

BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Mechanics Bank Opens in Lafayette
3640 Mt. Diablo Boulevard**

It may have looked like "old home week" to some Lafayette businesses and residents when Mechanics Bank opened its new Lafayette Office on Monday, July 21. The 103-year old bank's newest office across from Trader Joe's features plenty of familiar faces. The office will be managed by vice president Debbie Cooper, who formerly worked as the service manager at Mt. Diablo Bank. Before that, Cooper managed the Lafayette office of Bank of America. At Mechanics Bank, she will be joined by Magda Pieracki, another veteran of Mt. Diablo Bank who first worked with Cooper at Bank of America. Both are happy to be back in their element as community bankers. In addition to individual and small business banking products, Mechanics Bank has a full range of corporate banking products--including treasury management, commercial lending, commercial real estate lending and equipment leasing--and also a full range of wealth management, investment and trust services.



Correction to Business Briefs, July 9: Kiko Caicedo says: "Our company Bunnu, LLC is a licensee of the Ironman name which along with the "Mdot" logo (the red letter M with the dot over it) is owned by the World Triathlon Corporation not Bunnu, LLC."

**Orinda PhysicalTherapy Center is on the Move
1 Bates Blvd. #100, Orinda, 254-8755**

The Center has been in business for 50 yrs in Orinda. After 35 yrs. at 12 Camino Encinas, they are relocating to 1 Bates Blvd. #100, still in Orinda. For more information please contact orindaPT@yahoo.com

Tim Floyd Moves to Wells Fargo

Home Mortgage Consultant -Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
1277 Treat Blvd #150, Walnut Creek, 287.6926 - www.wfhm.com/wfhm/timothy-floyd

A Top Performer at Washington Mutual, Floyd was informed of his company closing its Wholesale and Retail Home Mortgage offices throughout the United States after returning from a Top Performer trip in the Bahamas that they were sponsoring. Floyd decided to go to work for Wells Fargo instead, because of its stability and stellar reputation. "My personal opinion is that we are currently in the eye of the storm with this financial crisis," says Floyd. The lack of available funds and restricted rules can make it difficult for potential borrowers who want to invest in real estate. "My team is uniquely positioned to provide solutions for most borrowers today," says Floyd, "We are a direct lender to VA, FHA, CALPERS, CALHFA and have access to down payment assistant programs for 1st time homebuyers that qualify. Those borrowers with substantial down payments and sufficient income will find a variety of premium loan programs to choose from."

Chambers of Commerce:

Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, 100 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, www.lafayettechamber.org

- Monday, July 28 - 2nd Public Hearing to discuss Sales Tax - Community Center
- Thursday, July 31 - Business Issues Committee – 8:00am - Chamber Office
- Lafayette Art & Wine Festival September 20th & 21st. The festival has become a major attraction for residents from Central Contra Costa County and the Bay Area.

Moraga Chamber of Commerce, www.moragachamber.org:

- The August Chamber meeting day and time has changed. Chamber members and their families are invited to participate to a Barbeque on Tuesday August 26th at the Moraga Commons Park, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Orinda Chamber of Commerce, www.orindachamber.org

- Chamber Breakfast Meeting 8:00 a.m. - August 28th at Shelby's Restaurant -Theater Square. Cost \$10.00 at the door. The guest speaker will be Tom Chen of the Subcommittee for Emergency Preparedness. He will address the topic: "Is Orinda Ready?"



Lafayette Art & Wine Festival 2007