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Smiles Abound at 'Egg-citing' Spring Egg Hunt

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Community Egg Scramble at Lafayette Plaza Park last year. Photo Andy Schreck

Rotary Club of Orinda will host its free Spring Egg Hunt for children yearning to find that perfect egg at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4 at the Orinda Community Park (also a bring-your-own-basket event). That same day, the Lafayette Community Foundation serves up its Bunny Brunch, including a pancake brunch, live show egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny at 11 a.m. at the Lafayette Community Center's Live Oak room. Tickets are \$8, however recreation staff cautions that the event usually sells out, so register early. Online ticket sales

accepted until April 3 at www.LafayetteRec.org. Also in Lafayette on April 4, kids through second grade can join the fun at 10 a.m. for the Community Egg Scramble at Lafayette Plaza Park (near the Park Theater), presented by the Rotary Club of Lafayette and E. Bunny. For those more inclined to sit and smile, the Easter Bunny will be at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center in Moraga for a photo op with children from noon to 3 p.m. April 4.

Easter Sunday falls on April 5 this year, so time's a-wasting. Hop to it!

Possible Closure of Del Valle Campus

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"The timing couldn't have been worse," said Chris Learned, business services associate superintendent. He explained that prior to the Local Control Funding Formula, adult education funds were totally separate from support for high schools. Now, to pay for adult education, the AUHSD would have to take some of the meager funding allocated for grades 9 through 12 to go toward adult programs. Adding another dimension to the unpleasant financial situation is the voter approved and recently completed substantial multi-million dollar renovation of Del Valle.

In 2008, voters in the AUHSD approved Measure E, a \$93 million facilities bond to continue the community's investment in quality school facilities at its four high schools – Acalanes, Campolindo, Miramonte and Las Lomas – as well as the district office and the Del Valle Educational Center that includes Acalanes Contract Independent Study, built in 1958. A whopping \$24 million of that total was spent to rebuild the crumbling Del Valle campus. Current students at the adult education facility may have trouble wrapping their heads around the expected savings if the campus closes, estimated to be \$750,000 for the year.

Funding from the state is key to keeping the doors open, says Acojido. Noting that he is hopeful but realistic, he's well aware that it will take a concerted effort to keep the lights on, in-

structors paid and the revitalized buildings open. Ironically, his dream is "that I can come back next year as a student."

The district wants to keep the facility open and is attempting to come up with a business plan to offer some programs, probably with higher fees. More clarity is expected to come on April 15. Meanwhile, signs are posted throughout the spacious classrooms and airy handicap-accessible hallways to sign up for spring classes, which start April 6. The summer session is subject to the availability of state funding and class fees to pay for operational costs. There have already been some preliminary discussions with Diablo Valley College to lease all or part of the campus.

If the lights do indeed go out at Del Valle, each of Lamorinda's three towns has robust offerings through park and recreation departments. Lafayette has Camp Awesome for kids, soccer, tiny tots, after-school programs and a host of children's camps, along with youth, adult and older adult options. Orinda's Activity Guide for spring and summer 2015 has an array of camps, youth, teen, adult and senior programs all at reasonable prices. And classes and activities for all ages are offered through the town of Moraga.

For information, visit www.lafayetterec.org, www.city-oforinda.org or www.moraga.ca.us.

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