

January 2009

Greetings from your new Mayor!

First of all, thank you for your support. This election marked the largest voter participation in Lafayette ever and there was an overwhelming margin in favor of new leadership here. I'll do all I can to fulfill this role with integrity, commitment and open communication. I take this role seriously and will do my best to balance faith, family and work with the needs of this city through this great volunteer service position.

**What's Happening in Lafayette:**

- You have a new Mayor and City Council as of January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Progress is being made to have 2 new wells operational by the end of the year, one of which will be shared with Dayton.
- Property was purchased by your previous Council at the end of 2008, with the intent and purpose of installing a basketball court and parking lot. A public notice has been placed on this land at the crossroads of Bridge and 12th to notify neighbors of what is being considered. This topic will be discussed at the next Council meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please come and let us know what you think!
- I am forming citizen committees to help plan and address the needs of our city. We need your help!
- A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 10th at Lafayette Community Church at 7:00 PM. Please come and help us plan the future of Lafayette!
- A broadcast email information network is being developed to keep you better informed.
- Bridge and Washington streets at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (Hwy 99) are being studied for improvements.
- Reviewing the city debt.

**Your New Council:**

January 8<sup>th</sup> marked the first meeting of your new Mayor and Council consisting of Chris Pagella, Dean Rhodes, Leah Harper and Nick Harris as your newly elected council members. Bob Cullen and Michael Roberts make up the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> council members and have both served previously.

**This is Your Lafayette:**

As outlined in my "1<sup>st</sup> One Hundred Days as Mayor" statement on my website, committees are being formed. Please get involved so that together, we can truly create a new Lafayette. Sign up or give your opinions by emailing me through the contact link on my Mayor web site at:

**[www.Lafayettmayor2008.com](http://www.Lafayettmayor2008.com)**.

**Start Receiving Email News and Alerts:**

I have requested Trena McManus, Assistant to the City Administrator, to begin compiling an email address list for the purpose of open communication with all citizens. To sign up for email alerts, please contact her at [trenam@ci.lafayette.or.us](mailto:trenam@ci.lafayette.or.us) to register as soon as possible. Please provide your name, home address, and the email address you would like to use for receiving information.

**Join Us:**

Council meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month with the next meeting scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>. The meetings are held at City Hall at 6:30 PM.

Please join us and be part of shaping the future of your city. I'm excited to be given the opportunity to make a difference in Lafayette, especially alongside this great new Council you have elected! We have big hopes for Lafayette and I hope you will get excited along with us.

Your Mayor,

Chris J. Heisler