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Make Beautiful Music Together on June 21

Who doesn't want to participate in a worldwide music festival, especially without having to travel to Coachella or Cairo? The international Fete de la Musique, also known as Make Music, will entertain people from Germany to Australia to Japan and beyond — including Lamorinda — on one very special day.

Lafayette will join 700 cities across 120 countries throwing city-wide music celebrations with music and live band karaoke rocking the Lafayette Plaza from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21.

Make Music is about celebrating music in all its forms, encouraging people to band together and play in free public concerts. For the

first time ever, Lafayette is participating with popular band The Big Jangle and an open invitation for 18 lucky residents to embrace their inner karaoke rock star. Also, there will be singing, ukulele playing and crafts at Plaza Park.

A limited number of slots are available for lead singers and instrument accompaniments. Go to the Chamber of Commerce website for all the details. All Lafayette restaurants and businesses are encouraged to participate, and musicians and singers are currently being booked — call the Chamber at (925) 284-7404 or go to www.lafayettechamber.org. The event is co-sponsored by Lamorinda Music. —C. Tyson

Deer Hill Adversaries Will Get Day in Court

By Cathy Tyson



Site for the controversial Deer Hill development.

Photo C. Tyson

A pair of opponents with deeply opposing views on the controversial 44-unit Homes at Deer Hill development will finally have their respective days in court at the end of June. One group wants less housing, the other wants more.

Since the original application from O'Brien Land Company for 315 moderate-income apartments was made in 2011, there has been a substantial amount of unrest about development on the 22-acre hillside near Acalanes High School.

Public hearings brought forth a tsunami of angry residents in 2013, very unhappy about the proposed project that would have brought hundreds of apartments in 14 multi-story clustered buildings to a prominent bucolic hillside.

Responding to fuming residents, the Lafayette City Council asked staff to talk with the developer to see if they could come up with something more amenable for the community, the city, as well as the developer. The discussions resulted in the alternative project,

now called the Homes at Deer Hill which features 44-single family homes, along with a number of public amenities: a sports field, kids' playground, dog park and parking lot.

Not everyone loved the new revised project. The city is being sued by two entities that could not see the alternative project more differently.

Save Lafayette is a grassroots effort lead by local resident Michael Griffiths who sees the city's roads, schools and transportation strained by development. Scores of signatures on a petition were gathered for a referendum that would give voters the opportunity to vote on whether the development's benefits outweighed the impacts.

The petition sought to change the zoning from the current Administrative/Professional Office to Single Family Homes Residential-20, a move that would significantly reduce the amount of housing that could be built on the site.

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Rheem Boulevard to be Shut Down



Rheem Boulevard between St. Mary's Road and Moraga Road will be closed to through traffic starting on June 15 until the end of October. Residents using the road to reach Campolindo High school or the Rheem shopping center will have to use alternate routes until the repairs of the compromised arterial are completed. For questions, contact Paul Medeiros, (408) 529-6020, pmedeiros@shhomes.com, or Moraga Public Works, (925) 888-7026, publicworks@moraga.ca.us. — S. Braccini

Correction:

A story in our June 1 issue contained an error on the Contra Costa Fire Protection Service fire station staffing. When Fire Station 16 was closed for safety and health related concerns in 2012 the staff was temporarily moved to Fire Station 15 in Lafayette. That staffing was then eliminated in 2013 as a result of budget cuts and the closure of fire stations throughout the fire district.

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