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## Donation Requests from the Community



### Lafayette Rotary Club Coat Drive

Every year the Lafayette Rotary Club collects gently used coats to donate to Shelter Inc. of Contra Costa. At a recent Rotary meeting, Executive Director Timothy O'Keefe noted how important the Rotary coat drive is for many homeless community members at this time of year when the weather turns colder. This year the club is inviting the community to bring gently used coats (adult or kids sizes) to the following locations in Lafayette: Blodgett's Abbey Carpet & Flooring, 3291 Mt Diablo Ct., Lafayette, and the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, 100 Lafayette Circle, Ste. 103, Lafayette.

### Toys for Tots Donation Locations in Lamorinda

There are several Toys for Tots donation locations in Lamorinda: The Moraga-Orinda Fire District will be collecting toys 24 hours a day

through Dec. 21 at 1280 Moraga Way in Moraga; Better Homes and Gardens Mason-McDuffie Real Estate will accept toys from 8:30 to 5 p.m. at 89 Davis Road, Suite 160, in Orinda through Dec. 11; and Cub Scout Pack 225 will be gathering toys beginning Dec. 1 through Dec. 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 15 Martha Road in Orinda. For information, visit [toysfortots.org](http://toysfortots.org).

### Community Concern for Cats Giving Tree

Community Concern for Cats, which serves Lamorinda residents, is hosting a Giving Tree through Dec. 24 at its upscale thrift store, Rescued Treasures, 1270 Newell Ave., in Walnut Creek. All the proceeds will go toward life-saving procedures for homeless cats and kittens in local neighborhoods.

"This is the first time in 29 years that we have had a Giving Tree and we hope that the public will come in to our thrift store to select one of our special 'Kitty' ornaments and donate the amount on the ornament," says president Gemma Osendorf. "All donations are welcomed, but we thought this would be a fun way to involve everyone and share the message that your neighborhood homeless cats and kittens still need your help." The boutique is filled with all kinds of collectibles like Steinbach Nutcrackers, Mood Dragons and The Lenox Legendary Princess Collection of figurines, designer clothes, jewelry, furniture, and all kinds of one-of-a-kind vintage items.

The donations will go toward vaccinations, micro chipping, healing antibiotics, flea protections, leukemia/FIV tests, veterinarian office visits, neutering of male cats, spaying of female cats, surgery and emergency medical procedures and special holiday treats. So far this year, CC4C has neutered 1,800 and found homes for 600 cats and kittens.

"Make your shopping budget do double duty this year: Get wonderful gifts from our thrift shop and give the gift of life to our kittens - all at the same time," says Candace Olsen, past president.

Thrift store hours are Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. For information, call (925) 937-3201. Community Concern for Cats is the oldest cat rescue organization in Contra Costa County. CC4C has three Saturday and Sunday afternoon adoptions sites: Pet Food Express, Lafayette and Pleasant Hill, and Petco Walnut Creek. Lafayette hours are noon to 3 p.m., while the others are 1 to 4 p.m.

Need Donations?

During the holiday season, Lamorinda Weekly will accept and publish opportunities for local giving. Send up to approximately 250 words describing the cause, type of donation needed, and where to bring or to send it. The organization collecting the donations, or receiving the donations, should be within our extended community. Submissions must be sent to [storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) by Dec. 10 for inclusion in our Dec. 16 issue. Include "Season of Giving" in the subject line.

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