



# T H E L E T T E R

LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, INC. NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE BOARD

### What's Happening

By Leo Bell, President.



The critical topic this month is **parking** (or lack thereof). Whether you park at the Marriott, Linden lot, Broadway & Elm or you fight for a street space, you know the increasing difficulty in finding a spot for a reasonable price. Unfortunately, the

Lafayette has little control over parking availability and cost. Here are the **options**:

**Marriott:** Has a new parking manager and has tried to raise the monthly rate to \$140. Manager Sharon Hays has at least temporarily convinced them to limit the rate to \$100, but they tell us the rate will increase next year.

**Broadway & Elm:** For those willing to walk a bit, this City lot is only \$47/month. You can sign up online if there are available spots.

**Ocean & Elm:** Sharon has applications for residents interested in \$80/month parking spaces in the structure behind Chase Bank.

**Linden lot:** This lot is owned by an entity comprised of a small group of LAHO homeowners. Although their stated purpose is to provide parking to Lafayette residents, they can change their mind at any time (i.e. to develop condos). We have offered to purchase the lot but the LLC has refused to even negotiate. Until now, the LAHO has provided administrative services for this group without compensation. Upon the advice of our attorney, we have decided to discontinue this arrangement as of September 1. Starting then, any resident parking in that lot must arrange their monthly payment with the Parking LLC. Further instructions will follow.

You may have heard scary stories about actions the City might take due to our parking situation. There is absolutely no basis to those rumors. In fact, the City itself has exacerbated the parking problems. We will continue to explore various alternative solutions including working with the **City of Long Beach**.

Please send comments and suggestions to me at: [thetaxguy.longbeach@gmail.com](mailto:thetaxguy.longbeach@gmail.com). You may also email the Board via the office: [sharon@thelafayettelb.org](mailto:sharon@thelafayettelb.org). ☺

## FROM THE MANAGER

### Condo Comments

By Sharon Hays, Manager

**Social Scene:** The Lafayette Social Committee is hosting an International themed **potluck** for residents on Sat., **Aug. 9** from 5:30-7:30pm in the Solarium. to coincide with the 2nd Saturday Art Walk. They are asking residents to bring an ethnic dish or beverage to share. There may also be raffle prizes and coupons from local businesses, so swing by!

**Gym Etiquette:** Please turn off the lights and fans and put away your **weights** in the gym after use. Recently a 25 lb. weight slipped off a machine and fell on a resident's big toe. Fortunately it's not broken but it was painful! Also, if a machine is broken, please report it to the office immediately.



**Show Me the Money:** Copies of the Lafayette Financial Statements for **2013** are available to interested homeowners in the office or can be downloaded on our website with valid username and password.

**Free Yoga:** Starting Sept. 3, spend some time with neighbor **Ashley Reed** every **Wed.** from 7-8:30pm as she guides you through simple poses and blissful meditations while receiving all the amazing benefits of yoga! After a 2006 **car accident** left her with broken ribs and a fractured cervical vertebra, Ashley started practicing yoga at the Bikram Yoga Long Beach studio at the suggestion of her physical therapist to help with her injuries. Over the years, yoga has become a lifestyle for her and daily practice has kept her body strong and her mind at ease. She is scheduled to finish her **200 hour yoga teacher training** this month at the Long Beach School of Yoga. She is excited to start fulfilling her life's purpose: to share with others the **healing benefits** of this practice which allows her to give back to humanity in some way. Classes are free but any donations are much appreciated. Namaste. ☺



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

# Who's Who at the Lafayette

## 2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Leo Bell, President	Regina Mathews, Secretary
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## 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](mailto:sharon@thelafayettelb.org)

In **person**: Come to the board meetings in the Mezzanine (2nd floor Lafayette Building by main lobby).

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## C a l e n d a r

**Sat. Aug. 9, 2014**

Lafayette Potluck  
 5:30-7:30pm in the Solarium

**Thu., Aug. 21, 2014**

Board Meeting  
 7pm in the Mezzanine  
 by the Main Lobby

**Reminder:** Meeting minutes may be viewed at the office or are available for download on our website [thelafayettelb.org](http://thelafayettelb.org).

## WELCOME TO THE LAFAYETTE

## New Residents

**Unit 282 - Ricardo Amezcua**

ALL RESIDENTS: Remember no *bicycles* in the Main Lobby. Please use the Campbell Freight Elevator and Garden Gate or the Broadway Elevator. *Window coverings* must be white or off-white! In the *trash* closets, place trash in the black bag and recycling in the clear bag. And please do not leave oversized furniture or other items in the dumpster area. Please make sure to read the *rules* in the move-in packet or download them on our website. Thank you. 📧

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