More county funds coming for Lafayette park

Open Space Board wants to participate in ‘creative placemaking’

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