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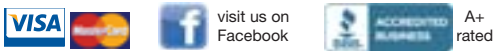
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Police Give Thanks for Years of Volunteer Service



Erik Strand Photo Cathy Tyson
Police Chief Eric Christensen recognized Reserve Officer Erik Strand for 25 years of volunteer service to the police department and for generously donating his time and energy to serve the com-

munity. Although Strand was an invaluable help to the Lafayette Police Department and had completed extensive training at his own expense, with a full-time day job and three kids at home, he stepped down because he felt it was time to focus on his family. He was a Level 1 Reserve Officer, able to work alone and perform the same duties as a regular officer.

"Nobody has a bigger heart," said the chief at a recent city council meeting. Strand reluctantly posed for a photo and when asked for his reasoning behind the years of service he explained that some family members had been tragically killed by drunk drivers and this was his way of giving back.
C. Tyson

Cancer Seminar at the Lafayette Library

Esophageal cancer is the eighth most common type of cancer, according to the American Cancer Society; approximately 16,000 people were diagnosed with it in 2011. With many different types of treatment available it's easy to become overwhelmed. John Muir Health will present an esophageal awareness seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. April 12 featuring physicians specializing in gastroenterology, medical oncology and thoracic surgery, a registered dietitian and esophageal cancer survivor Ellen Tauscher at the Community Hall. Tauscher represented California's 10th con-

gressional district, which includes Lamorinda, for seven terms and worked as the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs. They'll be discussing warning signs, latest medical treatments, early detection and what you need to know to stay healthy. With many signs appearing to be common digestive problems, esophageal cancer can be difficult to detect in its early stages, although having difficulty swallowing is a frequent symptom. The event is free; organizers request that you register via www.johnmuirhealth.com. C. Tyson

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	Under 2000 sq. ft.		2000-2500 sq. ft.		Over 2500 sq. ft.	
	2012	1stQ 13	2012	1stQ 13	2012	1stQ 13
Avg. Days on Market	28	6	18	9	37	27
Avg. Sales Price	\$747,000	\$828,750	\$911,000	\$983,428	\$1,247,000	\$1,358,227
Avg. Sales Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$429	\$466	\$407	\$436	\$390	\$406

The above is a collection of market data about homes sales in Moraga in 2012 with a comparison to the first quarter of 2013. As you can see, Moraga is getting off to a fantastic start. Interest rates are still very attractive and money is available. Unless something unforeseen happens I expect these results to continue through the end of the year.

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