

# MAY - JUNE COMMUNITY EVENTS

## LAFAYETTE

### Inaugural Concert at the Reservoir Coming Soon



The Dominant Seven played on the new stage at the donor recognition event on April 25

The Concert at the Reservoir marks the official opening to the public of the long-awaited permanent stage on May 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the east side of the Reservoir, across from the kid's play area.

Dedicated Rotary members have labored selflessly for more than 15 years to construct and then deconstruct a stage to be used to put on their annual concerts, a showcase for young talented local student musicians, from which the proceeds were split between supporting local school programs and funding Rotary projects. John Sherry reports that, "Eighty percent of Rotarians dipped into their own pockets to contribute to the project," along with countless community members to turn their dream of a permanent stage into reality. "We are so happy with the way the stage turned out - coming in on budget and sooner than expected," said Sherry, thanks to fellow Rotarian Terry Ring and Ring Construction.

The stage location still allows views of the Reservoir, and is relatively close to the parking area and restrooms. Saturday's concert will feature the usual stellar line-up of musicians, from Stanley Intermediate School, Bentley, Acalanes and the Big Band of Rossmoor. Hot dogs, ice cream and more will be available for purchase along with raffle tickets. As always, the concert is free.

The Rotary Club will use the stage just one day per year, for the annual Concert at the Reservoir - EBMUD will oversee reservations every other day of the year (call to reserve the stage for special events). When not reserved for a specific purpose, park users are welcome to put on their own impromptu air-guitar rock concert or an interpretation of the Nutcracker. C. Tyson

### Taste of Lafayette -



The biggest foodie event in Lamorinda from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 will kick off with wine, beer and appetizers at Lafayette Plaza - the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Moraga Road. Participants can eat and stroll at their own pace to the 19 participating downtown restaurants offering tastes of their signature dish, or use the complimentary shuttle to pop in on all the eateries. Tickets are \$45 per person that will benefit the Lafayette Community Foundation and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Circling back to the Plaza at evening's end, diners can enjoy coffee and dessert to cap off the night. Tickets available through www.lafayettechamber.org or by calling (925) 284-7404.

**Dancing in the Plaza** - For the first time ever, the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce is hosting three dances starting at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings in June at Plaza Park, located at the corner of Moraga Road and Mt. Diablo Boulevard. Do Lamorinda residents have rhythm? If so, this will be the perfect opportunity to collectively bust a move for all to see. Kicking off the fun on June 15 will be a sock hop with music from the '50s, on June 22 there will be a square dance - with a professional caller - and on June 29, music from the 1970s with disco. Completely free; poodle skirts, cowboy hats and bell bottoms optional. Boogie nights have finally come to the suburbs.

**Nature walk and bird watching** - Long-time resident Ben Pettersson, experienced hiker and birdwatcher, will guide walkers on a tour of local trails every Wednesday (starting Wednesday June 20 and continuing on subsequent Wednesdays with the exception of July 4). Don't forget binoculars and a water bottle and, of course, wear comfortable, sturdy shoes. Path will be accessible to wheelchairs and scooters. Meet at the Alder room in the Lafayette Community Center at 10 a.m. (the outing should last until around noon), 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette.

## MORAGA

### Wet Celebs at the Moraga Community Faire

By Sophie Braccini



The weather was a bit chilly for last year's Community Faire.

There'd better be some warm weather on May 12 in Moraga! The 6th annual Community Faire is adding a new attraction this year, lining up some brave town celebrities to take a plunge into water warmed only by the rays of the sun. Why take the punishment? To participate in good-hearted community fun and to help raise money for the town.

Moraga Chief of Police Bob Priebe agreed to be part of it. The good-humored Chief is always game to support a cause. Some will remember that he got his head shaved in public two years ago for St. Baldrick's Day, a non-profit that raises money for childhood cancer research. He won't be the only one to get wet, Vice Mayor Howard Harpham said yes, as well as Max Luckhurst, Campolindo's baseball coach, who will be joined by his varsity team, 2011 Businessman of the Year Grant Stubblefield, Moraga School District Superintendent Bruce Burns, and Saint Mary's College athletes.

The dunk tank will be located near the stage, and dunking will happen throughout the afternoon during the intermission between bands. "Who gets to throw the first ball will be decided by the highest bidder, auctioned off by Adam Kennedy, the MC for the day," says Faire organizer Ellen Beans. "All other throws will be free of charge."

The East Bay Municipal Utility District is sponsoring the activity with a \$600 donation. "They promised an additional \$50 for each elected council member and police chief who sits in that perilous chair," says Beans. This new activity is only one of the many other fun things planned at the Faire. Entertainment for all ages will be offered throughout the day including music, local wine sampling, food trucks, a car show, and many children's activities. "Just in time for Mother's Day, there will be opportunities to buy art, crafts and jewelry from a wide range of artists," says Faire volunteer Judy Jacobs. The Faire is also an opportunity for local merchants and businesses to showcase what they offer. Attendees will be able to complete an "Explore Moraga" Passport and win prizes.

The Moraga Faire is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rheem Center, along Moraga Road. This annual event is planned and organized by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Town of Moraga. For more information, go to moragachamber.org/faire.

**4th Annual Moraga Senior Faire**, May 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hacienda de las Flores. Organized by Senior Helpers of Contra Costa and co-sponsored by the Moraga Recreation Department, the faire will feature presentations on the impact of the senior demographic in an election year, the newest electronic gadgets for home safety, a free telephone program connecting California elders through activities and interests, and living better after age 50 through physical and cognitive exercise. Free. For reservations, call Senior Helpers at 925-376-9900.

**Free Family Movie Night**, Saturday, June 16 beginning at 8:30 or 8:40 p.m. (depending on darkness) at Moraga Commons Park. Join the Moraga Youth Involvement committee (MYIC) as they show Toy Story under the stars at the Moraga Commons Park. Bundle up with blankets and friends, enter the raffle, and enjoy concessions sold by the MYIC.



**The Summer Concert Series** starts June 21 with Moonalice - an early San Francisco rock band. The free concerts are held at the Moraga Commons Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening until August 23. Bring a blanket and picnic, or buy hot dogs and burgers at the Park. Complete program at moragaparks.org/concert.html.

## ORINDA

**60th Annual Frank Isola Field Day**, May 12, 8 a.m. to noon, Del Rey Elementary School, 25 El Camino Moraga, Orinda. Sponsored by the Orinda Rotary Club, come cheer on Orinda's developing athletes (grades 3-5)!

**Mother's Day Concert**, May 13, 1 to 3 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of music with mom and Tara Linda at this free concert at Theatre Square in Orinda.

**Cinderella's Ball**, May 18-20. Enjoy a performance by The Orinda Ballet Academy and Company at the Orinda Library Theater. Times: May 18, 6:30 p.m. May 19, 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. May 20, 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$18, available at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda, or call: (925) 254-2445.

**Orinda Starlight Village Players** will lure you in with



the Agatha Christie mystery, And Then There Were None, at the opening of Players' annual summer theatre series. Fridays and Saturdays, June 1 to 23, 8:30 p.m., Sunday, June 10, 4 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 8 p.m. Outdoor Theater, Orinda Community Center Park, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. Regular admission: \$16, Seniors: \$8. Then, join the Players for Room Service by John Murray and Allen Boretz from July 2 through August 11. For single or season tickets, call the box office: (925) 528-9225, or email: info@orsvp.org. Dress appropriately and don't forget your blankets! For more information, visit: www.orsvp.org.

**The Hunger Games Come to Orinda** - June 23, Gallery Room, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way. Compete in games, make crafts, and enjoy survival snacks. Each participant asked to bring canned good or other non-perishable food item as donation to Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. Registration begins May 1. For information, contact the Orinda Library: (925) 254-2184.

**Summer Concerts in the Park** begin June 12 - Tues-



days, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. With food and beverages available from Loard's Ice Cream, these fun-filled, free musical evenings at the Orinda Community Park are sure to be a hit with families, friends and neighbors. June 19: The Crisis (blues and rock). June 26: Bay Bridge Beat (funk, rhythm and blues). July 3: Cal Alumni Big Band. July 10: Stone Soup (classic rock). July 17: Arts in Bloom...Arts in the Park (Orinda Arts Council) plus Orinda Idol (variety). July 24: Pladdohg (Celtic rock). Sponsored by the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary and supported by the City of Orinda and Orinda Community Foundation.

*Enjoy your home town  
events with friends  
and neighbors.*