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Operation Swingtime Salutes the Troops

By Cathy Tyson



Photos provided

Is there an invisible time machine somewhere between the Lafayette Reservoir parking lot and the Rotary stage? In a special free concert honoring veterans' service, local Rotary clubs are hosting a twilight outdoor concert from 5 to 8 p.m. this Saturday, July 18 called Operation Swingtime, featuring the Big Band of Rossmoor and special guests Mic Gillette, formerly of Tower of Power, along with the Swinging Blue Stars, a quartet of ladies who sound just like the Andrews Sisters.

This concert, now in its second year, sets out to recognize veterans, reserves, active troops and soldiers' families, thanking them for their service – and, of course, the public is invited to enjoy the show as well. Calling the playlist for the evening "eclectic," bandleader Mo Levich highlighted a festive mix of jazz, big band music, Broadway show tunes and Gershwin.

Look for military vehicles on display

in the parking area, thanks to the Department of Defense and a large Mobile Vet Center vehicle that connects veterans with services they and their families may need, like health care, financial advice, education, housing and benefits.

There's a large lawn area opposite the stage on the east end of the reservoir near the kid's playground. Bring your own lawn chairs and a picnic dinner to nosh while stepping back in time. Golf carts will be available to help mobility-impaired folks on the short uphill journey to the stage area. Residents can thank the Rotary Club of Lafayette, the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Moraga, the Orinda Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Rossmoor for putting on the event. The Big Band of Rossmoor is presented by Generations in Jazz. A lovely evening, delightful music, perhaps some wine and snacks ... as Ira Gershwin put it so aptly, "Who could ask for anything more?"

Homes at Deer Hill Review Continues

By Cathy Tyson

The review process for The Homes at Deer Hill marches slowly on. At a recent Lafayette City Council meeting, traffic analysis, circulation, as well as air quality and school impacts were discussed. Dates were set for future components of the proposed 44-home project near Acalanes High School to be reviewed: one more in July and two in early August.

At the July 6 meeting, applicant O'Brien Land Company had experts responding to specific questions that were brought up by the city council, along with the city engineer and a representative from the Lafayette School District, and, of course, public testimony was given.

Steve Noack and Steve Bush of PlaceWorks addressed air quality impacts from the construction process itself and proximity to Highway 24, along with construction dust mitigation measures, and Rich Haygood of TJKM, a transportation consultant, explained traffic impacts.

Residents' exposure level is measured conservatively high, said Noack, measured over a 70-year period, where someone is outside every day. Mitigation measures to reduce impacts to a less than significant level include: standard best management

practices on airborne particulates and dust during construction; using state-of-the-art heavy equipment on the construction of the project; and finally having on-site residents replace the maximum efficiency filters on HVAC every three months – the manufacturers' suggested schedule. Calculations included the impact of construction activity and the site being subject to existing pollutants from Highway 24 and Pleasant Hill Road. During the construction phase, the applicant will be actively monitoring the air.

Concerns also centered around the proposed roundabout at the entrance, whether it's feasible or not, and which option – a roundabout or traffic light at the intersection – would deliver the best level of service and safety at that location. The slope of the hill, along with the speed of vehicles, factors into the ultimate selection.

Questions also lingered around the drop-off area. "There's always uncertainty about how people are going to behave despite our best intentions," said Council Member Don Tatzin. Council Member Mike Anderson pressed to get feasibility information about a roundabout sooner rather than later. Distribution of guest parking within the project also came up.

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