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Fans cheer as Beatles tribute band The Sun Kings close out the 19th annual Lafayette Art & Wine Festival on Sunday afternoon.

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Destination Downtown for Rockin' Good Time

By Cathy Tyson

Maybe it should be called the Art & Wine and food and music festival? Yes, the event featured lots of art and crafty items, and who doesn't enjoy a glass of wine or pint of beer with pals on a late-summer afternoon? During the two-day extravaganza 450 bottles and 150 kegs were enjoyed, but organizers also did a fantastic job of putting together a crowd-pleasing music lineup that

was the star of the weekend. It's the delightful smell of grilled food that hits you first as you close in on the Art & Wine Festival from BART or a distant parking spot. Food trucks galore contributed to a heady summer mix with everything from pulled pork tacos to lobster roll sliders and Korean barbecue, and restaurants along the boulevard filled with cus-

tomers spilling out onto the sidewalks. Continuous music played, spread out over four stages. At the Bank of the West stage on Saturday afternoon the Bay Bridge Beat, featuring a fantastic horn section and some very creative arrangements of popular tunes, provided a much needed respite to festival goers. Note: comfortable shoes were a must. ... continued on page A12

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The Hills Are Alive – With the Sound of Paving

Orinda's challenging roads maintenance environment

By Laurie Snyder

"Roads in a standard community – where things are fairly flat with sandier soil – can last 20 years or more," says Dennis Fay. "They're not going to last 20 years here because of our terrain and our soil." Fay, chair of the Orinda Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission, sat down recently for a two-part series about Orinda's road conditions.

"Part of the problem is that our roads were built by the county or by developers a long, long time ago, and in many places there just is not good sound base material. Plus, there's a lot of clay in the soil. It expands in the wintertime when it gets wet, and then contracts in the summer when it dries out. We get cracks in the road bed, and the water gets in there because it has to flow during the summer. When it flows, it takes some of the soil with it and undermines the road. That puts a lot of stress on the pavement and the foundations in Orinda," Fay explains.

The damage is aggravated further because Orinda's hills are very much alive, shimmying and sliding during earthquakes and every rainy season. ... continued on page A11

Orinda Intermediate School Neighborhood Meeting Tomorrow Night

The City of Orinda is inviting residents to learn about upcoming projects along Ivy Drive and Coral Drive at a special meeting Sept. 25. "We're hoping to apply for grant funds to support improvements, and are reaching out to residents living near the Orinda Intermediate School for their input," says Daniel Chavarria, associate engineer with the city's department of public works.

This is the second of two public meetings. Roughly 650 of the residents most likely to be impacted by the proposed sidewalk were invited to the first on Sept. 4, which was lightly attended due to a conflict with Del Rey Elementary's back-to-school night.

The city hopes to have more OIS neighbors in attendance tomorrow night. The forum will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way. "The safety of children and anyone who wants to walk on the street is at stake," said Chavarria.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and have questions or would like to provide input, please contact Chavarria at (925) 253-4219 or dchavarria@cityoforinda.org.

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