

## Not to be missed

### HALLOWEEN FUN

**Annual Pumpkin Patch Carnival.** New this year: Walk on water without getting wet, like Hunger Games, try your hand with a bow and safety arrow at the Vampire Slayer booth from noon to 4pm Saturday, October 13, Del Rey Elementary School, 25 El Camino Moraga Road, Orinda. Tickets: \$10.

**Frightfully Fun evening of Ghost Stories with Teller of a Thousand Tales** Michael Katz at 6:30pm October 16 at the Homework Center in the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. For kids of all ages. For more info, call (925) 286-9295.

**Haunted House! October 24 -30 from 5 to 9pm (10 pm on Friday and Saturday)** at Orinda Theatre Square. Free. Perfect for kids ages 5-13. Bring canned and dry goods to donate to the Food Bank of Contra Costa.

**Dark Dreams Haunted House at Rheem Theatre** from 7 to 11pm October 19, 20, 26, 27, 28 and on Halloween, October 31. Tickets: \$9 at the door. This is a fundraiser for the California Independent Film Festival.

**Trick or Treat at Rheem Valley Shopping Center** from 3 to 5pm on Halloween, October 31. Free bags and Halloween candy for children in costume from participating businesses.

### FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

**Oktoberfest at the Hacienda de las Flores, from 3 to 7pm Sunday,** October 14. Live German band, Bavarian Dancers, bratwurst and beer, strudel and pretzels, jumpy houses, pumpkin painting, chalk drawing and more, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga.

**The Lafayette Community Garden will hold their first community Harvest Celebration** from noon to 3pm Sunday, October 14. The forefront of the event will be honoring the donors and volunteers who have made this project possible. Other activities will include: Garden Inspired Finger Foods; Bluegrass Band; Pumpkin Carving; Scarecrow Building, Art Projects; Raffle and Garden Tours.

**Serbian Food Festival. The food festival will be featuring** Authentic Serbian Cuisine, delicious homemade pastries, and live Serbian Music Saturday, October 20 from noon to 10pm at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga.

**20th Annual Reservoir Run. The Lafayette Reservoir Run** is the city's most popular "family affair," involving kids, parents, grandparents, and hundreds of serious runners from throughout the Bay Area. The event will be on Sunday, October 28 beginning at 6:30am in Downtown Lafayette starting at Mt. Diablo Blvd. between First St. and Moraga Road. The adult registration: \$30; race day fee \$35; elementary school fee \$22. For more info, visit [www.http://lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/](http://lafayettechamber.org/events/reservoir-run/).

**Autumn Lights Festival in The Gardens at Lake Merritt** from 6 to 10pm Saturday, October 13, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Artist-created illuminations fill the night with lanterns, sound installations, and fire art. Tickets: \$25 (advance) at [www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/277296](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/277296); \$35 (at the gate) and include one drink. Produced by [www.AnotherBullwinkleshow.com](http://www.AnotherBullwinkleshow.com) (510) 548-5335.

### OTHER

**Project Happiness presented by Saklan School.** Producer and director Randy Taran will present her documentary that follows a Senior Class in Mount Madonna School in Watsonville on a journey to discover the true nature of human happiness October 11, from 6 to 8:30pm at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church, 1700 School Street, Moraga. For more info, visit [www.projecthappiness.org/community/events/](http://www.projecthappiness.org/community/events/).

**Blood Drive. Drop by and share a pint!** Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, working with the American Red Cross, is sponsoring a blood drive to help save lives in our local communities October 13 from 9am to 3pm at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian

Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane, Moraga. For more info, call Les Deane at (925) 283-5648 or visit [www.redcross-blood.org](http://www.redcross-blood.org).

**Aging Successfully in our Community.** All of us will one day be faced with issues related to growing older, whether it is taking care of our aging parents or an older relative, or growing older ourselves. In spite of the many mental and physical challenges associated with aging, we can educate ourselves about the process, and hopefully make the experience less stressful, and even enjoyable. Find some of those tools at 8:30am Saturday, October 13 at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church. For more info, call (925) 357-0056.

**Moraga-Orinda Fire District Open House & Pancake Breakfast** from 8am to noon Saturday, October 13 at Station 41, 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga. Fire Prevention Week Have Two Ways Out! Through our educational, family-oriented booths and activities, residents can learn more about the importance of fire escape planning and practice, as well as the power of prevention.

**Women Helping Women of Orinda Community Church** will recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month through Worship and a Forum. The Service of Worship, organized by Women Helping Women, will focus on domestic violence through choral reading, prayer, dance, music and Scripture Sunday, October 14 at 10am, the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda. For more info, call Lee Cruise at (925) 254-4906.

**A Fireside Chat with Humanities West. Americans** in Paris during the exhilarating days of the 1920s and 1930s is the topic of Orinda Library's next Fireside Chat at 6:30pm Tuesday, October 16 at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda (next to the fireplace inside the library). Free. For more info, call (925) 254-2184 or visit [www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org).

**Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team** invites neighborhood groups, CERT members and the public to participate in a live drill from 8:30am to 1pm October 20. Participants will be responding to a simulated earthquake and will work with Red Cross, Salvation Army, local first responders and public officials as they rescue and transport injured victims, establish shelter and provide emergency care at Donald Rheem Elementary School. Non-CERT trained volunteers are needed as victims. For details, visit [www.lamorindacert.org](http://www.lamorindacert.org) or e-mail [drill@lamorindacert.org](mailto:drill@lamorindacert.org).

**Mosaic Financial Partners' East Bay Open House. Experts** Provide Preparation for Life Transitioning from 5:30 to 7:30pm Tuesday, October 23 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 214, Lafayette. For more info, call (415) 788-1952 or visit [www.mosaicfp.com](http://www.mosaicfp.com).

**City of Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission.** This quick and easy session from 7 to 9pm Thursday, October 25 at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road in the Elderberry Room back parking lot, will help you prepare yourself and your family for the next earthquake whether you are at home, work, or out and about. Free. For more info, call (925) 284-2232.

**Annual Spiral Dance. A Multi-Cultural Celebration of Our Beloved Ancestors and Crones** by Daughters of the Goddess. On this cool fall evening we come together to honor our loved ones who have crossed over to the other side October 26, at 6:30pm at the Orinda Masonic Temple, 9 Altair Road, Orinda. Bring pictures of your loved ones that have passed to be placed on the Ancestor Altar. Tickets: \$23 if paid by October 22; \$29 at the door. For more info, call (925) 787-9247 or visit [www.daughtersofthegoddess.com](http://www.daughtersofthegoddess.com).

**SusieCakes, an all-American home style bakery** is celebrating the opening of its new Lafayette location with an old-fashioned Sock Hop from 1 to 4pm October 27 at SusieCakes new location, 3590 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. This family friendly event features '50s music, vintage cars, activities for the kids, and of course,

SusieCakes signature dessert favorites. For more info, call (415) 392-2232.

**Women and the Church: How did Christianity get hijacked** by men and when have women risen up. The Women's Ministry at Our Savior's Lutheran Church is hosting an evening of conversation and fellowship at 7pm Saturday, October 27 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette. Free. For more info, call (925) 283-3722 or visit [www.oslc.net](http://www.oslc.net).

**Lafayette Physical Therapy will be having free community lectures.** The Core: Stabilization vs. Strength and How Pilates Can Help lecture with Ashley Berry, Certified Pilates Instructor and Personal Trainer will be from 7 to 8pm October 30, 3468 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite B110, Lafayette. For reservations, call (925) 284-6150 or visit [www.LafayettePT.com](http://www.LafayettePT.com).

**The Kabbalah of You: A Guide to Unlocking Your Hidden Potential** presented by The Jewish Learning Institute. Through the examination of the entire spectrum of what it means to be human, The Kabbalah of You offers recipes, tips, and techniques. The six-session course will be on Tuesday's beginning October 30 from 10 to 11:15am at Chabad of Contra Costa, 1671 Newell Ave., Walnut Creek, and from 7:30 to 8:45pm at the Contra Costa Jewish Day School, 3836 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. For more info, call (925) 265-9554 or visit [www.myJLI.com](http://www.myJLI.com).

**Hearing Screening by Audiologists from Hearing Science/Diablo Valley** Ear, Nose, and Throat November 7, and December 5 in the Cedar Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road. An appointment is required and a minimum of two signups are required in order for screenings to take place. Please call Lafayette Senior Services at (925) 284-5050 to sign up for one of the following appointment times: 1, 1:20, 1:40, or 2pm. Cost: \$1 for members; \$3 for non-members.

**Nathaniel Armen of Boy Scout Troop 212 in conjunction** with his Eagle Scout Project is conducting a donation drive of items to be sent to impoverished children in the Dominican Republic: gently used clothes, shoes, soccer cleats and jerseys, large duffel bags and board games. Your donations will improve the quality of life of these children. Contributions may be dropped off at 85 Brookfield Dr., Moraga through November 9, or call (925) 876-1399 for pick up.

**Max Mirner of Boy Scout Troop 204 in conjunction** with his Eagle Scout Project is collecting new and gently used socks (sizes Toddler-18 years) for patients and non-perishable food or paper goods for the Family House at The Children's Hospital in Oakland until Friday, October 12. Collection boxes are located in the Lafayette school offices of Acalanes, Stanley, Springhill, Burton Valley, Happy Valley, Lafayette Elementary, Bentley Middle School in Oakland, and at Our Savior's Lutheran, and Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church. For info, email [maxmimer3@gmail.com](mailto:maxmimer3@gmail.com).

### POLITICAL GATHERINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

**Lamorinda Roads Well Traveled. The American Association of University Women (AAUW)** Orinda, Moraga, and Lafayette branch invite the public to our Public Policy meeting from 11:45am to 1pm Tuesday, October 16 at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. The Town Managers of our three communities will present solutions to address each Town's decaying infrastructure.

**The League of Women Voters will provide a pros and cons presentation** on California ballot issues from 7 to 9pm October 23 at Orinda Community Church, 10 Orinda Way, Orinda. For info, call the church, Monday through Thursday at (925) 254-4906.

**Moraga School Board Candidates Forum** from 7 to 8:30pm Thursday, October 11 at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium. Don't miss this final opportunity for you to hear from each of the three candidates and ask them your questions.

# Restaurants

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