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# In Memory

## Read Avonia (Vonnie)



Read – Avonia (Vonnie) Eleanor, age 87, passed away on June 26, 2011 after a long, brave battle with Parkinson's disease. She is survived by her two daughters Kathy Meek, Marilyn Read and three grandchildren, Kaitlin Meek, John Meek and Michael Read.

Vonnie grew up in Lafayette, California and attended Acalanes High School. She went on to graduate from UC Berkeley in Chemistry, which launched her career as a Chemistry Professor at

Merritt College for the next 30 years. Her love of travel took her on biking and hiking expeditions across Europe post college, that continued with adventure trips throughout the world for the rest of her life. For several years, she served as an overseas volunteer in the Army Special Services. Vonnie had a wide array of interests that ranged from being an active member of The Sierra Club and The Contra Costa Hills Club to the East Bay Bonsai Association and the Walnut Creek Quilters Guild.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother, maintaining the highest self dignity with unstinting courage and loving attention to her family to the very end.

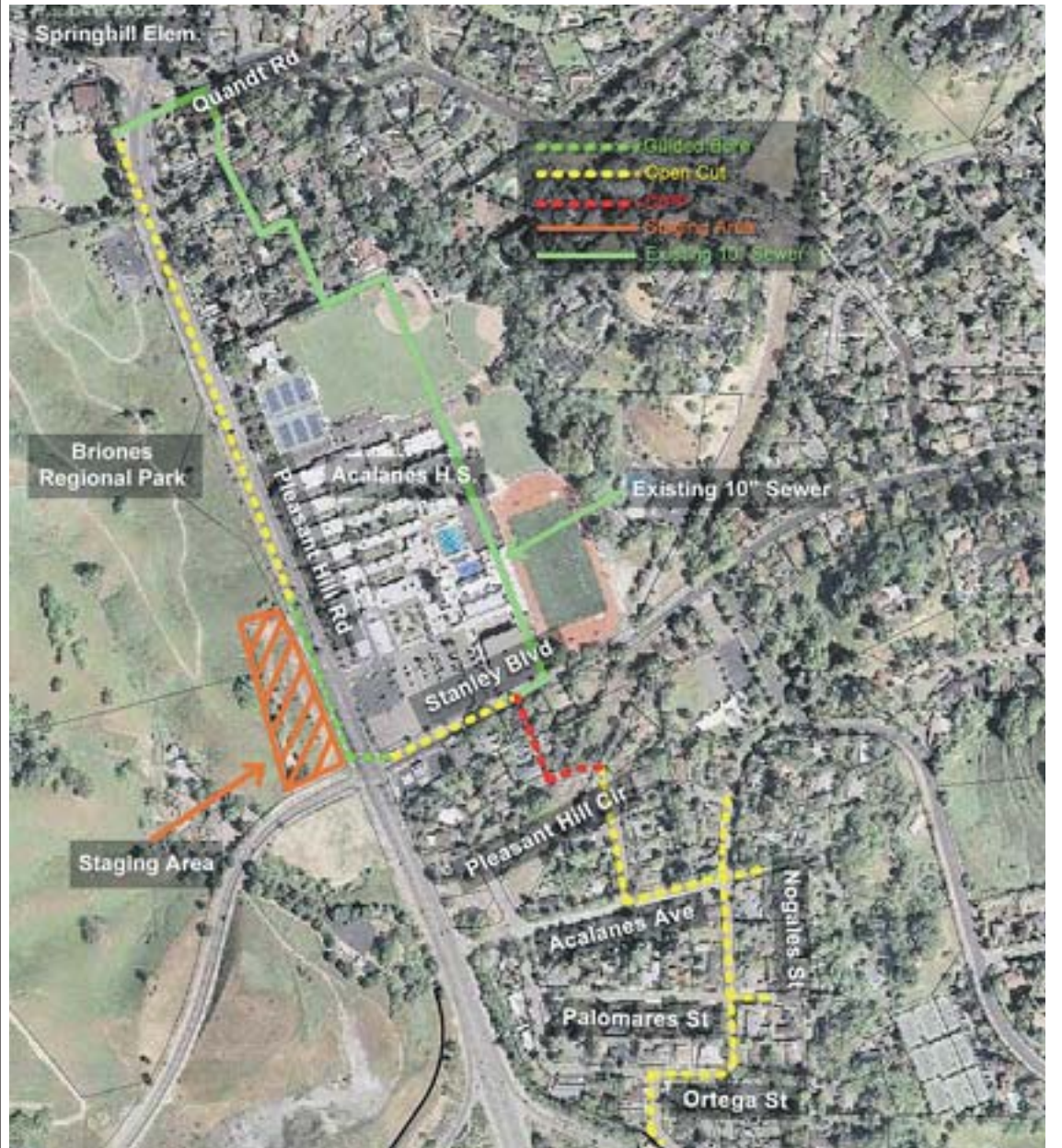
A memorial service will be held on Thursday August 18th, 3pm at Piedmont Community Church 400 Highland Avenue, Piedmont

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# Civic News Moraga

## New Sewer Upgrade Along Pleasant Hill Road

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Map provided

Three types of installation will be used: Open Cut – using heavy equipment to cut a trench; CIPP or “cure in place pipe,” which is the “least intrusive way,” mentions Carpenter, to address the pipes running through four backyards; and finally Guided Boring – using a machine to tunnel under the street – a more challenging process near the intersection of Deer Hill Road and Pleasant Hill Road. This method is used to avoid other utilities in the area - CCCSD does not want to dig through water or electrical service.

CCCSD is responsible for safe and effective wastewater collection treatment and disposal. Everything that ends up in their pipes eventually flows to their wastewater

treatment facility near the intersection of Highway 4 and Interstate 680. Although the upgrade is meant to handle peak wet-weather flows, if you brush your teeth, take a shower or flush the toilet you contribute to wastewater.

Forty five million gallons of wastewater is treated per day for close to half a million residents and 5,000 businesses in central Contra Costa County before it's discharged into Suisun Bay or recycled for landscape watering.

Look for the continued saga of the orange cones this month at the South Orinda Sewer Renovation project – now in its fifth phase. CCCSD will be replacing or renovating 11,000 feet of aging sewers there.

## Motorcycle Police Debut in Lafayette

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Look for an enforcement program to be rolled out in September that targets traffic violations near all Lafayette schools.

City Manager Steven Falk explained the reasoning behind the motorcycle cops in his Friday Summary, “If the last ten years serve as an accurate guide, the chance that you will die in a traffic collision in Lafayette is five times higher than the chance that you will become a homicide victim, and you are twenty-six times more likely to be injured in a car crash than by an assault.”

He continued, “Given Lafayette’s limited funds, it is prudent to deploy resources where the risks are highest and where the money can make a meaningful difference. The numbers suggest that, despite the unpopularity of traffic tickets, the City’s best strategy to prevent future deaths

and debilitating injuries is to provide more and better enforcement.”

The bikes are more economical to operate and maintain and get significantly better gas mileage than a traditional cruiser. Not just any officer can ride the new motorcycles; administrative regulations were recently adopted to govern the Police Motorcycle Unit (PMU). To be on the bike beat, ten years of law enforcement experience and a history of good customer service with the public are required. In addition, to ensure the safety of police officers motorcycles will not be ridden in rain, heavy fog or extremely cold or windy weather.

The Lafayette Police Department issues about 2800 citations per year – that number is likely to rise.

## Cleaning up Old Paint



Ethan Valencia, a 7th grade student at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, recently climbed the hill to ‘The Rock’ to make sure no contaminants had been left behind by those who decorate the prominent white boulders that sit on private property above the intersection of Rheem Boulevard and Moraga Way. He collected two boxes of old spray paint cans and brushes that a friend from Sustainable Moraga will take to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility in Martinez. “I thought it was a good idea to go and check the site out; paint is not good for the environment.”

Arriving before Valencia was Moraga Parks Foundation member Tom Preston, who removed six big leaf bags full of old cans. “The Town could not do it itself because the site is private,” said Preston’s wife, Debbie, “but they contacted the property owner to get his approval.”

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Ethan Valencia Photo Sophie Braccini

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