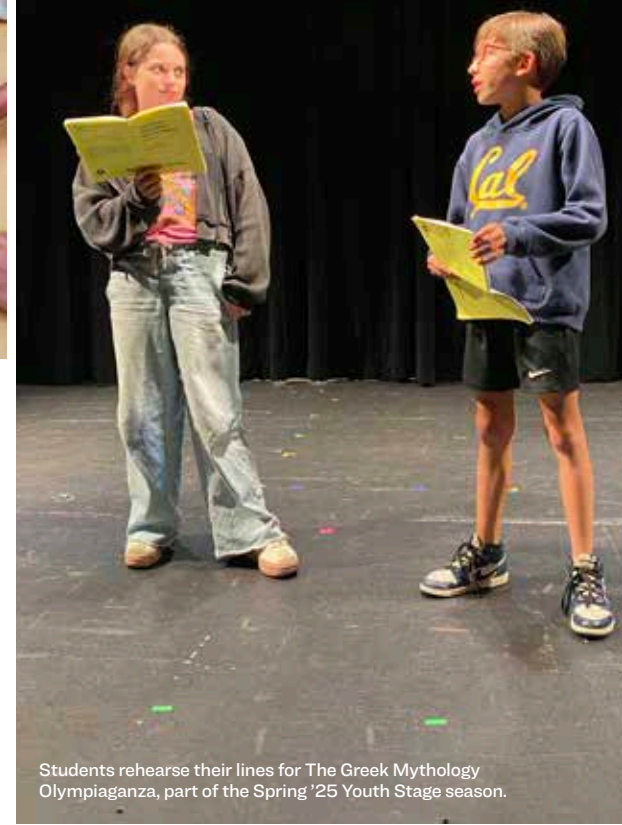


Tech Theatre students color props for “Finding Nemo Jr.,” 24/25 season.

Writer Gg Gallagher lives in Lafayette and is a junior at Acalanes High School.

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For as long as it's been around, the Town Hall Education Program (THEd) has been helping young performers discover the joy of theater while gaining invaluable life skills. Designed as an after-school and summer program, it offers students of all ages the chance to learn stagecraft, explore creativity, and build confidence, whether they're stepping into the spotlight for the first time or refining their skills as performers.

Seven-year-old Tess Pfisterer, who joined the program with her sister Fiona two years ago, shared how transformative the experience has been: “It helped me get over my stage fright, be more comfortable working with a group, and share my ideas.” Tess's mom echoed the growth she's seen, saying, “When Tess first began, she would cry before going on stage, but last year she proudly played a leading role.”

Town Hall's new Executive Director, Morgan Dayley, believes this type of growth is at the heart of the program's impact. “The arts are for everyone. Our education programs are skills-based at their core, giving students the tools to grow as performers while also building self-assurance and learning to work together.” Dayley said. “The work Erika and her team are doing is truly transformative.”

THEd is led by Education Director Erika March, who emphasized that the program goes beyond technical training. “There are many programs out there for advanced young actors who are Broadway-bound even as preteens. What we provide digs a little deeper into the heart of what makes theater such a special and important tradition,” she explained. “We focus on the expression and collaboration of creating art.

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Daniel Horowitz

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What sets Lawyers in Lafayette apart is its commitment to serving as a comprehensive legal hub. “We’re a one-stop location for all legal needs,” says Daniel. “What we don’t handle directly, we can refer to someone we trust — so clients aren’t left guessing or searching the internet for help.”

He also emphasizes that working with a local law firm doesn’t mean lower quality. “There are many top-level law practices in Contra Costa County,” he says. “Not only are they close to home — there’s a personal connection with the lawyers, a high level of expertise, and a strong sense of accountability that comes from being part of the community.”

GROUNDING IN COMMUNITY

That connection runs deep. Daniel and his wife Valerie, who serves on the board of Generations in Jazz, are longtime supporters of Lafayette Partners in Education (LPIE), the Lafayette Summer Music Jazz Workshop with Bob Athayde, and Dr. Lori Watson’s Race-Work program. Daniel advocates for public safety through his role on the Crime Prevention Commission, working to ensure that as real estate development progresses, police and firefighting resources are protected, and children have access to safe parks and open spaces.

This community involvement profoundly shapes the firm’s approach to legal work. “I live in a city where so many people contribute their time and money,” Daniel reflects. “I am in awe of the contributions of people like Danielle Gallagher of LPIE, Rick and Janet Cronk, and Tom & Karen Mulvaney. They inspire me to do more. Their joy in what they do reminds me of just how fulfilling being part of a community really is.”

MAKING AN IMPACT, CLOSE TO HOME

It’s been a meaningful year for the firm. Lawyers in Lafayette achieved a \$13 million personal injury settlement on behalf of a seriously injured client and is currently representing the Noroozi family in a case that has touched hearts across the community. The team is also expanding its expertise. Molly Northrup took the bar exam this summer with results due soon. This will add to her credentials, which include an MBA and a real estate license.

Daniel remains deeply engaged in local advocacy, from helping restore an area hospital’s standard of care, to representing patients and physicians as part of his practice that focuses on medical law, licensing, peer review, and hospital safety.

It’s all part of his ongoing commitment to serve the community that, in his words, changed everything: “Twenty years ago, my life seemed over, and the people in Lafayette saved me from the ledge. Strangers came up to me on the street, hugged me, and asked if I needed anything. I will never forget it, and I can never express strongly enough how powerful and important this community was in putting my life back together.”

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Golden Boy

Ronny just celebrated his fifth birthday with plenty of treats and tail wags. At home, he's the beloved golden retriever of Ali, Soodeh, and their 10-year-old daughter, Leily — but around town, he's something of a celebrity.

How did Ronny join your family?

During the pandemic, we were chatting about how nice it would be to have a dog. A week later, Soodeh surprised us by contacting a breeder in Texas for a golden retriever, and that's how Ronny trotted into our lives.

How did he get his name? Ronny arrived with his name already. It just so happened to sound a little like our daughter's name, Leily, and we instantly loved the sweet coincidence.

What are his favorites? Ronny's favorite games are playing catch and searching for hidden snacks. His most beloved toy? A well-loved blue octopus that's basically

Ronny's family describes him as a true gentleman: polite, patient, and full of quiet charm.



Ronny takes in the view on a hike in Pacifica.



A special drawing of Ronny by Soodeh's sister, Azimeh.

his sidekick. It is almost always under his cheek during naps.

What's something funny he does?

Ronny is our self-appointed "family inspector." He makes his rounds to check on all of us in our rooms. If someone's on the phone or a Zoom call, he'll pop in to "join" the meeting — no invitation needed.

What do you enjoy doing with Ronny?

We love taking him outdoors, whether

it's a beach walk or playing in the yard. At the beach, he charges into the waves with pure joy, as if the ocean is calling just for him.

If Ronny could talk, what would he say? Ronny would speak to us in Farsi every minute and say "منو ناز کن," which means "Pet me." By the way, Ronny is bilingual as we are and perfectly understands both English and Farsi.

Anything else people should know?

Ronny is a bit of a local celebrity. In our neighborhood and at Trader Joe's, he's famous; the staff often come outside just to say hi. If you spot a golden retriever outside Trader Joe's, there's a 99% chance it's Ronny holding court.

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STEM VOICES: Lucinda Tay on Architecture & Innovation

BY LUCIA GIALLORENZO



Lucinda Tay



Lucia Giallorenzo

I had the opportunity to speak with Lucinda Tay, an architect who has worked on a diverse range of projects. After studying at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, she spent 17 years at multidisciplinary firm Eight Inc., including international experience in Singapore, before co-founding OOM Architecture.

Tell me a bit about yourself and your passion for architecture. Even as a child, I loved drawing and creating things. In fifth grade, I said that I wanted to be an architect, though I didn't fully understand what that meant. In high school, I participated in competitions sponsored by the American Institute of Architects. I realized that designing spaces was my way of creating change behind the scenes, since I wasn't the type to get into politics or activism.

Tell me more about your background and your journey from school to here. I attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, known for its "learn by doing" philosophy that prepared me for work. After graduation, I spent 17 years at Eight Inc., a multidisciplinary firm helping brands reinvent themselves. In 2011, my partner, Rob, and I moved to Singapore to establish our Asia office, which gave us an international perspective on design. When we started our family four years ago, we established our own practice, OOM Architecture.

What exciting projects are you working on? We just finished a longevity clinic in New York called Biograph. They aim to redefine preventative health care by being anti-hospital and creating a warm, engaging space. Instead of waiting until you show symptoms of disease, they conduct comprehensive health assessments to try to catch things as early as possible. The environment feels more like a spa than a medical facility.

What advice do you have for young people interested in pursuing a career in architecture? You need to love it, because there will be challenges and long hours. Even if you're uncertain about practicing architecture, complete the education because it teaches problem-solving skills that transfer to many careers. It's much harder to transition into architecture from other fields later.

How do you see architecture evolving in the next 5-10 years, especially with all the AI innovation? I hope AI will handle repetitive tasks so people can focus on what they are good at, like problem-solving and connecting with clients. While AI enables faster design generation, speed doesn't necessarily mean quality. Human judgment is essential for evaluating whether ideas are worth building.

Writer Lucia Giallorenzo lives in Lafayette and is in 10th grade at The Athenian School.

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It's Village. Of Course.

Getting to Know the Lafayette Reservoir

Our Town Treasure

BY JIM SCALA, PHOTOS BY CRAIG ISAACS, BLUEGOO PHOTOGRAPHY

I thought it would be nice to introduce everyone, new and old, to our treasured Lafayette Reservoir. For our community, it is a breathtakingly beautiful recreational area that offers unlimited activities for everyone. I hope you'll check it out and enjoy the venture.

Simply driving or walking up to the Lafayette Reservoir dam and sitting on the central bench under the pergola brings you in touch with 125 acres of beauty, which includes this 1.45 billion-gallon body of water. In addition, you cannot help but notice the reservoir tower that makes the view even more compelling, and the numerous birds, including crows, hawks and owls, seen in the trees near the dam.

The reservoir opened to the public in 1936, offering two walking trails and boat rentals. The paved trail is 2.7



The Reservoir offers walking and jogging paths for all ages to stay fit while enjoying nature's beauty.

miles, ideal for walking and jogging, while the rim trail is 4.7 miles. The paved trail covers some gentle hills, which are approximately 170 feet up and down. The rim trail links to the paved trail at several points, allowing walkers to move between them as they go. Using the rim and paved trails, a person can easily walk 10 miles. Reservoir walking paths are excellent for enjoying nature and maintaining good health by walking and jogging.

The paved trail has well-located drinking fountains, making it easy to maintain your hydration level, and benches at various locations, which allow resting and simply sitting to enjoy the spectacular wonders of nature. The views include various types of wildlife: birds, an occasional coyote or fox, and squirrels, all of which live well at the reservoir. As a person walks, they often notice what appear to be unusual bird houses, with narrow vertical openings, high up on metal poles. These are bat houses. Bats eat mosquitoes, especially in the evening hours, so people seldom, if ever, complain about getting mosquito bites at the reservoir.

Although the paved trail is 2.7 miles for a complete circuit, the trail has been marked at 0.75-mile intervals, which allows a person to pick a comfortable distance. For example, if people like to take a shorter walk from the dam, they can walk to the 0.75-mile marker, turn around, walk back to their starting point, and they have done 1.5 miles.

The Reservoir Walking Group meets Tue/Thu/Sat at 8:50 a.m. by the center pergola. To join, contact rstanton19@comcast.net.



Jim Scala

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LAMORINDA VILLAGE LAUNCHES HUB OFFICE TO SUPPORT NEIGHBORING VILLAGES

BY KATHRYN ISHIZU, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LAMORINDA VILLAGE



Diablo Valley Villages Steering Committee Members (front row): Kathleen Kirk, Alice Tai, Angela Tu, Trudy Triner, Kathryn Ishizu, Ellen Osmundson, Cindy DeYoung, and Cheryl Ringo (back row): Pete Bardea and Claes Elfving

Lamorinda Village is proud to announce the launch of Diablo Valley Villages, a hub office supporting a growing network of local Villages. As communities explore the Village model — a grassroots, volunteer approach to help older adults maintain independence and social connections — many seek guidance and structure in recreating a similar organization in their own communities.

Diablo Valley Villages provides emerging Villages, known as affiliates, with mentorship, administrative support, financial management, and volunteer coordination. It offers guidance on fundraising, program development, shared events, and wellness programming.

This growing network of new Villages can then foster connection and belonging in their communities through services like friendly visits, tech support, organized walks, outings, and cultural events. They reduce isolation while enriching lives.

Clayton Valley Village, an all-volunteer organization, was the first to work with Diablo Valley Villages. Mt. Diablo Village and San Ramon Valley Village are launching with hub guidance. Each Village will maintain local leadership while benefiting from shared infrastructure and collective wisdom.

Diablo Valley Villages is committed to further expanding access and building capacity so more older adults have the support needed to thrive at home and in their communities.

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A Comprehensive Guide to Home Electrification for Lafayette Homeowners

WHAT IS HOME ELECTRIFICATION?

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KEY PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Three important planning elements ensure successful electrification:

- **Energy assessment** — Evaluate current energy use and future electrical needs. Planning for electric vehicles or hot tubs now can save more than \$10,000 later.
- **Right sizing** — Choose equipment properly sized for your home's layout. Work with contractors performing Manual J load calculations.
- **Budget planning** — Understand the full scope of electrification and stay informed about incentives and financing options.

WHY CHOOSE SPECIALISTS?

Working with an electrification specialist can offer crucial advantages:

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- Streamlined rebate navigation

Heat pumps function fundamentally differently from gas systems. Specialists understand these critical differences that general contractors often miss.

PHASED ELECTRIFICATION APPROACH

Advice when phasing your switch to electrification versus doing it all at once:

- **Plan holistically** — Inventory gas appliances and set timelines
- **Start high-impact** — Begin with furnaces or water heaters, the largest gas consumers
- **Pre-wire** — Install proper wiring before appliances fail to avoid delays

- **Address safety** — Handle asbestos, combustion issues, or outdated electrical panels early

CALIFORNIA TIMELINE AND INCENTIVES

California targets 6 million heat pump installations by 2030. With only 1.9 million installed by late 2024, a significant opportunity exists. Bay Area mandates require zero-emission water heaters by 2027 and space heaters by 2029.

Current incentives include federal tax credits (ending Dec. 31, 2025): Up to \$2,000 for heat pumps, \$1,200 for air sealing/insulation, and \$600 for electrical panels. State rebates through TECH Clean California offer \$1,000 to \$5,700 for heat pumps, while California Energy Smart Homes provides up to \$10,000+ for whole-home electrification.

TAKE ACTION NOW

Acting now helps beat future electrical grid congestion and price increases. California isn't immediately banning all gas — current codes encourage electrification without prohibition, a trend expected to continue until 2032.

Thank you to Electrify My Home for providing this helpful guide! If you have any questions or would like to start your electrification journey, contact Electrify My Home at 844-637-3733 or info@electrifymyhome.com.

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