

Independent, locally owned and operated!

LAMORINDA

Need to contact us? 925.377.0977

Volume 05 Issue 11 read it online: www.lamorindaweekly.com

Delivered bi-weekly to all Lamorinda homes & businesses \$0.00

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

TART COLLECTIONS

BACK TO SCHOOL SALE!

Buy One - Get One 1/2 off!

TART COLLECTIONS
3571 Mt. Diablo Boulevard
Lafayette, CA 94549
Mon-Sat 11-7
Sun 12-6
925.890.8117



The train depot team—in back, Frank Baldwin (left), Kay Norman, and Tom Romanek; in front, Becky Kemsley (left), Joyce Nelson, and Charlie Vollmar. Photo Doug Kohen

De Laveaga Train Depot Gets a New Old Look

By Andrea A. Firth

Sometimes it takes a village. The members of Orinda's Historic Landmarks Committee (HLC) had been planning a major facelift for the de Laveaga train depot for a couple of years. The depot, located at the corner of Bates Boulevard and Davis Road at the Crossroads, is the only remaining station from the long-defunct, narrow gauge California & Nevada Railroad. Flush on manpower but short on funds, the HLC had not determined how it would pay to fix the depot's

peeling paint and rotting boards and spruce up the landscaping. Then came a fortuitous call from Becky Kemsley, a member of the Orinda Valley Garden Club, to Charlie Vollmar, Vice President of the Orinda Historical Society. Vollmar then circled back to Kay Norman of the HLC, and the project got on track. The Orinda Valley Garden Club was the recipient of an anonymous \$1,000 donation designated for the group to apply, with their able gardening skills, to beautification projects in the

city. (Each of the city's four garden clubs has received the same anonymous contribution for the past three years, and they have worked together on several landscaping projects around Orinda.) "We decided the train depot would be our next project," says Kemsley. The Club has provided the majority of the funding for the repairs and painting and will work on planting the beds around the station in the fall.

... continued on page A8

Quote of the Week:
"I'm in favor of ice cream..."
Read article, *Fentons Quest for Parking Relief*, page A2

Advertising

The Olsen Team
www.TheOlsenTeam.com
925.200.6000

30 Crest Road, Lafayette - Open Sunday - \$949,000

Village REAL ESTATE
CA DRE 00616156

LAMORINDA

Town News	A2 - A10
Sports	B1-B3
Shop Moraga	B4
Life in Lamorinda	C1-C9
MOFD	C2
HOW TO CONTACT US	C4
Classified	C6
Schools	C7
Not to be Missed	C8
Service Directory	C9
Food	C9
Our Homes	D1-D8
This Week Read About:	
BMX Park Update	A3
Sphere of Influence	A4
Chef's Back	A6
Historical Walking Tour	A8
Meadow Mini Meet	B1
WeatherBug App	C3
Youngster Runs to Help	C5
When Scary Things Happen	C7

MOFD Board Will Consider Building Purchase Tonight

Other options include renting space from City of Orinda

By Lucy Amaral

Faced with facilities in need of retrofit and having its administrative operations split between two stations, the Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Board of Directors will hold a Special Meeting tonight to discuss the possibility of purchasing a building to be used for MOFD administration. Board representatives were also scheduled to meet in closed session last night with the City of Orinda to discuss the price and terms of a possible lease or other agreement for use of office space in Orinda's City Hall (after press time). The Board held preliminary discussions on this topic at its July 20 meeting.

... continued on page C2



Aerial view www.maps.google.com modified by Andy Scheck

Sports/Schools B1-B3/C7

Miramonte Cycling Competes at Nationals



Submitted by Steven Johnson
The Miramonte Cycling Club traveled to Sun Valley, Idaho, to compete in the US Cycling Mountain Bike Cross Country National Championships July 14-17. Junior Eric Johnson took first place in Category 2, 15-18-year-old racers. ... read on page B3

Life in Lamorinda C1-C9

Repaving Closes Lafayette-Moraga Trail



By Cathy Dausman
Large portions of the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail will close temporarily to bikes and pedestrians and become a heavy equipment construction zone during trail rehabilitation work August 1 through late October this year, but the end result will be ... read on page C1

Our Homes D1-D8

To Bounce or Not to Bounce...



By Cathy Tyson
What's round, black, usually enclosed and full of summer fun? Many families with children who don't want the maintenance of a pool but want their kids to turn away from electronics and get some great exercise opt to install a trampoline in.... read on page D1