

T H E L E T T E R

LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, INC. NEWSLETTER

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR/MANAGER

Sharon Hays

By Thomas Wasper

When did you begin working for the Lafayette?

It seems longer every day.

Did you buy your unit at the same time you started working here?

I didn't buy a place at the same time I started working here – get your facts straight! I bought several years later because it was a deal I couldn't refuse and I'm a sucker for an underdog—which by the way now looks beautiful.

Working this job can be demanding and making sure the rules of the building are followed requires a strong personality. Convince us that you're really just a big softy. I'm really not a big softy – I made my daughter scrub the floors, cook for me, bring me coffee each morning and go to school even when on her deathbed – just ask her.

When you are able to break away from the job for a few days; what kind of things do you enjoy doing? I watch my grandkids and then run screaming back to the Lafayette. No residents are as bad as my grandkids.

What music are you listening to? Whatever Marco makes me listen to during my workouts.

Read any good books lately? Are you crazy? I can't see anything and refuse to wear my glasses.



Sharon Hays, Manager
Photo by Geronimo Quitoriano

Movies? Anything that is on TV in the morning when I am supposed to be getting ready for work.

The Lafayette has a really nice gym and someone just donated a regulation size pool table. Are many of the residents taking advantage of the building's amenities? The only amenity they seem to be taking advantage of is me bringing them their packages, walking their dogs – basically working me like a dog.

Who's your favorite resident? Is it me? Did I say I had a favorite?

Ask yourself a question we might be interested in knowing the answer to. "Which one of your children is your favorite?" My daughter of course. She is so lovely, kind and generous. I really can't get enough of her. ☺

Editor's note: Questions for Sharon were answered by her favorite child: her daughter Sharon. Manager Sharon emails me that the "answers to my questions are not the opinion of the management but of [my] daughter, and that I am not responsible for the content of these answers." ☺

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THANKS FOR AGING

September Birthdays

September has quite a few birthdays this month:

Mary Armenta

Sharon Hays

Julie Nemechek

Susan Phinney

If we missed anybody, happy birthday to you, too!

FROM THE BOARD

What's Happening

By Joe Hill, President

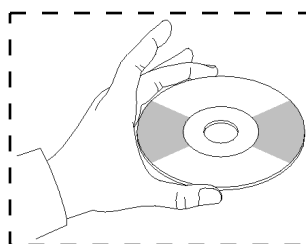
We are very excited to welcome Uvas to the Lafayette!!! **Uvas is a wine, art, music boutique** which will include the sale of upscale accessories for the home. They will also sell fine chocolates, pastries, fresh flowers, books and music and will feature wine tasting events, local artists and exhibits and live classical or Spanish guitar playing music. Uvas will be taking the place of Open Bookstore and transform a portion of the sidewalk to outdoor seating.

We are also looking to replace the **roof** on the Campbell Building. It has several layers of old roofing material which all have to be removed before we begin to install a new one. The new bids offer a more modern material and no longer use the black tar mixture.

Also discussed were more **security cameras** for the building and a **keyfob** for the garden gate & garden door. However, we are no longer pursuing these items at this time. If you feel a need for either of these items or any other items, you can come to the next meeting scheduled for September 4 at 7pm in the solarium.

If you can't make that, my email is **onejoehill@att.net** where you can let me know any questions/concerns. ☞

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A VIEW FROM THE 6TH FLOOR



Found!

By Thomas Wasper

Maybe two weeks ago I came across an unmarked CD-R in the garden area and took it upstairs to unlock its secrets on my computer. I actually threw it on the desktop, assuming (wrongly, as it turns out) that there would be nothing interesting therein.

Finding someone's jam mix is different than the immediate rewards satisfied from found (naughty!) Polaroids, personal letters, legal documents or any paperwork having to do with someone's mental instability.

A found CD is similar to someone giving you a book or new music that, according to them, is the next best thing you will read/hear. This kind of stuff usually lays around my desk collecting dust until memory fades and I'm wondering how the hell it got there and off it goes (after a periphery glance on Amazon to see its monetary worth) to the Lafayette library.

I'm glad I took the time to pop this one in the computer. This super funky jam mix started off with "Soul Dracula" by a group that calls themselves Hot

Blood. I'm not sure if they ever recorded anything else, but this one track gains them immortal Hall-of-Fame status in my book. It's magic lies not in the lyrics, of which there aren't many, but in the delivery of the singer. "Soul Drac-ooola! Hahahaha!" Competing with the lead are the ethereal voices of the song's background singers. I can't get enough of this first track!

Next up are a couple of Prince tracks. I start to get bored and almost disregard the rest of the CD thinking that I've already found its creamy center, but then it jumps the rails with "Scratch Your Name" by The Noisettes, followed by a couple classics from Vanilla Fudge and Stevie Wonder.

And then a countrified version of the Dean Martin song "Return To Me" starts playing.

I can't quite identify the singer. Is it Vic Chesnutt? More importantly—who is the mad genius responsible for this super fun-time party CD?

"Smoke Rings" is playing now. It could be Clyde McCoy and his Orchestra from 1933, but I'm not sure. The investigation involved with decoding this CD is turning into a pretty grand distraction from things I should be doing. To be truthful, though, it would have gone much easier had I listened to Google the first time they told me it was Vanilla Fudge singing "You Keep Me Hanging On" and not kept insisting that I was pretty sure it was Three Dog Night. After repeated, argumentative googling attempts I came to realize my error.

The White Stripes and then another Prince tune. But, a pretty good Prince tune! If I had one criticism of your mix it would be too much Prince. But, it's a minor concern made up for by the inclusion of Bowie's "Changes" by Seu Jorge, "Nothing New" by April March, "1234" by Feist and "The Love You Save" by the Jackson Five to close.

Whoever you are, sir or madam, your skills are like that of a surgeon, confidently inserting your cuts and changing direction seemingly on a whim to present what should have been a jumbled mess, but instead turns out to be my favorite music CD of the year.

P.S. Your CD is in the office and Sharon would appreciate it if you would stop leaving your personal things lying around in the garden. 🐾

A WALK THRU TIME UPDATE

Volunteers needed!

By Jack Nendel



In just about two months on **Sunday, November 4**, our building will be hosting the second annual Walk Thru Time.

As before, to capture the essence of the period, we will be assisted by the **Art Deco Society of Los Angeles** who will provide volunteers dressed in period clothing.

The interior of the Lafayette lobby, as well as the solarium, will be staged with period furniture by **Elan Interiors**.

We are looking forward to sharing our homes with the public, many of whom are interested in the historic buildings within Long Beach.

We currently have 12 homeowners, principally within the Campbell and Broadway buildings, that have committed to the tour and we greatly appreciate their willingness to open up their homes.

However, we would like to **add another 3-4 homes** to the program and if you would like to volunteer your home and to understand your responsibilities on that day please contact any member of the Walk Thru Time Committee (Sharon Hays, Lucy Van Wagner, Jolie Hindman, Julie Nemechek or myself, Jack Nendel).

Tickets for the event (\$20.00 to the public) will be on sale during the week of September 10.

In the next two months, we need **volunteers** to assist in our marketing and distribution campaign and, of course, on the day of the event we need "MANY MANY" volunteers for positions within the Linden Avenue lobby, crowd control, registration, refreshment stations, elevator operators, doormen, etc.

Please take this opportunity to participate in our Walk Thru Time and let any one of the committee members know of your interest. 🐾

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Who's Who at the Lafayette

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CONTACT THE BOARD

In writing: Email them. Also, each board member has a mailbox in the office. All written comments will be addressed in a timely manner.

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

OFFICE MANAGER

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Reminder: Meeting minutes may be viewed at the office or if you would like them emailed to you, let Sharon know.

FLOWER POWER

A special thank you goes to fellow neighbor Malou Mariano for the beautiful silk flower arrangement she made for the lobby.



Photo by Thomas Wasper

C a l e n d a r

Monday, September 3, 2007

LABOR DAY, office closed

Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Board meeting

In the Solarium, 7pm

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Saturday, October 6, 2007

Lafayette Garage Sale

8am to 3pm

Sunday, November 4, 2007

2nd Annual Walk Thru Time

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