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## business briefs

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Blake Wellen receives the WaterSmart Business Award Photo provided

natural resources and improved your operation's bottom line," wrote EBMUD General Manager Alexander Coate in a letter to the Lafayette business.

New Addiction Recovery Classes at Earth and Sea Yoga

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Karen Ann Richards is offering 12-Step Recovery Yoga classes that combine the practical tools of the 12-step program with the ancient wisdom of yoga at Earth and Sea Yoga in Lafayette Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 7 p.m. (Y12SR class). The class is a 12-step based discussion and yoga practice open to anyone and everyone dealing with their own addictive behavior or affected by the addictive behavior of others. It is an open and inclusive group and all are welcome. Suggested donation: \$10, but no one is turned away. A portion of the money collected goes to The Rectory Women's Recovery Center.

Lafayette Car Wash Gets WaterSmart Business Award

The East Bay Municipal Utility District on Nov. 10 awarded Lafayette Car Wash and Detail Center the WaterSmart Certification award in recognition of its outstanding water management practices. "Through your efforts, you have helped preserve our valuable

Large Portion of the Rheem Shopping Center Sold

www.usrpartners.com

U.S. Realty Partners, a privately held real estate investment company specializing in the acquisition, asset management, development and redevelopment of retail properties located in the western United States, recently bought the largest part of the Rheem Shopping Center, from CVS to CAPA, that was owned by Kimco Realty.

Police Officer Named Moraga Employee of the Month

Detective Sargent Brian South of the Moraga Police Department has been named the Moraga Employee of the Month for December. South has been with the town's police for the past 13 years, supervising the town's patrol activities and personnel as well as conducting investigations and serving as the liaison with the District Attorney's office. He is president of the Moraga Police Officers' Association and manages the department's annual Kid's Day at the Rheem Theatre to support Special Olympics. The Moraga Rotary and Chamber of Commerce will award South with gift cards from Safeway and the Home/Made Kitchen Cafe in Moraga at an upcoming Moraga Rotary lunch in January.

#### News from the Three Chambers of Commerce

The Chambers of Commerce are closed until 2016. No events are scheduled during the first part of January.

#### Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

2016 Business Persons of the Year Dinner and State of the City Address. The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce will honor Andy and Wendy Scheck, owners of Lamorinda Weekly, as the 2016 Business Persons of the Year. The evening will also include the State of the City address by Mayor Mark Mitchell. Reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29 at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd. For reservations contact the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce at (925) 284-7404, or online at [www.lafayettechamber.org](http://www.lafayettechamber.org) under "important links" on the home page.

#### Moraga Chamber of Commerce

Save the date for the Chamber's Business and Community Symposium from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Saint Mary's Soda Center where panelists will discuss the "State of Moraga Business 2016 - Challenges and Opportunities for Businesses in Our Cul-de-Sac Community." Free and open to the community. Refreshments will be served.



From left: St. Brian South, Chief Bob Priebe, Moraga Chamber President Kevin Reneau Photo provided

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