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# OKTOBERFEST

## SUNDAY, 10/26

### HACIENDA, 2:00 – 6:00 PM



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## Being Kind Turns the Tide against Bullying

By Shayan Tajbakhsh



Moraga School District superintendent Bruce Burns (left) with Town Council members and iKind supporters as the mayor proclaims October to be Bullying Prevention Month. Photo courtesy Wendell Baker



Brightly colored compliments and expressions of gratitude filled the blacktop at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School on Oct. 10. Photo S. Tajbakhsh

Recognizing that bullying is proven to have serious consequences for children’s physical and mental health, along with their academic performance – sometimes lasting into adulthood – the Town Council recently proclaimed October to be Bullying Prevention Month in Moraga.

Mayor Ken Chew read aloud the resolution that concluded, “Be it re-

solved that ... Moraga schools, students, parents, parks and recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations be encouraged to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our community safer for all children and adolescents.”

Two days later, students and staff at Joaquin Moraga Intermedi-

ate School put those words into action in a colorful display of, well, words.

Eighth grade leadership student Maile Nomura came up with an idea to inspire kindness at her school. She asked her fellow students to write compliments, apologies and other positive messages in chalk around the word “iKind” on the school’s blacktop (see photo).

iKind is JM’s school-wide program that involves students and teachers actively participating in and learning new ways to spread kindness and acceptance. Maile’s project allowed students to express themselves in a creative way while at the same time leaving positive messages for other students. The result was a multi-hued explosion of sentiment representing the good

will of JM students. iKind supporters are currently working to expand the program throughout the community. For more information, email Wendell Baker at [wendell@able-baker.com](mailto:wendell@able-baker.com).  
 Read a related article by Cathy Dausman in our archive at [www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0717/Non-Random-Acts-of-Kindness.html](http://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue0717/Non-Random-Acts-of-Kindness.html).



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# Real Estate...Simplified!

**14 Las Palomas Road, Orinda**

**COMING SOON**



Resort living in Orinda Country Club. Completely updated with 5 bedrooms, 5 full baths, beautifully updated and perfect for entertaining. Indoor/outdoor living with deck, Hawkins Pool, lawn areas, and play structure. Au pair unit, office and so much more!  
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CalBRE#01313819

**4014 Hiller Lane, Martinez**

**NEW LISTING**



Beautiful home in a great location. 3 bdr and 2.5 ba with a large loft! 1830 SF. Built in 2000 with all the new amenities. Great view of Mt. Diablo from the front of the home and from the back yard you can see multiple fire works during the 4th of July. Close to shopping, easy access to highway 4 and 680, parks and schools. **Offered at \$549,000 by Tina Van Arsdale 925.640.2355.**

CalBRE#01259271

**1591 Catherine Way, Concord**

**NEW LISTING**



Great opportunity to purchase an upgraded 3BR/2BA home. The kitchen is first-class with double ovens and beautiful cabinets. Prepaid leased solar panels with very low annual electric bill. Big backyard with boat or RV parking on the side & spacious garage workshop!  
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**1128 Larch Avenue, Moraga**

**PENDING SALE**



Set back from the street, this single-level 4BR/3BA home features a private location with hilltop views on a 1.16 acre lot. Classic hardwood floors throughout lead to a large family room. Separate detached office or workshop building would be ideal for an artist studio. **Offered at \$1,069,000 by Jim Colhoun.**

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**2 Green Acres Court, Lafayette**

**PENDING SALE**



This 4 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom Burton Valley home is 2080 sft and situated on a private court. The charm of the home is matched by the quiet neighborhood and is known for its friendly neighbors and excellent schools.  
**Offered by Adam Hamalian 925.708.5630 and Dana Fillingier 925.5886409 and sold off market!**

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Start your new business in the Wonderful Laurel District. Great location next door to World Cup Coffee, near Farmer Joes. Previously a beauty shop. Fabulous backyard area. 15' ceilings. Mixed used area. check zoning for live/work. All beauty shop sinks, chairs and desks are available.  
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### TIP OF THE WEEK

Every cloud has a silver lining! We have seen the stock market get clobbered with concerns about slow global economic growth, pushing investors into safer markets such as bonds. However, this is not unprecedented—stocks have performed badly with the Fed’s easing of its bond-buying program in the past as well; we hope they rebound soon. This has also pushed home loan rates lower than we have seen in months, which is great news for buyers, especially as home prices are continuing to rise. Yes, the local real estate market is still alive and well! Treat yourself to sensational service when you call our agents!!

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