



THE LETTER

LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, INC. NEWSLETTER

FROM THE BOARD

What's Happening

By Jennifer Skaife, President

Not only does the year end in a few weeks, but also the first decade of the 21st Century. We have each witnessed great changes over this time, globally, nationally and locally. Our own small community here in the Lafayette has seen many changes since first built in 1928 and as we share the privilege of residing here now, in these buildings of eight, going on nine decades of age, we witness yet another chapter, the much overdue **maintenance project**

of repairing the many cracks and wrinkles the exterior structure has developed. By **Spring 2011** the Lafayette and Broadway buildings will have a completed waterproofing and painting project including broken glass replaced throughout, leaking windows repaired or re-glazed as needed in our Common and Commercial areas and all residents given the opportunity to replace entire widow frames should they choose. There is a **weekly schedule** posted in the display case in the main lobby, which affords us all the opportunity to see how we may be impacted by the work, so please take a look at it and keep informed!

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We are currently on schedule and, weather permitting the **scaffolding** is scheduled to begin to come down from the Linden and Broadway facades mid-December.

The end of the year brings us to the “changing of the guard” with respect to the Board, and since last month’s newsletter we have received notice from our long-standing and extremely dedicated treasurer **Rick Blackshere** that he will not be standing for re-election for 2011-2012. I too have made the decision to stand down, not only as President, but also from the Board. Therefore, in addition to needing a replacement for 2nd VP Glenn Agoncillo, we are looking for at least **two more Homeowners** to stand for election to fill these three positions. We do have two nominees currently, **Leo Bell** and **Kavita Rodrigues** who have both boldly chosen to stand for election. I encourage you consider standing – but with the full realization and acceptance that it is a very demanding commitment, a position

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GYM TALK

Gym Etiquette

By Anne Proffit, Homeowner

Greetings from Suite 103. What is Suite 103?

It's the Lafayette's beautiful **gym**, complete with early Christmas gift of three new treadmills. The gym is probably one of the better perquisites



available to Lafayette owners and renters; where we might otherwise pay \$30 or more to go work out and get crowded away from some

equipment, the gym can be a nice, solitary place to exercise without competition for the equipment.

I'm one of the original rodents - a **gym rat** - who wasn't terribly sure the equipment needed to be moved from the mezzanine to the first floor. Now that the **French Room** is up and running, this gym is a feature that should entice new owners to make their home at our lovely building.

There is one sore point, though, that we all are responsible for. Most mornings when I go in for my daily workout - and occasionally when I'm passing through the garden to empty trash - I've noticed that my **neighbors have left lights and fans on and have not put their weights away**. It's always the bigger weights that are left strewn around the room, not small ones, so this very petite gym rat has to do a wee bit more lifting to put them back. Let me tell you, lifting 40-pound dumbbells isn't my idea of fun - that's nearly half my weight!

Please, friends and neighbors, remember to turn off the lights and fans and to put your weights back on the racks. It's only fair and civil to behave that way, so that all of us can get the **enjoyment** we deserve from our beautiful Suite 103. 🐭



**LAFAYETTE
HOLIDAY PARTY
THURS., DEC. 16, 2010**

6 - 9PM

MAIN LOBBY

**FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC
AND RAFFLE PRIZES**

EVERYONE IS INVITED

WELCOME TO THE LAFAYETTE

New Residents

**Unit 657 Metchie Santa-Catalina &
 Jamiely Santo Domingo**

Unit 1057 Zachary Weiss & Rachel Luna

ALL RESIDENTS: Remember no bicycles in the Main Lobby. Please go through the Broadway or Garden entrances. Window coverings must be white or off-white! In the trash closets, put trash in the black bag and recycling in the clear bag! If you have large trash items, please place them directly in the dumpsters in the garden. Thank you and welcome to the Lafayette. 🐭

VONS OPENS

Friday, Dec. 10, 2010!!!

...CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 to be taken seriously, conscious of the responsibility and with real enthusiasm to include, inform, motivate and encourage others. It is demanding of your time, your willingness to learn the appropriate protocols and some of the legal aspects of running a nonprofit corporation, an awareness that you may not always be the most liked individual in the moment, but in the end hugely rewarding, an amazing way to get to know your neighbors both in the **Lafayette and the larger Long Beach community** and, I speak for my self here, a way to really become a "part of." Our **annual meeting** will be held in January 2011 where the votes will be counted and the new Board appointed. The date for that will be announced at December's meeting.

So with this I bid you farewell, and wish all a peaceful **Holiday Season** and a **Happy New Year**, remembering those less fortunate than ourselves and those far away from home and family. Here's to an Abundant 2011! ☞

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Save the Date: Dec. 16

By Geronimo Quitariano, Social Committee

The Lafayette **Holiday Party** Committee is proud to announce the annual party will be held on **Thursday, December 16, 2010** from 6-9pm in the Main Lobby. Please come for food, drinks, live music and a chance to win some fabulous raffle prizes from local businesses and a 40" Sony Bravia TV. Raffle tickets can be bought at the office.

Special thanks to **volunteers** who helped decorate the main lobby on November 30: David Albers, Greg Bayer, Hisako Ito, James Loreno and Stacie Vandenberg. Special thanks to Manager Sharon Hays for picking up the tree, Sumako and friend for unloading the tree, Earl Davis for lending the Lafayette use of his truck. The lobby looks wonderfully festive. ☞

Chill Coffee Lounge & Café
Located at the Broadway entrance to the Historic Lafayette building



Coupon Specials

\$5.00

Pastrami Sandwich

Pastrami on rye bread with mustard, pickles & cheese

Must present coupon at time of purchase
(Cannot be combined with any other offer)

**Fast Service
Great food
Friendly Prices**

\$5.00

The Big Tuna Sandwich

Tuna salad, lettuce, tomato, onion, topped with fresh sliced avocado, served open faced.

Must present coupon at time of purchase
(Cannot be combined with any other offer)

\$5.00

Italian Turkey Club

Hand sliced turkey, crisp bacon, pepperoni, provolone cheese, onion, olives, topped with Italian dressing.

Must present coupon at time of purchase
(Cannot be combined with any other offer)

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to all customers**

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- Breakfast & Lunch Sandwiches
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- Brownies
- Cheesecakes
- Toasted Bagels
- Pastries



FOR RENT

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|---|----------------|---------------------|
| 2 bed 2 bath | \$1,400 | 323-898-2091 |
| 3 rd floor condo includes refrigerator, stove and parking. Available now. Please call for an appointment. *Move-in special* *1 st Month Free* | | |
| 1 bed 1 bath | \$1,100 | 562-494-1594 |
| 10 th floor condo (539 sq ft), corner unit with ocean view! | | |
| Large studio | \$1,100 | 562-857-7476 |
| 5 th floor condo (600 sq ft), all utilities included with dishwasher. | | |
| 1 bed 1 bath | \$925 | 562-607-2916 |
| 9 th floor condo, corner unit with ocean and city views! New fridge and new laminate flooring! | | |
| 1 bed 1 bath | \$935 | 949-310-8906 |
| *Painting Special* 4 months for the price of 2; 6 th floor; open views | | |
| Studio | \$900 | 310-328-0722 |
| 6 th floor condo, amenities include stove/microwave, kitchenette and closet. Security deposit \$1,000. Call Maria at Vitco Properties. | | |

FOR SALE

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|--|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 bed 2 baths | \$275,000 | 310-999-9195 |
| 10 th floor condo (1,069 sq ft), newly remodeled. | | |
| Commercial Condo | | 562-754-9941 |
| \$129,000 (268 sq ft) | | |
| Commercial Condo | | 562-453-5870 |
| \$125,000 (272 sq ft) | | |
| Commercial Condo | | 562-843-0496 |
| \$99,000 (198 sq ft) | | |



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Who's Who at the Lafayette

2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jennifer Skaife
 1st VP: Joe Hill
 2nd VP: Glenn Agoncillo

Treasurer: Rick Blackshere
 Secretary: Renée Boudoi

CONTACT THE BOARD

In **writing**: Each board member has a mailbox in the office. All written comments will be addressed in a timely manner. Or you may email them through the office: sharon@thelafayettelb.org

In **person**: Come to the board meetings usually every first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Solarium (11th floor Campbell Building) unless a schedule change has been posted.

OFFICE MANAGER

Sharon Hays Phone: 562-436-5391 9:30am to 5pm weekdays
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Reminder: Meeting minutes may be viewed at the office or are available for download on our website thelafayettelb.org.

Calendar

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010

Board Meeting
 7pm in the
 11th floor Solarium

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010

Lafayette Holiday Party
 6-9pm in the Main Lobby

Friday, Dec. 24, 2010

Christmas Eve
OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 31, 2010

New Year's Eve
OFFICE CLOSED

LAFAYETTE RULES - SECTION II SAFETY & SECURITY Part I

II.1 Instructions and requests from Manager are to be followed carefully as Lafayette Staff exists for the safety and well-being of all residents.

II.2 ()** Propping open stairwell and fire doors and/or gates is prohibited.

II.3 ()** Residents and guests shall not climb fences, fire escapes or gates to enter or exit the building.

II.4 Suspicious persons or activities should be immediately reported to the Office Manager, or the Long Beach Police.

II.5 Newspaper deliveries should be temporarily suspended or arrangements made for their pickup by a neighbor when the unit is vacated for more than two days.

II.6 Riding bicycles, tricycles, skateboards and roller-skates is prohibited in hallways, lobbies, decks and the parking lot. The common areas are never to be used as playground.

II.7 Bicycles are prohibited in the Main Lobby and must be brought in and out of the building in designated areas only.

II.8 All visitors entering the building and persons who are unknown to residents and Security should be willing to identify themselves if challenged, especially in the elevators. Legitimate residents surely understand that questioning unknown persons is a normal safeguard in any building. parking lot. The common areas are never to be used as playground.

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