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Gebhardt Group Completes Office Relocation

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Gebhardt Group, Inc., an independent wealth management firm in Lafayette, announced its office relocation and expansion to Corporate Terrace in downtown Lafayette. Gebhardt Group, Inc. supports sustainable building practices. As Gebhardt Group, Inc. continues to grow, the new space also supports future expansion plans. "We are excited about our business development opportunities in the next few years. We have a growing client base and ultimately need to hire additional advisors to meet demand. Markets continue to be in turmoil and families need more help than ever and we want to be prepared to do so," said James Gebhardt who founded the firm in 2005. He attributes the growth of his company to the holistic approach to the financial process that defines the practice.

Staci Ericson Campaigns for the Most Polite Halloween Ever

www.gollygee-pers.com

The Lafayette mom who created the card game Golly Gee-pers!, a game that encourages kids to use good table manners, wants this Halloween to be the most polite ever. "Imagine it's Halloween night and the door bell rings. You grab the candy bowl and open the door. A group of trick-or-treaters dressed as witches, goblins and rock stars sing out, "Trick-or-treat?" Each one selects a piece of candy, the usual routine, and then something different happens. The trick-or-treater hands you a folded piece of paper. It's a thank you note!" says Ericson. To support her campaign for a very polite Halloween, Ericson has posted free thank you

notes on her website that can be downloaded and printed.

Collector's Choice Antiques

3574 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette

Collector's Choice invites you to an afternoon tea, finger sandwiches, and vintage fashion show on Saturday, November 12th from 2-4:00 p.m. RSVP by November 1st, (925) 299-9400. Cost: \$20 per person. All proceeds benefit the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

News from the three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

- Lafayette Chamber of Commerce raises money to get the Christmas lights back this season. In order to make necessary reductions in the city's budget, the City Council approved the elimination of funding for the lights this year. "We could be without our lights if we don't act now," says Lafayette Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jay Lifson. "We are inviting everyone to join the downtown businesses and make a donation to help keep the city bright. We need to raise about \$8,000 to keep the lights on and maintained." Simply send a check to the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce - 100 Lafayette Circle #103, Lafayette, CA 94549 - for any amount and the Chamber will work with the City to keep the lights on.

- 19th Annual Reservoir Run on Sunday, October 30, 6:30-10 a.m. For more information go to lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run. Registration table opens at 6:30 a.m. (see article page A2)

Moraga

This year's 23rd Annual Hospice Moraga Tree of Lights will be held on November 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Moraga Commons Park. The Chamber is looking for Moraga businesses to be event sponsors and be featured in the Hospice of the East Bay's program and newsletter.

Orinda

Chamber Ribbon-Cutting Event at the Christian Science Reading Room & Bookstore on Wednesday November 16th starting at 3:00 p.m., 24 Orinda Way (next to Library). The Christian Science Reading Room & Bookstore, recently relocated to the Christian Science Church just down from Orinda City Hall offices.

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