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THE BUZ

What's the Buzz in Lafayette? The Buzztones are Back!

By Cathy Tyson

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Everything old is new again. Customer loyalty and supporting your town never go out of style. That's why the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the "Try Lafayette First Thank You Party." Residents are invited to Plaza Park on Friday June 5 to enjoy complimentary refreshments and the fabulous retro sounds of the Buzztones. Merchants truly appreciated the support of long time customers who really did make an effort to shop Lafayette first.

The very popular local band is reuniting for a few special events including this celebration of resi-

dents' support of local businesses. Dedicated shopper reunion, classmate reunion, even a band reunion - this is a love fest you don't want to miss.

It's also a chance to meet the merchants who keep Lafayette so vital, and possibly rub elbows with former classmates and Buzztone fans from Acalanes, Miramonte and Campolindo who have stayed in the area since their respective glory days of high school.

Locals of a certain age probably remember fondly Wednesday nights at Abernathy's in Walnut Creek, waiting in lines out the door to listen to the Buz-

ztones. "It was absolutely nuts," said lead singer David Martin. The band came together in 1979, changed the line-up in 1981 and went their separate ways in 1989, although "We've all stayed friends."

"We have this weird, wonderful relationship, like four wacky brothers with great chemistry. When we sing together there's this magic that happens," said Martin, referring to the Buzztone vibe of humor, antics and fun. Many residents know him as David Van Overveen, son of Jop and Irene Van Overveen.

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LAFCO to MOFD, Moraga, and Orinda—Keep Talking

By Andrea A. Firth

Representatives from the town of Moraga, the city of Orinda, and the Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) drew a collective sigh of relief as a subcommittee for the Local Agency Formation Commission of Contra Costa County (LAFCO) decided to defer recommendations to annex the MOFD or the city of Orinda to ConFire, the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. Although the three agencies (MOFD, Moraga, and Orinda) have not been in complete agreement about all things related to fire service delivery financing over the past year, the triumvirate had collectively rejected any attachment to ConFire—a large metropolitan fire agency which serves nine cities and several unincorporated areas stretching from Lafayette to Martinez and San Pablo to Antioch.

While the LAFCO subcommittee must take their recommendations to the full Commission for adoption, any annexation to ConFire in the near future seems unlikely.

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Woman Marine Corps Vet Shares Story of Service

By Jennifer Wake

While history often focuses on how women filled openings at factories as 'Rosie the Riveters' during World War II, more than 300,000 women served in the military between 1941 and 1945.

In February 1945, when the war was still raging in Europe, Catherine Sinnott (who was 21 years old at the time, and who now resides in Lafayette) decided to help her country. She had finished three years at UC Berkeley, and knew that she could take advantage of the G.I. Bill, which offered college or vocational training funding for returning World War II veterans, so she did something many of her friends never would

have considered. She joined the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

Soon after, Sinnott found herself at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina with hundreds of other women recruits, and thousands of men preparing for deployment overseas.

While more than 70,000 women were part of the Army and Navy Nurse Corps during World War II, hundreds of thousands of women served in other military branches and filled many jobs, including those in all aspects of food service, transport, mechanics, as guards, and as members of marching bands.

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Lamorinda Moms 'Best of Lamorinda' Winners

By Stephanie Kusinski

Lamorinda Moms is a social and support club for parents with children under five in the greater Lamorinda area. The organization strives to help members enrich their lives through cultivating new friendships, personal and professional growth, and community involvement. Since 1995, Lamorinda Moms ...

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Historical Homes of Lafayette



By Cathy Tyson

And the winner of the 'oldest house still standing' in Lafayette goes to the charming red home that's been sitting comfortably on the banks of the Lafayette Creek for about 149 years. The "Daley House," at 3306 Moraga Boulevard near Carol Lane, looks amazingly well-preserved, although there is some ...

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