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## business briefs

Chef Chao Expands and Renovates

343 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, 376-1740

Chef Chao is a popular Chinese restaurant located near 24 Hour Fitness in Moraga. Recently, the adjoining space was vacated and offered for sale. Henry Chao and his father, Hsin Ming Chao, decided to expand and buy that space. "We are not sure what we are going to do with the empty space yet," said Henry Chao, "Chef Chao is going to be remodeled and totally upgraded starting in September. We hope that our customers will love the new look and feel of the restaurant." Among the possible uses for the added space could be to accommodate very large parties and banquets.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

- Monthly Mixer, Wednesday, September 7, 5:30pm at Yankee Pier

Restaurant, 3593 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

- Ribbon Cutting, Thursday, September 8, 5pm for Deena's Nail Care & Foot

Massage at 3330 Mt. Diablo Blvd., #100.

- Shop Lafayette Meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 12pm in the Chamber Conference Room

- Entrepreneur's Club, Thursday, September 15, 8:30am in the Chamber Conference Room

- 16th Annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival on Saturday, September 17 & Sunday, September 18. This event is one of the largest outdoor festivals in Contra Costa County. In 2010, over 100,000 people strolled among the stalls of art, handmade crafts, sampling foods from top local restaurants and enjoying quality wines and microbrews, pausing to enjoy continuous music from the two main stages. The Festival has a website, [www.lafayettfestival.com](http://www.lafayettfestival.com)

- Gorilla Marketing Workshop on Friday, September 23, 11am-1:30pm at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Chamber members will gather to explore the world of "unconventional" marketing, learn how to create a "BUZZ" about them and their business. The workshop's keynote speaker is Tom Frainier, owner and "Chief Boot Licker" of Semifreddi's Bakery. Cost: \$45 (chamber members) which includes lunch. Register online or call the Chamber office at 284-7404.

Moraga

Moraga Pear and Wine Festival on Saturday September 24, 10am-4pm at the Moraga Commons Park. After 13 years, the Moraga Festival is changing its name from Pear Festival to Pear and Wine to recognize the rapidly expanding Lamorinda Wine Growers Association. The day will include something for all ages. Activities include food, pear pies, wine tasting, inflatable 'jumpies', artists and a business fair.

Orinda

Orinda Business Neighborhood Watch on Thursday, September 8, 8-9am at Citibank, 37 Orinda Way, Orinda. This group of merchants takes action in becoming proactive against crime. They work together with the support of the Orinda Police Department and share some ideas about making things better.

Orinda's Longest Weekend, September 23-27. Starting with 'Dancing With The Cars' on Friday, September 23, Orinda Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, September 24, and the Orinda Restaurant Tour on Tuesday, September 27. Go to [www.orindacarshow.com](http://www.orindacarshow.com) and [www.orindachamber.org](http://www.orindachamber.org) for more info and tickets.

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