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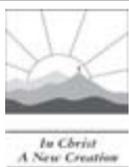
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St. Giles Episcopal Church of Moraga

Worshipping at St. Mary's College Chapel. All are welcome at our services.

9 a.m. Sunday Service: Holy Communion - with St. Giles' Choir.
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1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. 925-376-5770**Willow Spring Church****1675-1689 School Street, Moraga**
www.willowsspringchurch.org
(925) 376-3550**Sunday Service Times:**
Prayer @ 8am, Traditional @ 9am,
Contemporary @ 10:30am**Weekly Activities:**Wednesday Community Bible Study @ 10am
REVERB (youth) @ 7pm
Friday Night BLAST! Kids Club @ 6pm
Saturday Night Catalyst (Young Adults) @ 7:30pm**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**Church Services and Sunday School (up to age 20); 10 - 11 AM
Informal Testimony Meeting, Wed 7:30 - 8:30 PM
24 Orinda Way www.christianscienceorinda.org**Free public lecture March 20 at 7:30 p.m.**

"The Healing Power of the Golden Rule." See our website for details.

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Orinda, 254-34228:15 a.m. Traditions Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:40 a.m. Education for all ages
10:45 a.m. Celebrations Worship Service
Childcare available for ages 5 and younger
433 Moraga Way**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**Palm Sunday, April 5, Regular Worship Schedule
Maundy Thursday, April 9, Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 10, Services 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.
(Childcare for ages 5 and younger at 7:00 p.m.)
Easter Sunday, April 12, Services 8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
(Childcare for ages 5 and younger from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)
Easter Breakfast 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.**Our Savior's Lutheran (ELCA)**
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Dear Editor,

Lafayette Comes Through AgainDown that Lafayette hill those telltale markers flow.
To the busy traffic's edge we've watched them grow.
Row after row of shining white crosses,
Intermingled with white stars for Sons of David losses.It is quite fitting and proper that this Memorial be placed here,
In a beautiful quiet town, named for a man we all hold dear.
One who didn't turn his back when we badly needed a strong hand,
To help us fight for our freedom in this far distant land.A Patriot whose name we will never forget,
From far-away France, The Marquis De Lafayette.
And now I am sure he looks down in total assent
Of how we have handled this entire, trying event.We, too, are all saddened by the price they had to pay,
But when diplomacy had failed, there was no other way.
So, Shine on you Crosses and Shine on you Stars!!
They paid their full last Devotion for a similar Noble Cause!!Samuel N. Etheredge M.D.
World War II Veteran
Orinda

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our appreciation to Orinda Voters for their strong support for Measure B in last Tuesday's election. Measure B will provide much needed resources to lessen the burden of significant state budget cut to our schools. It will protect quality academic programs that have provided our children with an excellent education. More than 70% of Orinda voters have agreed to pay higher taxes despite the difficult economic conditions. We are sincerely grateful.

Riki Sorenson, Lynne Molloy, Steven Glazer
Co-Chairs, Yes on Measure B

Dear Editor:

I am a naturalized citizen of Chinese descent who has lived in Orinda for nearly 2 decades. I've found most people in Orinda (and Moraga) extremely friendly, helpful and tolerant. Therefore, I have a hard time understanding Bob and Kim Larsen's complaint expressed in their letter of March 4. Are they saying that residents of Orinda are not tolerant enough because most voted for Prop 8 and/or because blacks and Hispanics represent less than 2% of the city's population? If they want to live in a city which strongly supports Prop 8 and has a very "diverse" population, maybe San Francisco is more suitable for them. (By the way, if my recollection is correct, most blacks, Hispanics and Asians voted for Prop 8 according to polls.) It is my belief that people who are truly tolerant and inclusive are color blind. In addition, they do not impose their values on other people around them. Sincerely,

Suzanne Yeh Feinberg
Orinda

Editor:

In response to your article on the February "Tri Agency" (Moraga; Orinda; MOFD) meeting, specifically regarding the allocation of costs between Orinda and Moraga vs. the benefits each city receives. As stated in your article, Orinda pays about 65% of the total property tax going to the district (\$11M out of \$17M). However with 80% of the districts costs being personnel costs; and with 58% of the firefighters (11 of 19) being in Orinda; and assuming the administration for the two equal sized cities are split 50-50 (52% of the district's calls are from Orinda); Orinda should accrue 57% of the total cost. With Moraga's \$6M in tax fixed by Proposition 13, this means Orinda should be paying only \$8M, not \$11M. However, MOFD contends that since 675 homes in south Orinda are served by the Moraga stations, Orinda should pay a higher percentage of the total. These 675

homes produce about 90 priority calls annually and 50 non-priority calls. Even if all calls "cost" the same, that would mean these 140 calls would cost Orinda over \$20,000 each if this extra service is, in fact, worth \$3,000,000. In a letter that Chief Nowicki sent to the Orinda City Council in January, he pointed to a similar situation where San Pablo paid Richmond for calls the Richmond Fire Department made into San Pablo. The charge was \$500 per call. I believe there is an equitability disconnect here.

Steve Cohn
Orinda

Dear Editor,



Brian Luke carries cookies to a waiting car

Early in December of 2008, we embarked on a new adventure and new commitment to the Girl Scouts of the Orinda/Moraga Service Unit (60 to 70 troops with 900 girls) by managing the 2009, yearly Cookie Sale. We want to thank the Orinda/Moraga Fire Department for their assistance in accomplishing our goal of distributing over 3500 cases of cookies to the troops one rainy, blustery day, February 22, 2009.

Station #42, located at 555 Moraga Road in Moraga, CA was kind enough to once again open their doors (literally) to us. The crew at that station was so helpful, beginning before 6:30 AM that morning with the acceptance of the sky-high pallettes with the cases of cookies. With the rainy weather, Fire Captain Felipe Barreto made the decision to have parents drive through the station to help keep everyone and everything dry. Over 30 volunteers showed up with eager attitudes and a generous spirit to help load the cookies.

We want to thank those volunteers and the Moraga/Orinda Fire Station men who helped us: Captain Felipe Barreto; Firefighter Ken Mannshardt; Engineer Steve Campisi; and Firefighter Reserve Brian Luke. Special kudos and thanks to Brian, who enthusiastically helped disassemble pallettes of cookies only to reassemble them into individual troop orders and load them into waiting cars, staying engaged the whole time we were there. Also, thanks to Ken for taking pictures documenting the incredible day and to Grace Santos who facilitated the process.

Often times we know how thankful we would be for such a wonderful crew in times of an emergency such as a natural disaster, fire or other calamity, but we also know how thankful we are to have their cooperation and enthusiasm to support our community in many other ways. Three cheers for our Moraga/Orinda Fire Department!

For more information on Girl Scouts or to find a local cookie sale booth, go to www.girlscoutsnorcal.org.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Gustafson
Jeanette Fritzky
Co-Managers of the Orinda/Moraga Service Unit
Girls Scouts of Northern California**Public Forum****JOIN IT**

If you have significant knowledge about an issue facing Lamorinda or one of its cities that requires more than the 350 words to which we must limit Letters to the Editor, don't despair! You can submit your letter to our Public Forum section.

Just send your letter to letters@lamorindaweekly.com and let us know you'd like to be considered for the Public Forum.**Green and Greener Where the Wild Things Are**

By Dave Rochlin and Katy Foreman

Dave: Thinking green also applies to co-existing with the animals that we share our Lamorinda community with. The Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek just sent me an email reminder that we are entering the spring "baby animal" season. According to the Lindsay Staff, six squirrels are already in care because their nests fell out of palm trees. Apparently many wild animals find palm trees attractive as nest sites, but palms don't hold nests securely. Every year, many baby animals—squirrels, barn owls and others—fall from palm tree nests.**Katy:** We're really lucky in this area to have the Lindsay, which not only provides education about coexisting with wildlife, but also runs one of the country's most sophisticated wildlife hospitals. In addition to those six squirrels from the palm trees, we've just gotten four more whose nests were destroyed by tree trimmers. Trees and bushes should be trimmed only during October through December, when very few animals are attempting to nest. Hummingbirds and squirrels start their nests very early, and it's often difficult to see a nest until you've already cut it down. If you do find a baby squirrel or a nest of them, there

are various options. It's best to call Lindsay to find out which one will work in your situation. Their number is (925) 935-1978.

Dave: Well what if I do find a nest on the ground with baby birds in it?**Katy:** Again, it's best to call Lindsay to be sure - but generally they will ask if you are able to replace the nest back where it came from or in a nearby tree. The parents are far better caregivers for those babies than any human can be. If the nest is damaged or won't sit tightly in the tree, you can place it in a margarine tub and wire that to a branch of the tree. Be sure to add some drainage holes in case it rains, but don't use a mesh type berry basket, or anything that a baby might get its leg caught in. Watch to see that the parents return and begin feeding the babies. You have to watch carefully though, because they make very quick feeding stops and fly away again to gather more food. If none of this is possible, or if you are concerned the birds were injured in the fall, call Lindsay to see what to do next.**Dave:** No margarine in our house...but we do have a few Cool Whip containers lying around. Mmmmm...Cool Whip. So I've heard that if you touch a baby bird, the parents will smell human on itand abandon it.
Katy: That is right up there with stolen kidneys as an urban legend; most birds don't have a highly developed sense of smell. It's amazing how determined the parents are to continue to care for their babies. They will definitely not abandon them just because you helped get them off the ground. (Not that you should go poking around in birds' nests...)**Dave:** What if I see an orphaned baby deer?**Katy:** Baby deer are often mistaken for "abandoned" because the parents leave them alone during the day to eat. Do not bother a baby deer or any deer in that situation.
Dave: I have seen more than a few deer on the side of our busier roads (especially both Moraga Way and Moraga Rd) that have clearly been hit by cars. Often times it seem like drivers don't know what to do and just drive on...apparently the deer in headlights look is reciprocal.**Katy:** I've never actually seen a deer get that look, though I've had it on plenty a Monday morning. If you are positive a deer is injured, in Lamorinda you can call Animal Services at (925) 335-8300. Deer are incredibly nervous and aren't easy to handle on your own - I

wouldn't try.

Dave: Dr. Nancy Anderson at Lindsay also mentioned that it is grub season, which attracts raccoons and skunks to your lawn. Raccoons have been peeling back my lawn for years to get at their favorite snack...it drives me crazy! But she recommends avoiding pesticides, and says to use natural, beneficial nematodes which will get rid of the grubs but not poison other wildlife or pollute our streams. The folks at Orchard or one of the other nurseries should be able to help you find the right thing.
Katy: I'm all for any way to discourage pesticide use. Raccoons are also more likely to tear up an over-watered lawn, so cutting back on watering should help, and is a good idea this year anyway. There is a lot more great information on living with wildlife on Lindsay's website at www.lindsaywildlife.org.Katy Foreman is a committed environmentalist who lives in Lafayette, and Dave Rochlin is a lazy environmentalist who lives in Moraga. Together they operate ClimatePath, a website helping individuals and businesses reduce their carbon footprints by offsetting and conserving in the ways that are right for them. ClimatePath is on the web at www.climatepath.org