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Letters should be 350 words or less; letters of up to 500 words will be accepted on a space-available basis.

**email: letters@lamorindaweekly.com;**  
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Editor:

June 28, it was raining in the master bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, dining room and family room. Yes, inside the house. Having removed the shake roof on the back side of the house, we thought we had adequately tarped for the forecasted rain. Amid frantic runs for more tarps, juggling of buckets and moping with towels, we called the Moraga Fire Department, specifically Station 42 on Moraga Road. We were a sopping, bedraggled lot as three uniformed knights arrived to our rescue. After repositioning tarps on the roof they helped spread tarps inside the house to prevent further damage to floors and furniture. It is easy to take our town employees for granted, grumbling about how much they cost. In time of need the Moraga Fire Department was efficiently helpful and this is our public thanks for a job well done to Captain Dick, Engineer Campisi and Firefighter Gehling.

Steve and Joanne Hansen  
Moraga

Editor:

What do these Lafayette streets have in common? Shangri La Road, Silver Springs Road, Sky Hy Circle, Quail Run, Corte Rinaldo,

Tilden Lane and Mountain View Lane? They are some of Lafayette's 283 private or partially private streets. These private streets are special, members of Lafayette's committee to raise taxes live on them. This committee wants to raise every ones taxes to repave short dead end public streets. At least that's their excuse for wanting to gouge their neighbors. Short dead end streets have higher property values than comparable homes on major streets. So it's tax everyone, to make the rich richer. The tax proponents will call any tax opponent greedy. They always do.

Private streets are all over Lafayette. Down-town or out of town. Long or short. Narrow or wide. With or without signs designating that they are private. Most apartment complexes are on private streets. Most streets made after 1968 are private. You can order the list of private streets from City Hall, on line or for 40 cents.

No matter how much road tax is raised, no matter how bad their condition is, private streets can not be repaired with public money. Not even the potholes in front of the Lafayette post office.

Bruce R. Peterson  
Lafayette

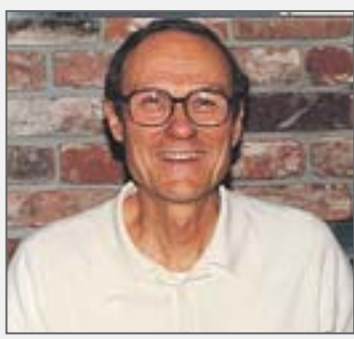
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## In Memory

### Cal Dausman



Arthur Calvin "Cal" Dausman, a longtime resident of Orinda's Sleepy Hollow neighborhood, died June 18 at a Montclair, CA hospital. He was 87. Born April 29, 1924 in Ontario, CA. to Elsa (Hausmann) and Arthur Dausman, Cal graduated from Chaffey High (1942), and Pomona College (1948). He was a WW II Naval aviator. He married Paula Walters in 1949; they had a daughter and son. Cal was an investment counselor for Crocker and Wells Fargo banks.

The family moved to Orinda from Whittier in 1965, and built in Sleepy Hollow. It was their family home for over 40 years. Cal was widowed in 1994. In 1997 he married Sarah Hulse. They traveled extensively before moving to southern California in 2008. Cal dearly loved his family and friends. He also loved cats, dogs, cars, planes, and wine. Cal was preceded in death by his parents, wife Paula and daughter Christine. His wife Sarah, son and daughter-in-law Eric and Cathy, grandsons Andrew and Gregory, a great grand daughter and step-daughter Janet Luke survive him.

Services are August 6 at 2 p.m., St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephen's Drive, Orinda. Donations in Cal's memory may be made to St. Stephen's Church or to Pomona College, Dausman scholarship fund.

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