



# THE LETTER

LAFAYETTE ASSOCIATION OF HOMEOWNERS, INC. NEWSLETTER

## From the Manager

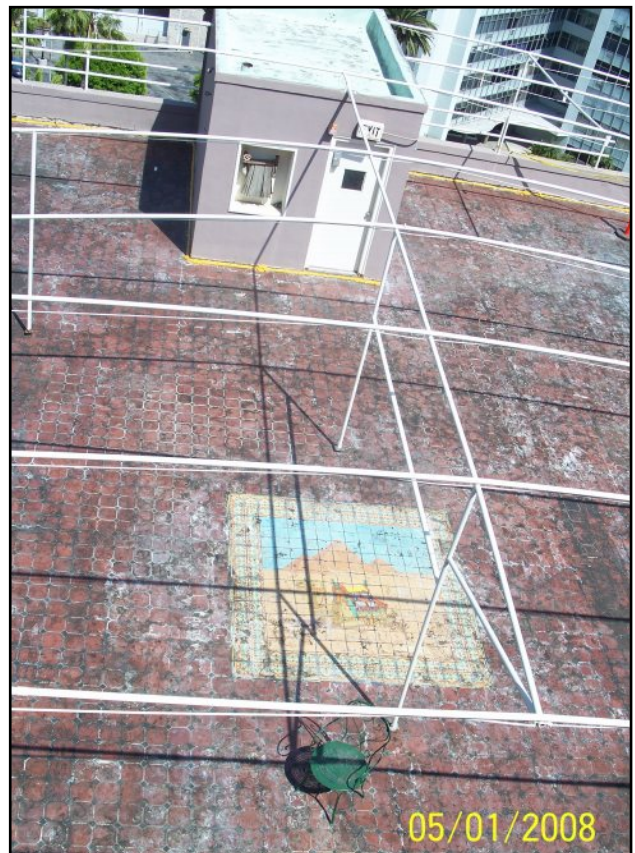
*Story and photos by Geronimo Quitoriano*

Happy March, everyone. Last month's board meeting had a full agenda. Here are some of the highlights. President Joe Kross announced that the HOA will graciously accept a **vintage lobby chandelier** from Art Deco guru John Thomas and his husband photographer Chris Launi. The Board is aiming to have an unveiling and celebration during Architecture Week (May 31 - June 9) where we can publicly acknowledge John and Chris for their kind gift.

**Solarium Renovation** committee head Ann Chirrick announced that members had selected a contractor for the project. The Board unanimously approved the choice and the process will soon start. Initial work will focus more on infrastructure changes, such as enlarging the closet door to incorporate a dry kitchen with storage, creating built-in bar areas with repurposed Lafayette Hotel marble in two currently non-opening windows as well as installing more architecturally appropriate lighting. Paint colors and furnishings are still to be decided. The Board also voted to include **Wi-Fi** in the solarium. The network and password will be announced soon.

In last month's column I mentioned a few leaks were found after the record-setting rains. We have started the **repair process** for some leaks and are still awaiting bids for others. Our roofing contractor says his company is very behind on inspections and scheduling due to the storms. Also, at the February meeting, the Board approved the re-coating of the 11th-story penthouse deck, which serves as a roof over the 10th floor Campbell Building. The current roof is concrete covered with a water and weather resistant coating called elastomeric paint. The same roof made the local news 16 years ago this month.

In March 2008, during a routine roof replacement, workers uncovered a red tiled deck and in the middle was an 8 x 8 foot **mural of a camel kneeling in front of the pyramids of Giza**. The vintage 1920s mural lay beneath two



tons of roofing material, sand, tiles, cement, asphalt and tar. The tiles were signed by **Cerillo Torres**, the chief muralist at the D & M Tile Co. in Los Angeles (active from 1928-1939) whose bright Moorish-inspired tiles were used at the Mission Inn in Riverside, Balboa Park in San Diego, and on Grace Line ocean liners of the 1930s. **The Friends of the Historical Lafayette** (a nonprofit preservation group that has since dissolved) received a Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association grant which was used to clean, restore and install this City of Long Beach treasure for the public to enjoy. The mural and commemorative plaque are on Linden Avenue between the Lafayette and Campbell buildings. The red tiles that once covered the 11th floor deck are still visible in the two side rooms of the Solarium. Until next month! §



## Life From The 7th Floor

By Doug Weaver

Prediction: *corporal punishment to be instituted at Lafayette.*

Even though this is only a rumor (so far), when you think about it, it kind of makes sense. It's not like life-threatening punishment or anything, it's *corporal*, you know, of the body? Nothing mortal about it, just some vague (hopefully) discomfort.

And think of the good that will result after a month of bodily mortification. I bet it's safe to say that the person who's depositing their (yeah I know, pronouns) empty miniature pre-mixed cocktail cans on the floor of the Broadway elevator will cease this idiotic behavior once and for all. And you know, it's not just one spanking or one flogging per infraction. I've heard this punishment is realized through a base 12 algorithm, which is a fancy way of saying it could continue forever and ever, even unto death.

And think about the garden. Eternal springtime will become the norm after a few lessons are learned there.

Then there's the gym. Most days it's orderly. People have (mostly) dutifully returned their weights etc. to their assigned places. And no there are no signs stating where the rubber dumbbells go, but it's safe to say they belong on separate perches with other similar dumbbells, not scattered on the floor in a pattern that looks like a feeble attempt to spell I'M L-A-Z-Y. The gym is fertile ground for criticism, but one must abide by the rules of good taste occasionally. This constant complaining makes me sound more dyspeptic than I am.

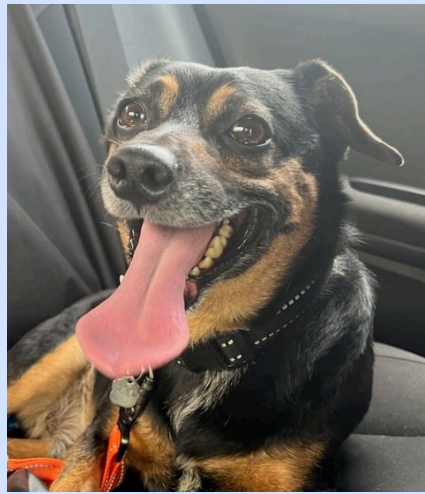
Then there's the actual person who will mete out this punishment. Even though the Lafayette's method will have quite a long way to go before it reaches the lethal stage, personally, I'm kind of fond of the term *Executioner* (I know this is a loaded word. I was hoping people wouldn't be so fragile).

Unfortunately, we'll probably have to settle for some vague term like functionary.

If nobody else wants to do it, I will gladly accept the mantle of authority and its many challenges. There will, of course, be a nominal fee. Like around one thousand dollars.

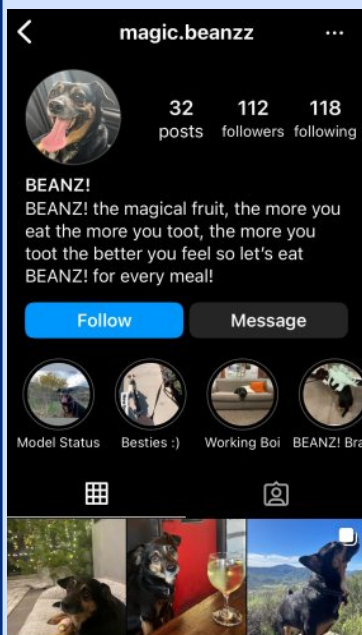
I can be reached through Geronimo. §

# Meet Your Furry Neighbor BEANZ



Hi! My name is BEANZ! and it's my birthday month! I'm a 5-year-old Pisces/Aquarius cusp pup and a proud resident of the Lafayette Pet Floor. I'm super friendly so if you see me, just know I already want to say hi and will kindly demand pets and treats. I love going on adventures with my person and meeting new friends! Taking care of my person is my favorite activity and job, but when I'm not busy working I like to spend time with my neighbors, burrow under blankets, bark at the evil wheels on the boardwalk, and watch over my kingdom - Long Beach - from my throne (formerly known as my person's bed).

People say I'm sweet, spazzy, always happy, extremely food motivated, and a little bit of a trouble-maker. I've been known to sneak a snack whenever I can! You can find me chasing seagulls, doing yoga on the Bluff, singing at sirens, or building my very own BEANZ BRAND™ on Instagram at magic.beanzz. I think the East Village is the best place ever and I can't wait to meet you! §



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS AS A COURTESY TO YOUR NEIGHBORS:

- PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICKUP YOUR LAUNDRY IN A TIMELY MANNER.
- IF YOU SMOKE IN YOUR UNIT, PLEASE MAKE SURE SECONDHAND SMOKE DOES NOT GO INTO THE COMMON AREA HALLWAYS. INSULATE THE DOOR AND/OR USE AN AIR FILTER.
- PLEASE DO NOT PUT OVERSIZE TRASH OR BOXES IN THE HALLWAY CLOSETS. PLACE THEM DIRECTLY IN THE DUMPSTERS IN THE BBQ GARDEN AREA. AND PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO BREAK DOWN BOXES TO ALLOW MORE ROOM. THANKS!

## Calendar

**Wed., Mar. 27, 2024**

BOARD MEETING

7pm

2nd floor game room /  
Zoom

## Newsletter Team

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## New Residents

Welcome to the Lafayette!

- 403 Victor T.
- 436 Adnan Ozekinci
- 643 Ana Brum
- 742 Justin Dupree
- 957 Sina Aslan



ALL RESIDENTS: Remember: no bicycles in the Main Lobby (Use garden gate/Campbell Freight elevator and/or 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. Our service does not cover these items. Please make sure to read the rules and regulations in the move-in packet. Thanks for your cooperation. §

## Who's Who at the Lafayette

### 2024 Board of Directors

Mary Baker-Johnson, Ann Chirrick, Frank Flores, Joe Kross and Jack Nendel

### Contact the Board

**In writing:** Drop off correspondence at the office. All written comments will be addressed in a timely manner. Or you may email them to the office at [geronimo@thelafayettelb.org](mailto:geronimo@thelafayettelb.org).

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