

# Lamorinda OUR HOMES

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## Lafayette's New Marquis

By Cathy Dausman



*Construction of the Marquis Lafayette development is nearing completion; pictured is a courtside view.*

*Photo Cathy Dausman*

The Marquis is back in Lafayette – this time in the form of town home style housing. Twenty-three homes; four to six units per building, in five buildings are taking shape on the 1.5 acre parcel which formerly housed the Hungry Hunter restaurant on the southwest corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Pleasant Hill Road.

The Marquis Lafayette townhomes will bear the new street name of Shreve Lane. Coffee shops,

grocery stores, medical offices, the Lafayette Library and BART transportation are just minutes away on foot. Each single family attached home features four bedrooms, 3.5 baths and a 2 car garage; the three available floor plans offer square footage ranging from 1967 to 2074.

Models cost from \$795,000 to \$820,000. Additional “location premium” and upgrade costs apply.

“These are high spec level homes, with 17 by 17 tiles, granite countertops, stainless steel GE appliances and maple cabinets,” said Rebecca Newell, northern California area sales manager for Taylor Morrison.

The house also features CAT 5 cable wiring. Newell said the homes’ GreenPoint rating also makes them environmentally friendly.

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City	Last reported:	LOWEST AMOUNT:	HIGHEST AMOUNT:
LAFAYETTE	24	\$480,000	\$1,950,000
MORAGA	9	\$500,000	\$1,480,000
ORINDA	9	\$575,000	\$1,503,000

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### LAFAYETTE

- 930 Acalanes Road, \$480,000, 5 Bdrms, 2334 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 9-20-13  
 593 Antonio Court, \$1,190,000, 4 Bdrms, 2070 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 9-20-13;  
 previous Sale: \$43,000, 12-01-72  
 571 Arrowhead Drive, \$910,000, 6 Bdrms, 2354 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 9-16-13  
 1077 Brown Avenue, \$929,000, 3 Bdrms, 2712 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 9-20-13;  
 previous Sale: \$193,000, 08-30-79  
 4105 Canyon Road, \$1,400,000, 4 Bdrms, 3144 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 9-18-13  
 2459 Cherry Hills Drive, \$753,000, 3 Bdrms, 1740 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 9-23-13;  
 previous Sale: \$610,000, 09-26-03  
 3959 Cowan Road, \$850,000, 3 Bdrms, 1680 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 9-19-13;  
 previous Sale: \$585,000, 01-11-11  
 3131 Diablo View Road, \$855,000, 3 Bdrms, 2317 SqFt, 1947 YrBlt, 9-24-13  
 3097 Hedaro Court, \$875,000, 4 Bdrms, 1955 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 9-11-13;  
 previous Sale: \$610,000, 01-31-13  
 3435 Little Lane, \$1,250,000, 3 Bdrms, 1925 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 9-12-13;  
 previous Sale: \$160,000, 10-01-92  
 3370 McGraw Lane #A, \$1,500,000, 5 Bdrms, 4236 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 9-20-13;  
 previous Sale: \$155,000, 09-27-76  
 3500 Moraga Boulevard, \$1,075,000, 4 Bdrms, 2178 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 9-25-13  
 687 Old Jonas Hill Road, \$1,350,000, 4 Bdrms, 2367 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 9-17-13  
 3555 Old Mountain View Drive, \$1,015,000, 5 Bdrms, 3082 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 9-12-13;  
 previous Sale: \$899,000, 06-24-10  
 3154 Padre Street, \$825,000, 4 Bdrms, 1722 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 9-13-13;  
 previous Sale: \$44,500, 05-07-73  
 1342 Reliez Valley Road, \$1,375,000, 4 Bdrms, 2662 SqFt, 1970 YrBlt, 9-13-13;  
 previous Sale: \$620,000, 09-13-94  
 3393 Rossi Street, \$1,060,000, 3 Bdrms, 2203 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 9-20-13  
 3132 Sandalwood Court, \$1,062,000, 4 Bdrms, 1599 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 9-18-13  
 816 Solana Drive, \$1,370,000, 4 Bdrms, 2243 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 9-12-13;  
 previous Sale: \$902,000, 03-27-13  
 720 South Pond Court, \$810,000, 4 Bdrms, 2483 SqFt, 1996 YrBlt, 9-12-13;  
 previous Sale: \$625,000, 10-12-11  
 964 Stow Lane, \$1,950,000, 4 Bdrms, 2255 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 9-17-13;  
 previous Sale: \$841,000, 05-11-12  
 3756 Sundale Road, \$870,000, 4 Bdrms, 2192 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 9-18-13;  
 previous Sale: \$380,000, 08-28-98  
 33 Toledo Drive, \$1,375,000, 3 Bdrms, 3707 SqFt, 1979 YrBlt, 9-20-13  
 1098 Via Roble, \$960,000, 4 Bdrms, 2320 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 9-12-13;  
 previous Sale: \$495,000, 12-06-96



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# Lafayette's New Marquis

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The green extends outside, as well. The buildings face inward to a park space which will hold a tot lot, lawn and picnic area.

"We modeled it after the [downtown] Lafayette park," said sales associate Chrissie Curnutt, although theirs is absent the park's namesake statue and overhead trellis. "We're excited to have an offering which is a little bit different product for Lafayette," Curnutt added.

Newell and Curnutt see the residences as an opportunity for buyers both young and older – those looking to move up or empty nesters wanting to scale back. Both ends of the homeowner spectrum should enjoy living together, although boomers should plan on getting a healthy leg workout. The ground floor entry level does include a fourth bedroom and bath tucked in behind the garage.

The main floor is the living area, one flight up from ground, with kitchen, dining room, living space, laundry and a powder room, and small deck facing the common green space.

The upper floor has three bedrooms and two full baths. Views are good from both the main and upper floors, and it seems the builder made an effort to preserve the tall pine and redwoods encircling the complex. Traffic noise on the busy adjacent streets was surprisingly quiet with the windows closed.

When Lamorinda Weekly first visited the project mid-September the interiors had been painted, but the kitchen cabinetry and backsplash tile installation was unfinished.



Hardwood flooring was still under a protective wrap, and the kitchen appliances had not been installed. Now, according to Curnutt, all appliances have been installed "except in Building B" (the four townhomes which back up to Pleasant Hill Road). It is expected that exteriors and landscaping should be done by December, she added.

Exterior finishes – shingling in fall colors and trellis-like sunshades above windows and garage bays were taking shape along the building façades, especially along the site interior.

According to Newell, the old restaurant was demolished a little over a year ago; paving began last April. The company hopes to have its first building completed this fall; buyers could move in by December or January, she said.

Marquis Lafayette is a Taylor Morrison development. For details, go online to <http://www.taylormorrison.com/new-homes/california/bay-area/lafayette/marquis-community#Floorplans> or call for a viewing appointment: (925) 785-1331.



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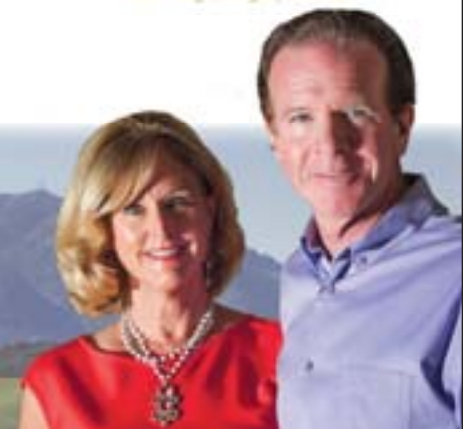
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## The Home Designer Fall in Love

By Brandon Neff

Fall – shorter days, cooler nights, and for many, a time of transition. Lazy summer getaways spent dreaming and relaxing give way to thoughts of cozy spaces, family gatherings and rooms designed for nesting. As the season moves forward, you notice the light shifting and you find yourself reaching for that extra blanket to drape across the bed. For many of my clients, autumn also signals a season for reevaluating the way they live, what they surround themselves with, and for discovering new ways to love their home. Once overlooked or ignored rooms can be transformed into a favorite place to entertain, to lounge or to simply escape. We evolve – why shouldn't our home?

This isn't just about new trends because I don't believe in trends when it comes to good interior design. This is about living at your best, and designing a home that reflects your best life. This speaks to falling in love with your home all over again, and looking beyond the walls and rooms and discovering what connected you to your house or apartment in the first place. Ask yourself, does your home make you smile when you walk in the door? Does your space represent who you are and what you're passionate about? It can.

This week's project really speaks to how thoughtful choices and a passion for reinvention led my clients to re-imagine their home into a very personal expression. Lisa and Richard's home in Lafayette was, at first glance, unremarkable. It was large with spacious rooms centered on an expansive lot – the grounds reflecting more about their passions than the interiors. Much of the furnishings seemed to crowd the rooms, and the layout denied the main room's proper flow. (Did I mention the foosball table in the living room?)

Much of the “eclectic” furniture was a hodgepodge of pieces collected over years in different homes, former lives as parents and durable seating that they couldn't part with because it still did the job. Er ... sort of. People, durability does not a well designed home make. Sure, it's nice when things last, but hanging on to the past can limit your creativity. Rather, think about a functional home that serves your life in the present and build a space that caters to how you live today.

Clearly, my clients were eager to create a home that spoke to their lives now – newly empty-nested and ready for rooms that they could spread out in. The chal-

lenge they presented me was to uncover a fresh perspective on the home they wanted to stay in, while respecting their tastes as a couple, as well as imagining a welcoming home that worked for entertaining. Not a small task!

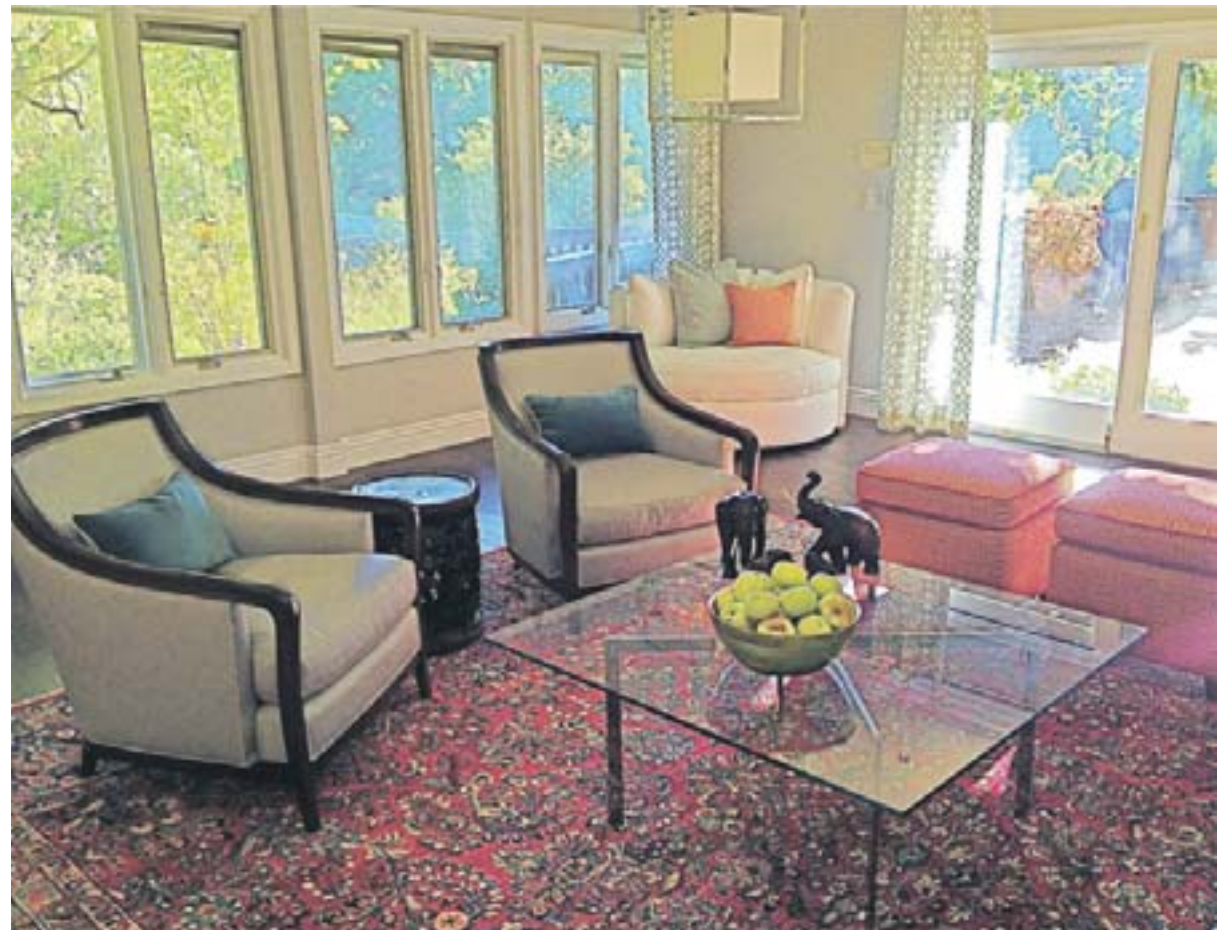
The project was less about a gut job, and more about peeling away old layers to create new vistas. Lisa and Richard loved the views to their tree lined backyard, and wanted a better vantage point to enjoy their combined love of nature. (Did I mention the foosball table in the living room?)

The best part about this project was my clients – this couple has charisma, and not a small amount of knowledge of design. Rarely, do I get the opportunity to discuss the likes of Stark, Miller, Nelson and Wormley with clients who can hold their own.



*Before – low slung beams, dated tile and a choppy floor plan work against the views.*

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*After – an open plan invites conversation while a separate nook for bird watching and lengths of fabric compliment the park-like views.*

*Photos courtesy Brandon Neff Design*



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She received a BA from UC Berkeley, her MSW from NYU and is a licensed Realtor®.



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## The Home Designer Fall in Love

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From Richard's polished skills as a nature photographer, and their wide tastes in art and decorative accessories to their shared appreciation for 20th century architecture (they once lived in a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home) – they had a strong aesthetic sense of what they were looking to accomplish, and allowed me to help shape it into clearer focus.

The best example of how we accomplished this was in the family room – the largest space, but the most poorly laid out room in the house. It featured obtrusive cabinetry, an overpowering brick fireplace and low slung decorative beams on the ceiling that made the whole space feel claustrophobic. Additionally, the lighting was underwhelming, the furniture too large and out of scale and the windows left unadorned. If I sound harsh, it's only because the room needed some tough love.

After convincing my clients that “everything must go,” we removed the interior island and cabinetry dividing the room, removed a rather large, clunky mantel, clad the entire brick wall behind new drywall to create an installation space for art and photography, stripped away the beams and low slung header, and added much needed recessed lighting to highlight all of the new furnishings. A gorgeous paint color and luxe fabrics were added – all inspired by the lovely heirloom area rug that grounded the space.

With a palette of rich reds, warm tans, teal and cream – along with espresso wood floors and polished chrome accents – the room emerged transformed into an elegant, but comfortable gathering space while keeping the best views of the garden. The lush yard was now highlighted by a new vantage point from which to enjoy it. A mix of custom designed furniture, mid-century pieces and even a couple of re-purposed chairs now work in harmony to bring a fresh, chic and relaxing vibe to a well loved room. Custom paint colors on the walls convey a soothing calm throughout the space, and I even nudged them into a rather upscale wallpaper in the elegant dining room – a nod to Lisa's tug toward a little Park Avenue moment.

Tip: When wallpapering a room don't be shy – paper every wall for full effect. A single accent wall in wallpaper looks as if you ran out of supplies.

I often speak of the transformative power of good design. Color moves us. Art inspires, and can even transport us. Take a moment and look around your space – find what speaks to you and what feels out of place. Perhaps, this too may be your own season of change.

BTW, the foosball table found a new home.



*Before – the brick fire breast and chunky mantel overpowered the room.*



*After – sleek new walls over old brick combined with glossy white crown moulding create a new polish to the room.*

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## Lamorinda Home Sales recorded

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### MORAGA

415 Chalda Way, \$500,000, 3 Bdrms, 1322 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 9-11-13; Previous Sale: \$300,000, 10-18-00  
 159 Corliss Drive, \$1,152,500, 4 Bdrms, 2515 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 9-19-13; Previous Sale: \$390,000, 05-03-91  
 1103 Country Club Drive, \$1,480,000, 5 Bdrms, 3051 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 9-16-13; Previous Sale: \$527,500, 06-28-91  
 169 Cypress Point Way, \$706,000, 2 Bdrms, 1626 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 9-25-13  
 359 Deerfield Drive, \$1,059,000, 4 Bdrms, 2188 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 9-13-13; Previous Sale: \$750,000, 02-27-04  
 103 Miramonte Drive, \$500,000, 2 Bdrms, 1302 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 9-24-13; Previous Sale: \$387,000, 09-23-03  
 1336 Rimer Drive, \$930,000, 4 Bdrms, 1995 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 9-17-13  
 112 Walford Drive, \$1,081,500, 4 Bdrms, 2410 SqFt, 1964 YrBlt, 9-25-13; Previous Sale: \$245,000, 02-14-86  
 80 Warfield Drive, \$1,040,000, 3 Bdrms, 2584 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 9-12-13; Previous Sale: \$63,000, 04-13-90

### ORINDA

149 Ardith Drive, \$968,000, 4 Bdrms, 1801 SqFt, 1959 YrBlt, 9-17-13; Previous Sale: \$928,000, 05-10-13  
 173 Camino Pablo, \$575,000, 3 Bdrms, 1837 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 9-25-13  
 11 Knickerbocker Lane, \$640,000, 3 Bdrms, 1432 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 9-18-13; Previous Sale: \$91,500, 12-04-08  
 6 Linda Vista, \$685,000, 1 Bdrms, 1219 SqFt, 1939 YrBlt, 9-20-13; Previous Sale: \$305,000, 09-19-12  
 45 Longridge Road #47, \$715,000, 4 Bdrms, 2349 SqFt, 1938 YrBlt, 9-20-13  
 29 Meadow Park Court, \$958,500, 4 Bdrms, 2407 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 9-20-13; Previous Sale: \$712,000, 12-03-02  
 56 Miner Road, \$810,000, 2 Bdrms, 2165 SqFt, 1938 YrBlt, 9-11-13; Previous Sale: \$385,000, 12-27-89  
 440 Tahos Road, \$1,503,000, 2 Bdrms, 2852 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 9-13-13  
 216 the Knoll, \$925,000, 3 Bdrms, 2408 SqFt, 1974 YrBlt, 9-13-13; Previous Sale: \$515,000, 05-26-00

## KAREN RICHARDSON PRESENTS:

### Beautiful Mediterranean New Construction with Breath Taking Views in Lafayette!

1740 Toyon Rd, Lafayette



The finishing touches are now being completed on this new, truly custom 5 bedroom/3.5 bath Mediterranean home off of Reliez Valley Road. Not a detail was overlooked and the upgrades are endless. The thoughtful floor plan delivers sweeping valley views and includes a grand entryway, large great room, chef's kitchen with large island, breakfast nook, formal dining room, bonus room, extra-large sauna, and wine tasting room. Enjoy the tranquility and privacy on the acre+ lot. Briones Regional Park is only steps away and provides access to miles of hiking and open space. With award winning Lafayette schools, this home is conveniently located just minutes from downtown Lafayette, BART, Hwy 24 and all that Lamorinda has to offer.

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## Ask Cynthia Brian-Pumpkins

### Reader's Request

Hi Cynthia:

We grew pumpkins as project with the kids this year yet we aren't sure about harvesting or what to do with them besides carving them for Halloween? I hate to waste and figured you'd have some ideas.

Thanks,  
Angela

Hi Angela:

Bravo to you for getting your children involved in growing! They will learn so much and the fact that they have grown their own pumpkins will give them pride and boasting rights. You have come to the right person for suggestion, as, like you, I am a waste not person.



Carved pumpkins

Photos Cynthia Brian

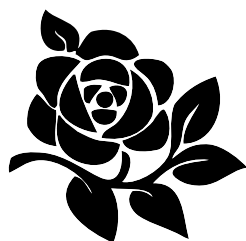
To harvest, thump the melon, it should sound hollow and have a tough skin. Try to put your fingernail in the rind. When pumpkins are ripe, it is difficult to pierce them. Cut the pumpkins from the vine with pruning shears or a sharp knife. Don't twist them off or they'll rot more quickly. Cure in the sun to harden for at least a week. They are now ready for display, carving, and eating.

Besides using them for jack-o-lanterns and pumpkin pie, the noble pumpkin (from the Greek work "pepon," or large melon) are a major health food fruit, packed with large amounts of vitamins A, C, and potassium. A full cup is only about 30 calories. Cut out the flesh and cook like squash, or make soups, cakes, bread, pancakes, or even a pumpkin pizza.

#### After harvesting, here are other ideas to consider:

1. Before carving your pumpkin, scoop out the seeds. Roast them on a cookie sheet with a dash of olive oil and garlic salt for a nutritious, crunchy snack.
2. Or dry the seeds, store them in a brown bag to plant next May in a sunny location. With plenty of water and fertilizer you'll be able to boast your own pumpkin patch in 75-100 days from planting. Now your kids will be really excited.
3. Spray paint the extra pumpkins bronze, gold, silver, or whatever colors you are using for your Thanksgiving or Christmas décor. I add natural foliage such as dried corn stalks and reeds for the November holiday, and evergreens and ornaments for the December season. My porch sparkles. You can even paint them one color for Thanksgiving and another for Christmas. Pumpkins, if kept dry, will last three months or more. Store your extra produce in a cool, dark place to enjoy all winter for projects and recipes.
4. Instead of carving your pumpkin, draw, paint, or use decals to make creative faces. In this way, after Halloween, you can cut up the pumpkin and enjoy the delicious flesh inside.
5. Once you have carved a pumpkin and put it outside as a decoration, don't attempt to salvage it for human consumption. However, pumpkins are great snacks for chickens, ducks, geese, goats, and other barnyard animals. Find friends with critters before you discard. Even the squirrels and birds love them.

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Growing pumpkin

6. Compost your carved pumpkins. They will decompose and can be used to fertilize your garden.
7. Bury the entire pumpkin. It may grow next season and if nothing else, it will enrich your soil.

Make sure to take lots of photos to reminisce in later years. The largest pumpkin my kids ever grew weighed in around 400 pounds, but the world record is over 2,000 pounds. The memories are priceless.

Enjoy a happy haunted Halloween as well as pumpkin treats.  
Happy Gardening to You!

Cynthia

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**40 Dos Osos** Incredible Orinda, San Pablo Dam, Mt. Diablo views + abundance of nature surrounds this supersized parcel bordering EBMUD land. Exceptional beauty. Once in a lifetime opportunity raw land sale.

**\$545,000**

## ORINDA



**54 La Campana** Brilliant 1938 south facing lathe & plaster construction in heart of Country Club. 4bd/3ba with approximately 2608 sf. One of largest pools in Orinda, Trader Vics built BBQ poolside, gardens. A bit of TLC needed.

**\$1,000,000**

## ORINDA



**9 Las Piedras** Picturesque private 6bd/3ba home in park like setting w/panoramic views, level lawn & recreational pool. 3745sf classic custom w/vaulted ceils, walls of windows, hdwd flrs, den, workout rm, FR & well-appointed kitchen.

**\$1,349,000**

## ORINDA



**1 Camino del Cielo** Sophisticated and stylish 4900+ sq ft newer construction with 4 bedrooms + office, 3.5 baths, decks and views.

**\$1,699,000**

## ORINDA



*New Price*

**11 Fairway Drive** Rare find. Mid-century modern 4bd/3ba+ 2 half bath home on 4th fairway. Private, large rooms, high ceilings, office, boudoir, great guest setup, updated kitchen. Grand, comfortable, very special property.

**\$1,729,000**

## ORINDA



**10 El Castillo** Spacious 5 bed, 3.5 bath. Built in 1998, home includes: marble entry, private office, huge kitchen/family rm, media rm, large level lot on cul-de-sac, citrus garden, resort-like living.

**\$2,150,000**

## ORINDA



**17 Tappan Lane** Vistas across Orinda come alive from all rooms of this spacious 4,155 sf with 6 bd/4 ba & 2 half ba. High ceilings & light & bright. Perfect for fun in the sun with yards, decks, pool, & vineyard on 1.15 acres.

**\$2,389,000**

## ORINDA



**11 Scenic Drive** Elegant updated 4bd/3.5ba, 4695sf single-story estate property on .64ac. Custom millwork, hand carved biblical stone fples, lrg bdrms, ofc, Chef's eat-in kit/fam.rm; guest house, pool, lrg patio, gorgeous landscaping.

**\$3,350,000**

## ORINDA



**92 Sandhill Road** Absolutely One-of-a-Kind Bay Area Home with captivating, sweeping views from every rm. Perched on foremost knoll of the coveted Sandhill enclave. Ideal for active family as well as large scale entertaining.

**\$5,200,000**

## MORAGA



**651 Moraga Road # 24** Pottery Barn Style! Chic updated end unit in quiet location at rear of Rheem Terraces. Lovely fenced private patio. Dual pane windows, wood floors, stainless steel kitchen. Walk to shops, restaurants, Rheem Theatre!

**\$310,000**

## MORAGA



**1743 Spyglass Lane** Moraga Country Club Forest Hills model, updates throughout include new kitchen appliances, granite counters, updated bath, hardwood floors, new carpet, paint & lighting.

**\$950,000**

## MORAGA



*New Listing*

**1903 Saint Andrews Dr.** Gorgeous MCC detached home on double lot. Beaut. updated, apx. 3,424 sf. Open kitchen & family rm, formal dining & living both w/ seamless deck access. 2nd family rm/4th bdrm plus bonus rm & storage galore.

**\$1,245,000**

## LAFAYETTE



**9 Mountain View Place** Fabulous updated 4bd/2.5ba, 3481 sf custom contemporary on .78 ac in tranquil setting. Spacious LR & DR, new hardwd flrs throughout, new eat-in kitchen/DR open to FR, voltaic solar panels, new redwood deck & more.

**\$1,350,000**

## LAFAYETTE



*Pending*

**3518 S. Silver Springs Rd** Silver Springs inner circle charmer. Traditional Marchant ranch w/vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, easy indoor/outdoor living. Newly landscaped backyard & new pool. Quick walk to town, schools & Lafayette bike trail.

**\$1,795,000**

## DANVILLE



**1540/1550 Finley Road** Terrific horse property on two level separate parcels total 2.98 acres(pr). Rancher w/country kitchen, pool & hot tub! The Ranch has 12 stall barn, indoor/outdoor riding arenas, covered & stall paddocks, fenced pastures & more.

**\$1,299,000**

## WALNUT CREEK



**3737 Waterford Lane** Don't miss this fabulous Northgate area 4bd/3.5ba home w/close to 3700 sf. Huge kitchen/family rm area overlooking spectacular .70 ac bkdy w/orchard, vineyard & room for pool. Hdwd flrs, ofc, formal dining & living rms.

**\$1,468,000**



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