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Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church
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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.
 Child care is available all year.
 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. 925-376-5770

Willow Spring Church

1675-1689 School Street, Moraga
www.willow.springchurch.org
(925) 376-3550

Sunday Service Times:
 Prayer @ 8am, Traditional @ 9am, Contemporary @ 10:30am,
 Children's Church @ 10:30am, The Groove (Youth Service) @ 10:30am,
 The Living Room (Young Adults Service) @ 7:30pm

Weekly Activities: Wednesday Community Bible Study @ 10am
 Wednesday REVERB Youth Group @ 7pm
 Friday BLAST! Kids Club @ 6pm

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

Visit our Reading Room and spiritual bookstore across from the Orinda movie theater.

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way Orinda

Summer Worship Schedule 6/14 - 9/6

8:30 a.m. Coffee in Gregersen Hall
 8:45 a.m. Nursery Care Available
 9:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time in Gregersen Hall
 10:30 a.m. Nursery Closes

925-254-3422

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 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette
 283-3722 • www.oslc.net

Summer Sunday Morning Schedule
 Blended Worship, 9:30-10:25 am
 Adult Education, 10:30-11:15 am
 "the church behind the car wash"

Kids! Join us for Camp E.D.G.E. July 13-17! see website

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Sunday Services: 8 and 10 AM
 Active Youth Program, Childcare

682 Michael Lane, Lafayette, 284-7420, www.stanselms.ws

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Letters to the Editor

Share your thoughts with our community! Opinions in Letters to the Editor are the express views of the writers and not necessarily those of the Lamorinda Weekly. All published letters will include the writer's name and town (please give us your phone number for verification purposes only), and should be 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for length or legal considerations.
email: letters@lamorindaweekly.com; Regular mail: Lamorinda Weekly, P.O.Box 6133, Moraga, CA 94570

Dear Editor,

As one of the few periodicals that provides local reporting for Lafayette, how informed is your readership?
 How many Lafayettes know the Council looks set to pass a Downtown Specific Plan that would allow buildings to rise to an urban, view-obstructing 43 feet and increase population density? How many know that the Council is debating another supersized apartment complex downtown, right behind Panda Express? Do they understand that views of the hill are in danger?
 Do they realize the City Manager has proposed a budget with an 11% deficit that eats into our emergency reserves and threatens basic city services, like repairing the failed roads that 15% of our residents live on or funding our already undermanned police department? How many know that part of that deficit is fuelled by yet another 7% increase to wages, when cost-of-living is flat, our revenues are down and most businesses and municipalities are laying people off, not giving them raises?
 Our City Council needs to hear our voices, but we need better reporting of the issues. For those interested in learning more, I can be reached at gabriel.froymovich@yahoo.com.

Gabriel Froymovich
 Lafayette

Editor

Lafayette has \$500,000 for a downtown plan but could not get a portable potty to the Chamber of Commerce's fabulous June 5th event. I ran into a famous person there (Dave Seaborg.) When I mentioned Lafayette's Downtown Strategic Plan on my list of government waste, he was shocked. He said he recently worked on a 10 year downtown plan. Lafayette's government keeps crying poor, while wasting money on plans. It is fiscally irresponsible. Always has been and probably always will be.

Bruce R. Peterson
 Lafayette

Public Forum **JOIN IT**

Dear Orinda Community,

Over the past week, I have been overwhelmed by generous offers of support from so many people – all or most have offered “anything – anything I can do to help you – just ask.” I am now asking – pleading - for your help. I need information – and the Orinda Police need information – and we need answers about Joe's death. It is estimated that there were 50 to 60 people at the Hamilton/Gabrielli house on the night of Saturday, May 23rd. To date, only a handful of these people have been willing to come forward and of this handful of people, most are unwilling to share what they know.
 If you were at the party and know what happened please do not be silent.
 If you are a parent or friend of someone at the party and have information about what happened, please come forward.
 If you have knowledge of the whereabouts of Joe's I-Phone – please contact the Orinda Police immediately.
 If you have any information at all – please contact the Orinda Police. We need answers. Answers that I am certain are out there. The truth about what happened must be known. I have to know –

we all need to know so that we can learn from this tragedy so that it will never happen again Joe had more integrity than any one I know. He was honest and forthright – and always believed in doing the right thing.
 Joe deserves this justice.
 If you are a friend of Joe's, you will come forward and tell the Orinda Police what occurred on the night of Saturday, May 23rd. Those of you who were at the party know. This is the hour when you are called to be your best selves, to stand for truth and not hide from your responsibilities. Joe's life has ended, you are all witnesses and your lives will be defined by your actions.

Marianne Payne
 Mother of Joe Loudon

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.

State Senator DeSaulnier Talks Budget with Orinda's Council

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DeSaulnier went on to describe the budget remedies proposed by the Governor comprised primarily of additional cuts to local funding and health and human services. Most relevant to the Orinda City Council members was the Governor's proposal to suspend Proposition 1A (2004) allowing the state to borrow \$2 billion of local property tax revenue. "For Orinda that's \$500,000," stated Council Member Victoria Smith. "The Governor has put these options on the table to demonstrate the dire situation that we face," DeSaulnier responded. However, the senator indicated that he felt that there may be other ways to address some of the deficit.

The problems we have in California are systemic," noted DeSaulnier who identified the state's "robust" initiative system and the need for a super majority vote to pass the budget as elements that impact the legislature's ability to manage the state's finances effectively. DeSaulnier also described the rise in the cost of the state's corrections program, which has more than doubled in the past five years (growing in cost from \$5 billion to \$12 billion) and boasts a recidivism rate of 73%, as a big part of the problem. "The good news is that we have interest in structural reform," stated DeSaulnier who has called for a Constitutional Convention to initiate improvements to the state's budget process.

With the potential impact of the State's proposed property tax grab in mind, the City Council has been working through the budgeting process for the next two fiscal years. At a recent Mayor's Liaison meeting, City Manager Janet Keeter noted that although the City has been able to maintain a balanced budget thus far, a decrease in property tax revenue makes this difficult. "Property tax represents 47% of the City's revenue," stated Keeter. "We are projecting 2% or less growth in [property tax revenue] for the next year due to a reduction in real estate turnover." Keeter added that the City had begun to discuss the concept of temporary furloughs with the employee groups as a measure to reduce personnel costs.

CCCSD Board Opts Not to Raise Sewer Rates

(Information submitted by Bonnie Lowe, CCCSD)



Board President Jim Nejedly applauded staff's diligent efforts to keep the District in a solid financial position during challenging economic times. "We will continue to look for savings for the District and our customers while still meeting our goal of full regulatory compliance while protecting public health and the environment," Mr. Nejedly noted.

The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) Board of Directors decided on June 4 not to approve a proposed \$10 increase to the annual Sewer Service Charge.

Multi-Use Path Almost Open for Business ... continued from page 2

In addition to EBMUD and the City, various groups provided input on design and materials: the Creeks Committee, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and the Ad-Hoc CIP Review Committee consisting of the chairs of the Planning and Design Review Commissions, and the Circulation Commission. Concerns ranged from width of the bike lane, the possibility of a split rail fence to viewsheds and beyond.

The straight porous concrete path, similar to gray Rice Krispy treats in appearance, is designed to let rainwater seep into the ground, reducing storm water runoff. Despite the "Sidewalk closed" sign, plenty of joggers and walkers could be seen enjoying the path last week. The grand opening should be any day now – weather permitting.