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Civic News Lafayette

New City Website in the Works

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Upgrades have already been made to document and audio managing of civic meetings, seamlessly provided with new cloud-based services from Granicus, because the old vendor discontinued its service. City documents are searchable to find a complete history of events, just by plugging in key language like "bike park" or "terraces." Administrative Services Director Tracy Robinson hopes to officially launch the new website July 1.

For residents who currently receive helpful automated notices for meetings and the City Manager's Friday Summary, that service will be continued, with a simple change-over. "People will need to re-subscribe to the notifications that they want when the new site launches. We will send out an email to everyone who is currently subscribed before we cut over to the new site to let them know what they need to do," said Robinson. The new website will have the same address as the old website, www.love-lafayette.org.

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Rock the Plaza Returns a Bit Early

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Calling it an opportunity to think outside the lens, photographers from Lafayette are invited to take pictures within a 24-hour time period and submit them to the city offices; winning pictures will be displayed in the Library Gallery at the Community Hall. See city website for all the details, www.love-lafayette.org.

Organized by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce with help from Wells Fargo Bank, the city of Lafayette and Red House Studios, the music series provides a chance to socialize with neighbors at this relaxed annual event and makes it easy with food options and beverages at the park for dining al fresco.

"Lafayette has countless numbers of musicians, both aspiring and accomplished, as well as music fans," said Lafayette's Raja Singh, owner of the music studio complex Red House. "The 'Rock the Plaza' series is another great way for these musicians to share their music with the local community."

Continuing the food and music theme – for the first time ever, all three Lamorinda communities will have a Lamorinda Picnic at the Moraga Commons on Thursday, August 15 starting at 4 p.m. with fantastic Santana cover band Zee-bop! playing at 6:30 p.m.

Civic News Moraga

Neighbors Challenge the Moraga Center Specific Plan

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The other project in the Moraga Center Specific Plan area, along Camino Ricardo, did not cause as much controversy at the meeting. Summerhill Homes has been working with staff for months on different versions and has considerably amended the project to respond to the commission's requests and reduced the number of diverse homes from 36 to 26.

Although some neighbors on Crossbrook, to the north of the site, object to having a park in the eastern part of the development for security reasons, no formal effort has been launched to challenge this project.

Civic News Orinda

Meet Orinda's New Police Chief – Scott S. Haggard

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"About a year later in a completely different area, she approached me. I did not recognize her at first because she looked totally different and healthy. She had a job and lived on her own. She had gained her independence

away from the cycle of violence. People can escape these situations and gain personal freedom."

And that is what it's all about – inspiring neighbors to be there for one another in good times and bad.

Keeping House and Kids Safe

One of the things that struck police chief Scott Haggard when he first started work in Orinda was the city's "party consequences ordinance." Because homeowners can end up in a world of hurt if partying kids get out of control on their property, he suggests being proactive rather than reactive.

"Vacation house checks can be for more than just vacations. If, for example, adults are leaving for a weekend and have a teenaged person staying home, we would be more than happy to stop or just drive by (your preference) just to make sure things are okay."

It is important to plan ahead because even good kids can sometimes end up in difficult situations – like when 20 people they don't know suddenly show up at a small, quiet get together – because a friend Tweeted about "a party in Orinda." Just visit the police department to complete a card indicating when you'll be away – and that kids will still be home. By letting OPD know how many friends might be visiting and when – and what cars those friends will likely be driving, police will then be able to verify that all's well with a simple drive-by. For more information, call (925) 254-6820.

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