

## Not to be missed

### OTHER ... continued

**Come Play MahJongg!** MahJongg is a game of skill, strategy, and certain degree of chance. Bring your card, a mahjongg set and a snack to share (optional) every Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sequoia Room, Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Cost: \$1 for members; \$3 for non-members. For more info, call (925)284-5050.

**Lamorinda Dance Social.** Enjoy afternoon dancing every Wednesday and learn some great new dance moves from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in the Live Oak Room at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette. Cost: \$2 for members; \$4 for non-members. For more info, call (925) 284-5050.

**Annual Holiday Home Tour.** Showcasing six delightfully decorated homes in the Alamo, Danville and Walnut Creek area, this year's tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8 has something to please everyone; from trees decked-out entirely in Poland Glass ornaments, to rooms devoted entirely to model trains. Tickets: \$30 for adults; \$25 for seniors. For more info, call (925) 876-8862 or visit [www.aauw-daw.org/hhtour/hht12.html](http://www.aauw-daw.org/hhtour/hht12.html).

**Hospice of the East Bay Support Groups for Adults.** Drop-In Bereavement Support Group meets from 4:30 to 6p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Campus located at 3470 Buskirk Avenue. These meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. For more information please call (925) 887-5681 or visit [www.hospiceeastbay.org](http://www.hospiceeastbay.org).

**Hospice of the East Bay Support Group for Adults.** The Pet Loss Support Group meets on the 1st Tuesdays of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Tony LaRussa's Animal Rescue Foundation, 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to pre-register please call (925) 887-5681 or visit [www.hospiceeastbay.org](http://www.hospiceeastbay.org).

**Hospice of the East Bay invites the public to participate** in its 26th annual Tree of Lights ceremony for residents of Moraga and Lafayette at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Moraga Country Club, 1600 St. Andrews Dr., Moraga. The event includes music, poetry, remembrances by family members and friends of Hospice,

and the special moment when the tree lights up. Lights can be dedicated for a minimum gift of \$25. For more info, call (925) 887-5678 or visit [www.hospiceeastbay.org](http://www.hospiceeastbay.org).

**The Stroke Support Group of Contra Costa County** will hold its December meeting in the Ball Auditorium at John Muir Medical Center at the Walnut Creek Campus, 1601 Ygnacio Valley Road. They will be having their annual holiday celebration with fun and frolic. Free. For more info, call Ann Dzuna at (925) 376-6218.

### KIDS, PARENTS AND TEENS

**Walter the Giant Storyteller.** For kids of all ages, the Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center present an evening of massive storytelling from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Community Hall of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Headliner Walter M. Mayes is also known as Walter the Giant Storyteller, at six-foot-seven inches, he's not exactly petite. Brace yourselves for "Giant book of Giant stories" and find out what happens when he survives being shipwrecked on a Lilliputian-like island. Free.

**Photo with Santa.** Take a photo with Santa at the Rheem Shopping Center in Moraga on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your own camera. Free with your Rheem Valley Shopping Center receipts totaling \$25 or more.

**Snow in Berkeley?** Bring boots and mittens to play in the snow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at 1673 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Snow queen, pony rides, craft projects, and holiday vendors. For info, visit [www.AnotherBullwinkelShow.com](http://www.AnotherBullwinkelShow.com).

**Santa Day at 5A Rent A Space.** Get a free picture with Santa and enjoy letter writing from 11 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Also at 5A, free gift-wrapping from Nov. 26 through Dec. 25. For more info, call (925) 631-7000.

**Holiday Tot Hop.** Bring your little ones on over to boogie to holiday tunes before simmering down with seasonal story favorites at the Orinda Library Tuesday or Wednesday, Dec. 18 or 19. Events begin at 10 a.m., and are open to parents and their children ages 0-5.

**A Free Throw Competition sponsored by the 41st annual Walnut Creek Elks** will take place Sunday, Dec. 9 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at De La Salle High School in Concord. All boys and girls ages 8-

13 are invited to participate. (Contestant's age group will be determined by their age as of April 1, 2013). Certificates and prizes will be awarded to all participants and beautiful trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each boy and girl category. Free. For info, contact Mike Rittenhouse, tournament director at [coach\\_ritt@yahoo.com](mailto:coach_ritt@yahoo.com) or (925) 360-2900.

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Dinner.** The Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii will be remembered at the annual dinner event Friday, Dec. 7. The dinner will be at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Cost: \$35 per person. For more info, call Jeanne Sharkey at (925) 228-1375.

**Community Christmas Celebration.** During the candlelight celebration, hear the Christmas story anew and songs of the season at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Refuge Community Church, 155 Moraga Road, Moraga. Free. For more info, call (925) 942-1000 or visit [www.refugecommunity.org](http://www.refugecommunity.org).

**The annual HO Scale model train exhibition,** featuring a unique, modular display of model trains traveling through an "Old World" countryside, will be open at the Blackhawk Museum through Jan. 6. Exhibition is included with regular museum admission: \$10 for adults; \$7 for students and seniors; and free for children under 6 (must be accompanied by a paid adult). Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and special holiday hours on Monday, Dec. 24 and 31. For more info, visit [blackhawkmuseum.org](http://blackhawkmuseum.org) or call (925) 736-2277.

### POLITICAL GATHERINGS

**Inauguration Celebration Breakfast and Watch Party.** The breakfast, which will be held Monday, Jan. 21 from 8-8:45 a.m. at the Lafayette Library's Community Room, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd., will be hosted by The Lamorinda Democratic Club to honor President Barack Obama as he is inaugurated for his second term in office. You must RSVP to guarantee a seat by contacting John Hall at [jdhall@mac.com](mailto:jdhall@mac.com).

**Holiday Open House.** State Senator Mark Desaulnier cordially invites you to attend the Holiday Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 1350 Treat Blvd., Suite 240, Walnut Creek. For more info, visit <http://www.trivalleydems.com/Calendar.htm>.

Please submit events to:  
[calendar@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:calendar@lamorindaweekly.com)

## Thinking of Adopting a Cat? Adoption Fees Lowered for Certain Breeds

Submitted by Billie Cummings



Dougie, a foster kitten, is thankful for his home.

Photo Billie Cummings

Community Concern for Cats (CC4C) adoption locations. Studies have shown that people often don't "see" black cats at adoption sites. Black as a color recedes while the lighter colors advance, so in a line-up, people often only "see" the lighter colored tabbies and white ones. The black cats' chances at adoption simply aren't as good.

The adoption fee of \$50 for kittens under a year; \$35 for cats over one year old includes spay/neuter, feline leukemia testing, all shots, worming meds, and flea treatment.

Billie Cummings, a CC4C foster parent, said, "Over the past year I fostered 12 cats and fell in love with four of them—all black: Boots, Bradley, Bella and Figaro. They were so loving and had great personalities. But weeks went by and still they weren't adopted. I finally resorted to taking them out of their cages at the adoption site and putting them in people's arms as they came by. Once they held them, they were hooked!"

Black or black tuxedo cats will be available at Petco Walnut Creek, and Pet Food Express Pleasant Hill, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. and from 12 to 3 p.m. at Pet Food Express in Lafayette.

From now until Jan. 13 fees are being cut drastically for black and black tuxedo cats available at three



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Home for the Holidays Celebration  
Saturday, December 8, 2012

Downtown Lafayette, CA

10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Entertainment Stage

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PLUS: A Visit from Santa!

- 10 a.m.** Puppet Show Inside The Storyteller Bookstore, 30 Lafayette Circle
- Noon** Town Hall Theatre Holiday Show - in front of The Storyteller Bookstore, 30 Lafayette Circle
- 2 p.m.** The Dave Crimmen Candy Cane Express - in front of The Storyteller Bookstore, 30 Lafayette Circle
- 6 p.m.** Tap-Dancing Christmas Trees Starting at Antique Collective, Mt. Diablo Road
- 8 p.m.** Cosmic Reindeer Band, with classics like "Grandama got Run over by a Reindeer" Lafayette Music Store, 81 Lafayette Circle

Detailed schedule:

[www.trylafayettefirst.org/holidays2012](http://www.trylafayettefirst.org/holidays2012)

Questions? [ideas@trylafayettefirst.org](mailto:ideas@trylafayettefirst.org)

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## Shop Local & Win!

- 1st Place: Prepaid \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 2nd Place: Prepaid \$250 Visa Gift Card
- 3rd Place: Prepaid \$100 Visa Gift Card

### Simple Rules

- Shop at 3 different kinds of Lafayette businesses from 12/1 /12 through 1/3/13
- Spend at least \$150 total
- Must be 21+ years of age to participate
- Submit your receipts, along with your name and email, by January 4th at 4pm

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