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## Constructing a Local Legacy

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When Peter Branagh, president of Branagh Development, and his wife Mona, owner of Pacific Bay Interiors, tragically died in a plane crash July 14 Lamorinda residents mourned their passing. Branagh construction projects throughout the area will remain as a testament to their vision of quality craftsmanship.

"Peter and Mona believed in quality craftsmanship and simple but elegant design that enhanced the lives of families who lived in the homes they built with passionate attention to detail," said son Matt Branagh. "They loved to participate in the process of helping a family realize their dream. They designed their homes and other projects with the whole community in mind, working enthusiastically and carefully to balance development with preservation and the natural beauty of Lamorinda. They left big shoes to fill but the Branagh Development legacy will continue. We do what is best for the people we serve. Timeless design. Better living. Enduring quality. Proven value with generations of integrity."

The projects were at various stages of development, some were built, others under construction and some in the proposal stage. Completed projects in Lafayette include the 21 well-appointed homes surrounded by preserved mature oaks and laurel trees in the Hidden Oaks development off of Olympic Boulevard, the Branagh's own lovely home in Happy Valley, Springhill Manor homes and more. A number of residential projects have been completed in Moraga as well.

Under construction is an office building on Risa Road and Mt. Diablo in Lafayette, and a single family home on Happy Valley Road. The largest Branagh project is approved, but on hold - 55 spacious condominium units in the Woodbury located behind the Veterans Building on the west end of town, along with nearby EcoVive West - an almost 10,000 square foot office building nearby and two single family homes on Prado Way. Branagh was also part of a group that purchased the historic 20-acre Moraga Adobe property in Orinda.

Beyond Lamorinda, Branagh was involved in a luxury mixed use condominium project in Walnut Creek and had extensive interest in commercial and residential developments in Pleasanton.

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