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## Dear Lamorinda Weekly Readers,

**T**he Lamorinda Weekly Team, pictured above, want to wish you a Happy New Year. 2007 was our first year, a year of many unknowns and challenges. We asked our Editor twenty-three times: “Do we have a paper?” And she answered: “Yes, we do!” We like this rhythm and we’re going to keep it!

We are very happy with the response we’ve received from the community and local businesses. We are also proud to be the paper that connects all of us who live in Lamorinda, as it connects our local businesses with local shoppers.

Since our first issue on March 14, we’ve delivered twenty-three issues full of information and stories about life in Lamorinda to all of you, and we’ve appreciated all of the story ideas and contributions you have sent to us.

2008 will be still a challenge for us on our way to becoming a well-established publication. We will celebrate our first anniversary in March; at some point we hope to become a true Weekly again.

The Lamorinda Weekly happens because of the great support of our editors, writers, reporters and photographers. Thank you, Team!

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### Andy & Wendy Scheck, Publishers

*(Editors always get the last word: Friends and neighbors, your friendly neighborhood newspaper is indeed a team effort, but it would not be possible without Andy & Wendy Scheck, who conceived it, believe in it, work tirelessly for it 24/7, and give it everything they’ve got! –Ed.)*