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Tom Steuber Selected as Lafayette's Citizen of the Year

The Lafayette Chamber is proud to present this special award every year along with co-sponsor Lamorinda Weekly. Each year we solicit nominations and a small committee has the difficult task of picking the winner. Sometimes campaigns

are launched and we are flooded with letters recommending their choices. For a number of years, a group of families have been telling us about one extraordinary member of our community. Tom Steuber has presided as Scoutmaster for Lafayette's Boy Scout Troop 204 for twelve years. He has guided hundreds of boys through their scouting journey including an unprecedented 100 scouts that have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Tom has taught boys to be leaders and to work together on common goals. He guides them in their service to the community. He is a role model, always patient and thoughtful.

In addition to his work with Lafayette's youth, Toms' company Associated Services, has reached out and supported underprivileged teachers, schools and classrooms throughout the Bay Area. He encourages his 170 employees to reach out to every teacher they know and no requests are denied! A remarkable humanitarian and a special Lafayette neighbor. CONGRATULATIONS TOM!

You can join us as we celebrate Tom's contributions on Friday, March 18, 2016 at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa. Cocktails at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. You can make reservations by visiting www.lafayettechamber.org, or by calling our office at 925-284-7404. Please make your reservations no later than Wednesday, March 16th.

Sales Tax Study Moves Forward

Our City Council approved funds at its first meeting in February to hire a consultant to check in with our residents to test their appetite for placing a sales tax measure on the November ballot. The Sales Tax Revenue Committee has been meeting for several months and recommended to the council to move forward. With current revenue sources in place the city will be able to meet its obligations for the next 10 years. However, if the city wants to accomplish any of the priorities that were discussed during last year's "Community Conversations" such as Open Space Preservation, additional Crime Surveillance, Saving the Park Theater, Parking Gargages, etc, it will take a new source of revenue. If the city does not act on passing a measure for additional "local" sales tax now, it may lose that opportunity if other agencies come forward, pass a sales tax and reach the cap of 9.5%. The Chamber is represented on the committee and will be reaching out to our members soon to understand your position on this issue.

Meet Chamber Member Britt Brown

When most organizations gave up their printed newsletters, our members said, "Please, NO." Communicating about our members and the projects we work on is so important. Weekly email blasts are great if they get opened but we think the old-fashioned method is just as important. We thought it might be nice for you to know who is behind the design and layout of our newsletter. Britt Brown has been doing the heavy lifting for this publication for 17 years. She, of course, has many other clients working on magazine publications, catalogs, retail ads, brochures, stationary packages, logos, newspaper ads, trade shows and of course newsletters. You can find out more about **Britt Brown Design** by visiting her on Linkedin. If you would like to see samples of her work, go to http://brittbrowndesign.wix.com/illustrator-portfoli. Give her a call at 925.708.2600. She'd love to meet with you to discuss any upcoming design jobs. THANK YOU BRITT for taking such good care of us here at the chamber!



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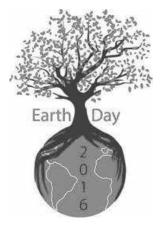
Sponsorships and space for the 2016 Art & Wine Festival are going quickly this year! Don't be left outside the footprint. September 17th & 18th marks our 21st year bringing as many as 100,000 people to downtown Lafayette. Call Sara Regan for details at 925-284-7404. You can also find out about other sponsorship opportunities including the Reservoir Run, Taste of Lafayette, Summer Concerts, Dogtown Downtown and Earth Day.



Young Professionals Group

Our mission is to bring together like minded individuals to develop professional success and personal fulfillment. Our members range in age from 21-40 and come from a wide variety of professional backgrounds. Our goals include having fun while developing positive relationships to help us grow professionally. Our next "meetup" will be on Tuesday, March 8, 5:30pm at Postino, 3565 Mount Diablo Blvd. Tell your employees they are welcome too! Visit them and get notifications for their "meet ups" by visiting: http://www.meetup.com/Young-Professionals-Group-Lafayette-CA/.

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Earth Day Helps Remind Us To Be Nice to Mother Earth

The average global temperature was 2 degrees higher last year compared to the average for the last century. Sorry folks, Global Warming is not going away. Here in Lafayette we are doing what we can to help change that trend in our own little way. Join us for Earth Day, Sunday, April 24th when we partner again with Sustainable Lafayette and the city's Environmental Task Force to share information and practical lessons in "greening" your own little world. The event runs from 11am - 3pm at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. For more information visit www.sustainablelafayette.com.



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Lamorinda Small Business Forum

Join us for the second meeting in our new series of presentations especially for entrepreneur's and small business owners. Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, we will feature three local businesses that have had tremendous success building their businesses right here in Lafayette. We will be holding this at Lamorinda Music, in their theater. More details can be found at www.lafayette chamber.org.

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