

# Life in LAMORINDA

## Not to be missed

### Lafayette Rotary Club's Annual Spring Egg Roll

This event is open to all children ages 2-10. The event takes place at Plaza Park (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd. and Moraga Rd) in Lafayette, at 10:00am, Saturday, April 7, 2007. The park lawn will be covered with candy for the kids to put in their baskets. The youngest are always given extra time to get their share! The Bunny will be there to take pictures with the kids. Join us for the fun.

### Meet the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 7th  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Rheem Valley Shopping Center, Moraga

### The Lafayette Community Center Foundation Presents:

**A Day of Bunny Fun!**  
Sat: April 7 • 11am-12:30pm  
Hop on down to the Lafayette Community Center for an Egg Hunt, Pancake Brunch, Live Show and a Bunny visit! \$7/person Adv. Sale \$9/person: Day of Event Buy tickets at the Lafayette Community Center before April 7 to receive the discount. A limited number of tickets will be available on the day of the event.

### April Hikes for the Lafayette Hiking Group

April 7 - Shell Ridge, Walnut Creek Open Space Enjoy spring flowers, new leaves and spring grass close to home. See the historic Borges Ranch and some ponds on a loop hike with some hills. This hike is about 5 miles. Leader: Alison Hill  
April 14 - Crockett Hills Regional Park Enjoy exploring this new area with great views over Crockett, Vallejo, Martinez and Benicia. Wear good shoes and bring hiking sticks if you use them, as there are some steep hills. This hike is 6-7 miles with hills. Leaders: Allan and Jennifer Deal

### An Evening Celebrating 40 Years of Scholarship Excellence

7:00 PM Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
St. Mary's College Soda Center, St. Mary's Road, Moraga, California  
AAUW Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette (OML) Branch began the Scholarship program to recognize outstanding young women in our community 40 years ago and has carried on the celebration every year since. Once again, OML will proudly present \$750.00 scholarship awards to the 2007 recipients from Campolindo, Miramonte and Acalanes high schools as well as St. Mary's College.

Please join us for a special evening dessert meeting, which will be held at St. Mary's College Soda Center on April 10th, 2007 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to participate in and enjoy this inspiring event.  
AAUW is pleased to announce that this year's keynote speaker at the awards ceremony is Dr. Shawny Anderson, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts at St. Mary's. The event is free to the public. No reservations are needed. Contact: Joy Elkinton-Walker at (925) 254-8754.

**On Friday, April 13th at 7:30 PM, the Lamorinda Democratic Club** will be hosting a riveting meeting with Move-On Co-Founder Joan Blades who will be discussing her new venture, MomsRising. Joan will be joined by Alexia Jackson, founder of Mother: The Job, who will be presenting their amazing film, "All Day", which is about the economic value of mother's work and the policies that make it difficult or impossible to truly care for our families. You need not be politically active...or a Democrat to attend...only open-minded and interested in joining the discussion. There will be a \$5 charge for the

room rental fee. For more information, go to <http://lamorindademoclub.com/>

### Build-a-Pond Seminar- Saturday, April 14, 2006 from 9am to 5pm.

Join Steve Lambert and his crew from Garden Lights Landscape for a one day, hands-on seminar taking place at Steve's home in Orinda. Learn everything you need to know to build your own backyard pond & waterfall. This is an all-day, hands on, learn by doing seminar. Learn to create a pond and waterfall that you and your family will enjoy for years to come.  
Registration is required. Call: 925-254-4797. Cost: \$100.00 per person.  
Registration fee includes a boxed lunch and afternoon snack.  
A Maximum of 15 Participants can be enrolled so don't wait to sign up.

### Monday, April 16th 2007 Moraga Women's Society April Meeting

Coffee 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10:00 a.m. Speaker 11:00 a.m.  
Gretchen Miller will talk about her book, "A Young Man Of Promise: The Flower Of The Family." She edited a series of 134 Civil War letters which were sent back and forth between James Marsh Read (1833-1865) and his family in VT.  
Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga, 376-3520.

### Classical Guitarist, Peter Fletcher.

This concert follows his New York Debut at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are necessary and are accepted at the information desk Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga (925)376-6852

### Wednesday April 18 2:00 pm Vivienne Westwood: Appearance is Everything

A San Francisco Museums of Fine Arts docent lecture presented by the Friends of the Moraga Library based on the exhibit which runs at the de Young Museum from February 24 through June 17. Organized by the Victoria and Albert Museum, this exhibition makes the de Young its only stop on an international tour, celebrating Westwood's extraordinary range and inventiveness in more than 150 objects spanning the extremes of fashion, from London street style to the catwalks of Paris and London. Vivienne Westwood is one of the most influential designers of our time.

**The Moraga Garden Club is hosting their Spring Tea, "April in Paris."** It will be Thursday, April 19th, 10:30 am at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The program will feature renowned Bay Area floral designer, Marsha Heckman. Ticket donations at \$18.00 can be obtained by calling Nancy Comprelli at (925) 376-3187.

**Lamorinda CERT — Offering a series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes** beginning April 19. Hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. Classes are held at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. Website: [lamorindaCERT.org](http://lamorindaCERT.org). Registration online or at 925-376-2756.

**Lafayette Concerts Presents Christopher Smith • Fri: 4/20**  
Doors open: 7:00 pm • All shows begin: 7:30pm • Tickets: \$15 at the door (Reservations suggested) • Lafayette Community Center, Sequoia Room Reservations: 925-283-1959 • Email: [charlotte@lafayetteconcerts.com](mailto:charlotte@lafayetteconcerts.com)  
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**Orinda Book Store- Saturday, April 21, 2007 3:00 PM** at Montandon will discuss and sign copies of her new memoir Oh, The Hell of It All! Join us for what promises to be one of our liveliest events of the year. You read Sean Wilsey's Oh, the Glory of It All, and enjoyed every gossipy detail as well as Sean's poignant "poor little rich boy" story. Now hear what his mother, Pat Montandon, has to say in a fascinating and candid memoir.

**Children's Hospital of Oakland Grateful Families Program** will be having their fundraising Gala on Saturday night, April 21, from 6pm to 10pm at Oakwood Athletic Club in Lafayette. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased at [www.gratefulfamilies.org](http://www.gratefulfamilies.org) or call 510/428-3885 X5029.

### New Park Facility GRAND OPENING Sunday, April 22 • 12:30 pm

Opening of a Picnic and Petanque area at the Lafayette Community Park. The City of Lafayette Parks, Trails & Recreation Department teamed with the Lamorinda Petanque Club and created this new recreational space. Come learn to play Petanque, a boules game similar to lawn bowling and Bocce Ball, but with a definite French accent. Club members will give demonstrations and provide information on how you and your friends can get involved in ongoing games and occasional tournaments

### Camp Galileo Parent Info Session Tuesday, April 24th

Camp Galileo is coming back to Lafayette this summer. There will be an info session for parents to learn more about the program on Tuesday, April 24th, from 6:30 - 7:30pm at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church (902 Danville Blvd. in Alamo). Camp Galileo combines art, science, and outdoor programming with fun camp traditions to create a summer day camp experience kids entering K - 5th grade love. Camp Galileo's curriculum is developed in partnership with The Tech Museum of Innovation, de Young Museum, and Klutz. Lafayette location: Bentley Upper School June 18 to Aug 3. Visit [www.campgalileo.com](http://www.campgalileo.com) or call 1-800-854-3684 for more information.

**TOSSED TREASURES SALE Saturday, April 28th, 9 to 3** at the Lafayette Community Center. An annual event sponsored by the LAFAYETTE SERVICE LEAGUE, a small group of dedicated women who raise funds to help various community programs. This year's proceeds will be donated to the Lafayette Community Center AND Hospice of Contra Costa. We're looking for donations! If you can help, please call Jackie at 284-4131 or Diane at 283-8790. Plenty of free parking is available at the Community Center.

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Dear Editor:

How surprising to find the parallels in our lives when a former colleague at Stanley School sent me the first edition of Lamorinda Weekly. I am originally from Lexington, Virginia, and returned to live here a year ago after living in California for forty five years, thirty of which were on Woodminster Drive in Moraga. Upon my return, the Wednesday edition of The News Gazette which is a combined form of the childhood newspapers I remember, The Rockbridge County News and The Lexington Gazette, is an anticipated moment as you referred to your Luray Page News and Courier. The added surprise in your first edition was the article about Bob Athayde with whom I taught at Stanley School from his first year there until my retirement in 1998. I am delighted to have your newspaper online and will anticipate reading about my former adult hometown of Moraga and the schools of Lafayette where I taught for thirty five years at Happy Valley and Stanley. Now I have two newspapers to anticipate on Wednesday.

### Letters to the Editor

We're a community newspaper, and we welcome your input. Please share your thoughts, news, ideas, suggestions, and photos here in the pages of the Lamorinda Weekly.

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I am delighted to be back in Virginia and feel just as much at home here as I did in Moraga.  
Sincerely,  
Martha Spencer

### Letter To Editor

Another Unnecessary Orinda Bond Proposal Measure E Bond tax will cost taxpayers \$58.6 principal and \$61 million wasted interest. Your tax may be higher than the estimated average. Homeowners with an assessed valuation of \$1 million in 2014 will pay an annual bond tax of \$550, a \$2 million assessment will pay \$1100 and \$3 million will pay \$1650.

Measure E costs too much and repairs too little. The majority of streets will get no Bond money. If 500 cars trips do not pass your house daily, your road will get no Bond money but you will pay the

tax. Even if 500 cars do pass your house, you will only be eligible for Bond money, and no guarantees exist your road will be repaired.

A better solution exists that will cover all infrastructure: \$ 915,159 Use City annual pavement management funds (Ordinance 07-03) \$ 500,000 City Reserve Fund (Ordinance 07-03) \$ 900,000 Savings by changing Police Dept. from County to City (use Moraga Model) \$2,315,159 to fund a \$36,260,000 City Revenue Bond (No New Taxes Needed)

Additionally: forming an Orinda Fire District by 2010 saves \$2,476,974. This savings increases annually to \$4,680,606 for infrastructure in 2014. Please vote NO on E, an unnecessary new tax.

Vince Maiorana  
Orinda

## Community Emergency Response Team

By Becky Kim, with Sophie Braccini

Word is quickly spreading of the tri-city Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which is actively leading motivated Lamorinda residents in a quest to become more efficient volunteers in case of a disaster. After a major event, remote suburban communities could have to wait for five days or more before outside help arrives. Most of us realize that the question is not, "Will there be a big one?" but rather, "When?"

The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates

while waiting for help. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help people do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

In only 20 hours, spread over 6 weeks, the course offers training in a variety of situations: from dressing a wound and helping the severely injured, to safely entering a building knowing simple household hazard mitigation. A big part of CERT training is about organizing a search team, planning a simple rescue mission and assessing neighborhoods so limited resources are applied efficiently.

Gordon Nathan, a teacher of CERT commented, "We are ready but not as ready as we'd like to be. CERT benefits the community; people who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the threats."

Without the community support for an organization that could prove to save hundreds of lives, a near-future incident could hit Lamorinda and leave the efforts of the community fruitless. Go to [lamorindacert.org](http://lamorindacert.org) for details and schedule of classes. In our next issue we will present responses from Lamorinda residents. If this topic strikes you, feel free to send your comments to [editor@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:editor@lamorindaweekly.com)

## Garden Lights landscape & pool development inc.

### Build A Pond Day Comes to Orinda

Sat. April 14th 9am-5pm

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