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Los Arribeños de San Francisco, which includes Joaquin Moraga descendant Lance Beeson, will perform at the Ranch House in Orinda during the annual Fandango. Photo provided

## Joaquin Moraga descendant to perform at annual Fandango

By Sora O'Doherty

Growing up, Lance Beeson always knew that he was a descendent of Joaquin Moraga. He knew that during the 1940s, his family would have Fourth of July parties at the Moraga Adobe. A member of the Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe, he came up with the idea of holding an annual Fandango to raise money for the restoration of the important property.

Beeson was perhaps the perfect person to focus on the project, as both a direct descendant of the land grant holder, Joaquin Moraga, and a musician in the eight-member group, Los Arribeños de San Francisco. The group, a performing unit of the California Fandango Project, presents interactive music, dance and activities of Hispanic California. Beeson is a

trained classical guitarist, who also plays the melodian, the button accordion, and performs as a vocalist. He has performed at each Fandango in support of the Moraga Adobe, and this year Los Arribeños de San Francisco will be providing the entertainment for the Fifth Annual Fandango on Aug. 25. They have also performed in venues including the John Muir Adobe, the Peralta Adobe in San Francisco, and at the San Francisco Free Folk Festival.

A member of a descendants group who studies history and genealogy, Beeson believes that the Moraga Adobe is a cultural and historical touchstone for this entire valley. Built in 1841, the Adobe is the oldest surviving building in Contra Costa County. ... continued on page A6

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## A last-chance glimmer of hope for Lafayette Park Theater?

By Pippa Fisher



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Could a density transfer be an option for saving the Park Theater? Lafayette lawmakers have decided to take initial exploration of this as a creative solution further and plan to form a committee with the city, the developer and community organizations together with members of the public.

City Manager Steve Falk outlined the main points of the idea at the Aug. 13 city council meeting. Pointing to Moraga's re-

cent density transfer to save the Rheem Theatre as an example, he said there may be a similar opportunity for the Park Theater in Lafayette.

The iconic theater, built in 1941, sits at the heart of the downtown and has been closed since 2001. Now Oakland residential real estate developer John Protopappas, who owns the one and a half-acre apartment complex at 3483 Golden Gate Way known

as the Lincoln Property, has an option to buy the theater property, including the fourplex apartment behind the theater.

Falk explained that in exchange for the deed to the theater property, the city would transfer the density rights for those properties to the developer to apply to the Golden Gate Way property, effectively preserving the theater as such and achieving one of the city's goals for ensuring the historic plaza area not be developed. "The density would be transferred from one side of First Street to the other," said Falk. It would allow the developer to build an extra 25 units along with the currently allowed 52 units on Golden Gate Way.

Additionally more parking could be created behind the theater and a park area could be created at the corner of Golden Gate Way and First Street.

Falk cautioned that this is no sugarcoated vision. He pointed out that such a residential development would be very large, requiring a 35- to 45-foot façade.

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Photo Pippa Fisher

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**City Council**

Monday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Planning Commission**

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**Design Review**

Monday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Library & Learning Center,  
Arts & Science Discovery Center,  
3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

**School Board Meetings**

**Acalanes Union High School District**  
Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.  
AUHSD Board Room  
1212 Pleasant Hill Road, Lafayette  
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**Lafayette School District**

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m.  
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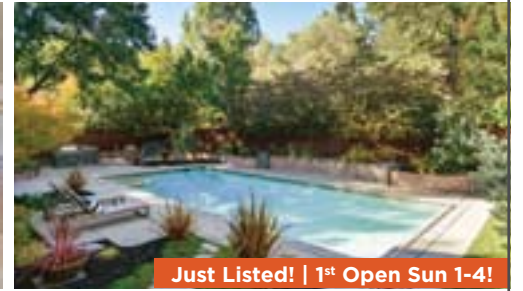
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**Condos proposed for Lafayette Circle**

By Pippa Fisher



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Plans for the proposed mixed-purpose retail/condominiums development on Lafayette Circle are moving forward to the consent calendar for resolution and condi-

tions of approval in early September.

Commissioners heard from city staff and from the developer, Lenox Homes' president Dan Freeman, together with architect Newell Arnerich who described the proposed 12-unit condo building at the Aug. 6 planning commission meeting.

The three-story structure will sit at 210 Lafayette Circle, on the site of the old Spruzzo's restaurant and a parking lot, neighboring the site of last year's fire that burned the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce offices and the La Finestra restaurant.

Utilizing a mixture of natural materials, the project comprises 12 residential units ranging in living space size from 657 square feet to 1,813 square feet including two units on the first floor, which will be ADA-accessible and available at below market rates to moderate-income households. Additionally the project will provide 1,007 square feet of ground floor retail space. It features a courtyard, and terraces and balconies on all levels.

City Planning and Building Director Niroop Srivatsa explained that the project complies with the

general plan as well as the downtown specific plan for the area. It complies with parking requirements, utilizing car lifts to save garage space. Notably it provides considerable bike storage, too, which combined with enhanced pathways, is part of an attempt to discourage the use of cars, said Arnerich.

A pathway will lead back to the creek and the developer will work in time with the city to provide a bridge over the creek.

Srivatsa explained to the commissioners that the project has been before the design review commission twice and that they are now recommending the PC approve the project, with certain recommendations, many of which the developer is already working on such as meeting the public art requirement.

The commission took public comment, hearing from seven in-

dividuals, mostly neighbors who expressed their desire to see this project move forward. One neighbor, however, did not support it, saying that this would be more appropriate to Walnut Creek or San Francisco.

Planning Commissioner Kristina Sturm expressed some concern over creek frontage use, hoping that a more active use will be encouraged, suggesting perhaps a bench and educational signage.

Planning Commission Vice Chair Steven Bliss suggested this was a "keystone project" and said that he was glad to see the effort made by the applicant to work with the city in their direction.

A motion recommending approval subject to conditions was supported unanimously. Staff will now prepare a draft approval resolution and conditions of approval, which will appear as a consent calendar item at the Sept. 4 meeting.



**Acalanes Class of '68 celebrates 50 years**

By Pippa Fisher



Class leaders in 1968: Diane Currier, Dawn Ide, John Rarig, Joe Fox and Rob Olson. Photos provided



Current reunion committee members, standing: Brynn Brown (Christiansen), Roger Boothe, Anne Coleman (Magrath), Ron Dawson, Linda Momsen (Querio) and Denne Calloway; seated: Jim Hale, Chuck Baumann, and Deidre Lingenfelter (Currier).

They came of age listening to Elvis Presley to a backdrop of the Vietnam War and assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy. It was Lafayette's first year as a city. And now the Acalanes class of 1968 is preparing to celebrate its 50th high school reunion in the same year as the 50th anniversary of the city's incorporation.

They were the first wave of baby boomers, all born in 1949 or 1950. "None of us thought much about it at the time and the fact that most of our parents fought in World War II just seemed like a typical family function. The reality is that we all came from postwar families and were some of the first to move from the cities to the 'burbs," says organizer and class of '68 graduate Chuck Baumann. He remembers that Lafayette back in the '50s was a very rural area.

Baumann notes that this group was unique in that they have all stayed very close friends. "You would think that after 50 years we would all drift away - our classmates are spread all around the country - and yet, so many have made the commitment to

travel here to enjoy a wonderfully planned weekend to share with fellow classmates from 50 years ago," he says.

Baumann is expecting a big turnout for three days of celebrations.

It kicks off with a golf tournament at Boundary Oaks in Walnut Creek at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 24 followed by a tour of Acalanes High School and then a "meet and greet" at El Charro from 5 to 6:30 p.m. They are expecting more than 50 classmates to attend.

The reunion itself will be held at the Orinda Country Club from 5 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Baumann says that the evening will be filled with all types of exciting events, with several live bands and musicians, and entertainment provided by a classmate who has been playing on Broadway in New York for the past 43 years.

A highlight of the evening is sure to be the first viewing in 50 years of a movie made by several of the students back in 1968 called "Race." It is a silent movie, recently transferred from reel-to-reel onto DVD. ... continued on page A8

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# BART bill to head for senate vote

By Pippa Fisher



Will the BART parking lot, empty at weekends and full during the week, be the site of transit-oriented development in the future? Photo Pippa Fisher

The controversial BART bill, proposing dense residential construction on BART-owned land, came a step closer to reality Aug. 16, with a 5-2 vote for the bill from the Senate Appropriations Committee. Now the bill is heading for a full senate floor vote within the next two weeks in order to be on the governor's desk by Sept. 1.

While no one denies the need for increased housing in the Bay Area, every mayor in the county's 19 cities registered their objection to the proposal with their signatures on a letter of opposition. At issue are concerns over lack of local government control.

Assembly Bill 2923, sponsored by Assembly Members David Chiu and Timothy Grayson, as initially written would hand control

and regulations to BART to adopt transit-oriented development on BART-owned land within a half-mile radius around stations, which calls for a minimum height of five stories and a minimum density of 75 housing units per acre.

Although it is understood that some amendments were made to allow for density bonuses and to include a section about consultation, specific details were not available when this article was written.

Lafayette Mayor Don Tatzin was disappointed by the Appropriations Committee vote. "Cities are approving transit-oriented development without the bill and sometimes without BART," he said. "The bill sets a dangerous precedent for other special districts to start setting land use policies." ... continued on page A12

## Community-building on National Night Out



Photo provided

Sgt. Tom Rossberg and Police Records Supervisor Cathy Surges-Moscato encouraged youngsters at Lafayette Pointe to explore a police car as part of National Night Out Aug. 7 as neighbors engaged with police in three communities across Lafayette.

The other two locations in La-

fayette that held gatherings this year were Black Forest Court and Solana Court.

The community-building event takes place on the first Tuesday in August in thousands of neighborhoods across the country.

- P. Fisher

## Lafayette Park Theater?

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Furthermore he said he could not support moving forward without an answer to where the money to operate the theater over time would come from. Preliminary budget estimates suggest it could cost somewhere in the region of \$600,000 annually.

The council's discussion focused on whether there is enough public enthusiasm for the project to merit exploring options going forward. Public comment from residents seemed overwhelmingly in favor of creative, out-of-the-box thinking to save the theater.

Several members of the Lafayette Community Foundation and the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation expressed the willingness of their organiza-

tions to be involved. LCF President Cheryl Noll pointed to the foundation's track record of partnering in the creation of the library and with the Lafayette Rotary in the creation of the stage at the reservoir.

The council agreed they needed clarity going forward both in terms of where the money would come from and what such a development would look like.

To that end they directed the city to work with a subcommittee of Mayor Don Tatzin Vice Mayor Cam Burks, the developer, members of the LCF and LLLCF as well as interested members of the public to explore all options and to ask the developer formally for drawings to get a better idea of the scale of the proposed new building.



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## Moraga

### Public Meetings

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Wednesday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

#### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

#### Design Review

Monday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

#### School Board Meetings

**Moraga School District**  
Wednesday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.  
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium  
1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga  
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## Moraga Town Center Homes project to start sales in spring

By Sophie Braccini



The new development along Moraga Way

Photo Andy Scheck

KB Home has now leveled the ground and started the construction of Moraga Town Center Homes, a 36-unit townhouse and condominium development with some three-story-high buildings located on a site between Moraga Way and Country Club Drive at the entrance of the town, next to the fire station. This piece of the Moraga Center Specific Plan was approved in 2015 after years of controversies partially fueled by the fact that the town had not, and still has not, adopted final zoning changes for this very central and prominent portion of town.

Three years ago, a group of residents tried to put a referendum on the ballot to halt the development. They gathered enough signatures, but the Superior Court of Contra Costa County invalidated the referendum petition, siding with the developer and indicating that it was illegal. The project was then sold by City Ventures, the original developer, to KB Home, one of the largest homebuilders in the United States and a publically traded company (NYSE: KBH). It develops new communities in California, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Nevada, Florida, and North Carolina.

In California, besides those in the Bay Area, KB Home has projects in Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside, Sacramento and San Diego. The Riverton at Wallis Ranch project in Dublin looks similar to the City Ventures' Town Center Homes project that was approved for Moraga.

Scott Bowhay, who was one of the opponents of the project, says he is sad and angry to see the project get underway and that he regrets that Moraga residents could not do for this project what Lafayette's residents did with a referendum to stop the Deer Hill development.

KB Home Chris Apostolopoulos, regional president of KB Home's California operations, says that his company continues to aggressively pursue new land opportunities in prime Bay Area locations and that the acquisition in Moraga demonstrates its ongoing focus on actively growing the business in choice areas where homebuyers want to live but where the supply of new homes is limited.

KB Home representative Craig LeMessurier adds that the homebuilder is very excited about the new community in Moraga. "The planned two- and three-story floor

homes will range in size between 1,804 and 2,347 square feet, with up to five bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths and feature two-car garages," he says. "The new townhomes and duets (along Country Club Drive) are expected to evoke a modern aesthetic, distinguished by open layouts, spacious kitchens, and ample storage space."

KB Home is marketing the project as environmentally friendly. Solar electricity will be a standard feature and will be built to Energy Star 3.0 guidelines; the units will also include WaterSense labeled faucets and fixtures.

The plan that was approved in 2015 included a small local park along Country Club Drive. LeMessurier confirmed that KB Home is building the project according to the approved plan with no modification.

The grading of the site being terminated, the builder does not expect heavy truck traffic again on Moraga Way. The opening of the model homes is expected in spring 2019 with the first sales shortly after. For information, KB Home recommends contacting the firm by phone at (888) 524-6637.

## Council slate set for November

By Nick Marnell

Three candidates will compete for two seats on the Moraga Town Council in November, while two lawmakers announced their departure from the council.

Teresa Onoda said that she would not run again for her council seat in the general election and Council Member Jeanette Fritsky resigned in July, citing her battle with lung cancer. Her seat is not one of the two placed on the general election ballot, so a decision on how to fill the remainder of her two-year term will be made at the Aug. 22 council meeting.

Vying for the two council seats in November include incumbent Dave Trotter, retired financial executive Mike McCluer and retired engineer Steve Woehleke.

"Since 2006 I've worked tirelessly as a councilmember to protect Moraga's open space and scenic beauty, welcome new retail businesses, and act with fiscal responsibility in the face of funding

and infrastructure challenges. I want to continue this important work for all Moragans," Trotter said.

Woehleke "is a 30 year Moraga resident with 20 years of service to the town on the Planning Commission, the Design Review Board and the Hacienda Foundation board of directors. (I am) running for town council to help the council successfully handle Moraga's challenges using quality decision making, an expertise attained through 33 years of industry experience."

Longtime Moraga resident McCluer said he is running to maintain the town's semirural presence. Among his goals are improved financial management, attracting new retail and enhancing government transparency.

The three competitors for the council seats will have the opportunity to share their positions in the Sept. 19 Lamorinda Weekly.

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# With La Finestra coming to Moraga, owner still dreams of the Hacienda

By Nick Marnell



Jeff Assadi

Photo Andy Scheck

After losing La Finestra Ristorante in a devastating fire, and having to walk away at the last minute from a deal for a replacement restaurant, Jeff Assadi could understandably feel a bit anxious over the challenges of reopening his business.

But Assadi comes across as anything but anxious. The restaurant owner remains positive and

upbeat about the planned October opening of his Sicilian-influenced Italian restaurant in the Moraga Shopping Center.

"I am glad an opportunity presented itself and I am really happy to be part of the Moraga community," Assadi said.

La Finestra was completely destroyed in the 2017 Lafayette Circle fire. Crushed by such a dev-

astating loss, Assadi vowed to reopen his restaurant, if for no other reason than to take care of his loyal, longtime employees and customers. "We wanted to stay in Lafayette, but we could not find a place in Lafayette," Assadi said.

An unexpected opportunity came to Assadi in mid-2018: a chance to lease space at the Hacienda de las Flores, the historic structure and landmark in the town of Moraga. But again Assadi encountered difficulties. The work required to open a restaurant in the building was cost-prohibitive, and he had to pass on the potential deal.

Assadi recently signed a five-year lease for the shuttered Terzetto Restaurant location across from the Moraga Safeway. "No restrictions or build-out needed. No major plumbing or electrical work. Just new equipment needed for the kitchen," Assadi said of his new venue.

The reborn La Finestra will have 3,100 square feet of space, providing room for 50 customers in the main dining area plus a private banquet room that seats 30.

The lounge area will feature Bob Athayde of Stanley Middle School on the grand piano and Tony Lavinio will again run the dining room.

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## Moraga finance director departs

Barely lasting three months on the job, Joe Tanner, Moraga administrative services director, resigned on Aug. 3.

"It is unfortunate that Joe is no longer with the Town. Moraga is a unique community and not the right fit for everyone. We are currently recruiting to fill the Adminis-

trative Services Director position," Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg said. "In the meantime, our accountant, Yuliya Elbo (who has been with the town for nine years) and I (who served as Deputy Finance Director for the city of San Leandro and managed a \$130 million a year budget) are working together

to ensure that the town's financial matters are properly handled."

If the new hire comes on board in 2018, that person will be the third administrative services director in less than a year for the town, which recently rescinded its declaration of fiscal emergency.

- N. Marnell

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#### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.  
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#### Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m.  
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Lance Beeson

It has been recognized as a California State Historic Landmark since 1954, and was designated as an Orinda City Landmark in 1995. The Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe are dedicated to preserving it as an important landmark and working to provide community access to the building and grounds.

Beeson is passionate about the Moraga Adobe and wishes that it was open to all, like the Alviso Adobe in Pleasanton, built in 1854. "The attic is so exciting," he says. "The adobe bricks and woodwork are original and still there." He wishes that the entire 17-acre parcel could be renovated, in the same way that the Alviso Adobe became a public park. He noted that even his own family has not seen the adobe.

In 1854, Beeson's great-great-grandmother was born in the Moraga Adobe. A granddaughter of Jose Joaquin Moraga, Maria Gomacinda de los Santos Moraga, was the daughter of Jose de Jesus Moraga and Cruz Sibrian. Her son, Beeson's great-grandfather, Joseph Frank Avila, was killed by a train in 1906. His grandmother was 4 months old at the time. Beeson's great-grandmother gave Gomacinda up for adoption to her Portuguese godparents, the de Costas, who raised her in Berkeley, while her sister lived in Oakland. The girls saw each other until 1919, when there was a rift in the family and Gomacinda was cut out of a will.

## Orinda City Council election gets competitive – five candidates, three seats

By Sora O'Doherty

The filing deadline for nomination papers was extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 when incumbent Dean Orr, who pulled nomination papers, failed to file. Orr was first elected to the Orinda City Council in 2010, and has served two terms. Prior to the city council, Orr served two terms on the Orinda Planning Commission. Melissa Roeder, who has been a frequent speaker at city council meetings this year, also pulled papers but did not file.

At the close of the nomination period the candidates who returned nomination papers were incumbents Eve Phillips and Amy Worth, and candidates Dennis Fay, Nick Kosla and Kathleen Jenkins. All of their nomination papers qualified, so these are the candidates who will appear on the ballot. An in-depth story on the candidates' positions on the issues will be included in the Sept. 19 issue of Lamorinda Weekly.

At the Orinda Union School

District board, there is also an incumbent who is not running for re-election: Julie Rossiter, who has decided not to run for a third term on the board. Before being elected to the board in 2010, Rossiter was an active volunteer in Orinda schools. She served as treasurer of the school fundraising drive for two years and representative for the parcel tax campaign at Del Rey Elementary School, chairing committees for the Parent Club and auction, and working in the class-

room. She was also the school's legislative representative to the Las Trampas Creek Council.

Incumbents Carole Brown and Jason Kaune, and new candidate Elizabeth Daoust, have agreed to run as a slate, each endorsing the others' election. Since no other candidate filed nomination papers by the close of the nomination period, Brown, Kaune and Daoust will automatically be deemed elected to the board, which will save the board the cost of an election.

## Run on the Wilder Side to benefit Orinda parks

By Sora O'Doherty

In an effort to raise funds toward the renovation at the Orinda Community Park, the Orinda Park and Recreation Foundation will hold its first annual Run on the Wilder Side starting at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3. The course will extend through the Wilder development and consist of a 5k and 1.4-mile run.

The two races will start at the driveway into the Garden Center and finish at the Ranch House. The 5k (or just over three mile) run starts at 8 a.m. and costs \$35, while the one-mile run, which costs \$25, will start at 8:40 a.m. Both

runs will finish at the Ranch House where prizes will be awarded to the winners of each race and food will be available.

Families are invited to come out and enjoy a morning of running or walking at the Wilder Development. Runners will receive T-shirts and goodie bags filled with various energy treats and bottled water. Costumes are welcome.

The Orinda Park and Rec Foundation was founded more than 40 years ago in 1975 when the Orinda Union Elementary School became available as a community center. The foundation was formed to raise money toward the purchase of the school and play field. Over the years the foundation raised money to make improvements at the Community Center and create the Orinda Community Park. Since 1975 the foundation has raised more than \$2 million for recreational and park purposes, including the purchase of 111 acres of open space, as well as contributing toward regional recreational and open space needs.



Runners participating in the 1.4-mile run will start at the New Art and Garden Center near the driveway, then run on Big Leaf to Quarry Road, make a left, run up to Big Rock, make a right and loop around to head back down to Big Rock, to Big Leaf and then a right on Wilder Road to run down and around and left to the Wilder Fields entrance, just past the Ranch House to the finish.

The 5k will also start at the New Art and Garden Center near the driveway, continuing on Big Leaf

to Rabble Road and around the circle, then down to Wilder Road. Runners will make a left on Wilder Road, go down to Dairy Creek Road and down to the big house at the end, then loop back and make a quick right turn, past the bridge and then back around to Wilder Road. They will take Wilder Road down and around to the Wilder Fields entrance, pass the Ranch House and arrive at the finish.

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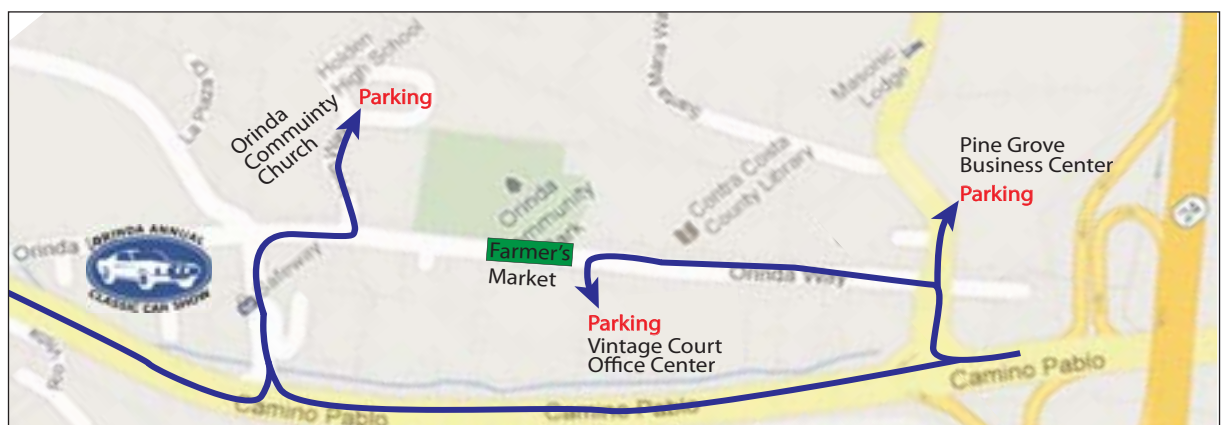
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**State of the East Bay forum focuses on growth**

By Lou Fancher

Growth was the operative word Aug. 8 at the annual State of the East Bay forum presented by Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Wilma Chan and Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Chair Karen Mitchoff. Offering condensed versions of key county initiatives involving housing affordability, economic competitiveness, health care and more, updates, along with the supervisors' "if-only" wish lists, were sent to approximately 150 people.

This year's discussion, held at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center, was a partnership with the East Bay Leadership Council, Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, and East Bay Economic Development Alliance with sponsorship from Shell Martinez Refinery.

Along with highlighting the East Bay's robust economic strength, increasing needs for affordable housing, health care related to food availability and transition to online technologies were supervisors' primary topics of discussion.

Chan emphasized public-private partnerships. Alameda County's programs serve 1.7 million people with a \$3 billion budget. With rapidly developing technology influencing both the economy and politics, she said it is a critical time for the county to catch up, especially as it supports Millennials. "Right now, five banks control all the wealth in the country. This is a totally new world we're living in," said Chan.

To solve dichotomous problems resulting from advancing technology and traditional programs used to determine or improve economic growth - for example, transferring census programs to online applications; updating career centers to better match actual available jobs - introduces budget-draining updates. Further complicating the matter, people worried in the current political climate about their immigration status means that regardless of the method, collecting accurate information and forecasting budgetary needs is problematic.

With housing a major issue in the Bay Area, Alameda County added a one-time additional \$85 million to the regular \$82 million county housing allocation. Chan said working with cities to construct new residences for homeless and low-income people was vital. "One-third of the whole homeless population in the country lives in California," she said. Other innovations include two \$50 million housing bonds; one supporting short-term loans for repairs so homeowners can stay in their homes; a second providing first-time buyers with \$150K loans that do not need to be repaid until the residence is resold. "We have to be really conscious of what we want our cities to look like," Chan said.

A poverty initiative begun by Chan last year to create jobs, provide food and shelter and lift people out of poverty contains within it a Healthy Food, Healthy Family program. Through partnerships with local businesses, \$3 million was raised to establish it as a formal program. "I just purchased two trucks with allocated money," Chan said. "We hired two ex-offenders to be drivers. They're getting full training. We want to bring this pro-

gram to full scale. It's a complex, integrated network serving employment and health. We welcome partnerships and are developing new growth based on local assets."

Chan said a national mood had voters upset about new tax proposals being added to the ballot. Striking a hard but not harsh line, she was realistic: "If you want good services, somebody has to pay for it." Later, she added, "We have to look out, not in. We can't keep doing business the old way. We have to have more businesses and private sectors partner with (us)."

Mitchoff confessed to having "Alameda County envy." A half-cent sales tax that pays for Alameda County employee health care frees up budgeted funds for programs. Contra Costa employees ask Mitchoff why they don't receive the same coverage. "Getting a sales tax passed would solve it, but that's not realistic because we're at the tipping point with people not feeling taxes are appropriately used or managed."

In her presentation and separate interview comments Mitchoff said the county's \$1.61 billion budget serves 1.2 million people. "But only 25 percent of that is controlled by us. The rest is prescribed before it comes to us. I always wish citizens could take government financing 101 so they understand the issues better."

Asked what they might better understand, Mitchoff included the pros and cons of Proposition 6 (a measure on the November ballot that would repeal Senate Bill 1 and require voter approval for fuel and vehicle taxes aimed at road repair); the ongoing impact of Prop 13 that she said suppresses property tax revenues; sunset clauses in tax bills that cause cities to continuously return to voters for more money; and improving news related to pension funding. "Citizens need to know that our OPEB (other post employment benefits) liability was \$2.6 billion in 2008. We've reduced that to \$764 million in 2018. Pension costs will be stable over the next five years."

Selling off disintegrating or underused buildings and addressing homelessness are Contra Costa's current focus, according to Mitchoff. Programs to provide health care and legal services for undocumented people are also on the agenda. Like Chan, Mitchoff's straight-talk message included a directive for unions, business owners, city and county officials and communities to work together realistically. "Those who have more will have to give more to those who have less," she said.

On an uplifting note, Mitchoff spotlighted programs that work to move homeless people to permanent housing. Allowing more flexibility, such as permitting pets in homeless shelters, offering paired mental health services or establishing temporary container homes, she suggested will lead to greater success.

To access East Bay EDA's reports and other information, visit [www.EastBayEDA.org](http://www.EastBayEDA.org)

For East Bay Leadership Council, visit <https://www.eastbayleadershipcouncil.com/>.

**Class of '68**

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It is a testament to the strong bond this class has that over 155 members will be attending the reunion. Baumann says that of the original 325 graduates, 56 have passed away. "We will be also be paying tribute to our classmates that have passed and won't be there but will always be remembered," he says.

On Sunday, Aug. 26 organizers have planned a picnic at the Lafayette Reservoir starting at 10:30 a.m. with Taco Party catering. Baumann says they are expecting over 60 people at the event, which will round out the weekend's festivities.

All attendees were invited to write their bio for the past 50 years. Baumann notes that it has been in-

teresting to read about the different paths their lives have taken. "Some have been teachers, professors, contractors, lawyers, doctors, business professionals, photographers, writers, many have raised families and now are grandparents, and some are retired. All have a very interesting story to tell - we are all sharing our stories together," says Baumann.

Baumann remembers Lafayette back in the '50's and '60's as a wonderful time to grow up. "It has proven to be a strong foundation that has served all of us well."

Any Acalanes class of '68 graduates interested in attending should contact [chuck.baumann@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.baumann@gmail.com) for more information.





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# Downtown Development Subcommittee gears up for information gathering

By Sora O'Doherty

The public continued to take a lively interest in the progress of the Orinda City Streetscape Master Plan, attending and speaking out Aug. 9 at the Downtown Development Subcommittee's second meeting. The committee consists of Vice Mayor Inga Miller and Orinda City Council Member Eve Phillips. These meetings were the first steps in gathering the input of stakeholder groups.

This next step in the process will take place on Aug. 29, from noon to 5 p.m., when the stakeholder group interviews will be conducted by Orinda planning staff and the contractor on the project, Eisen-Letunic. The interviews will be short, just 15 minutes, with a five-minute break in between. On the same day, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., there will be a joint meeting of several committees and commissions that are subject to the Brown Act in the Library Auditorium, which will be open to the public.

The main objectives of the streetscape master plan are: 1) to connect the two sides of downtown Orinda; 2) to investigate pedestrian access to San Pablo Creek; 3) to preserve Orinda's sense of place; 4) to develop grant-eligible, fundable projects; 5) to beautify Orinda; and 6) to build consensus in the community. Planning Director Drummond Buckley addressed what will be in the Streetscape Master Plan, explaining that the plan will cover projects in the right of way or on city-owned land that meet the objec-

tives, plus San Pablo Creek, which is not on a right of way. Rights of way include parking spaces, vehicular lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, transit stops, underpasses, pedestrian bridges, planting areas and Caltrans property. Publicly owned land includes public parking in front of the Community Center and underutilized land in the right of way. San Pablo Creek between Santa Maria Way and the Safeway parking lot is mostly on private land, except one parcel that is owned by the county.

Stakeholder groups (see list) will receive a questionnaire prior to the interviews to enable them to organize their thoughts about issues including traffic and parking, and their vision and experiences in downtown Orinda. Committees and commissions will not receive questionnaires, owing to Brown Act considerations. The meeting with the committees and commissions will be open to the public.

Roy Hodgkinson, president of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce, urged the subcommittee to avoid asking too many questions that have already been answered, and to learn from past projects, such as the paving of Theatre Square. Kay Jenkins produced a graph of the age of Orinda residents. She found that over 80 percent of Orindans commute, and that 18 percent take BART. She stated that some 3,000 cars park at BART, including commuters from other commu-

nities, such as Lafayette and Richmond. She asked that her graph be included in the stakeholders' questionnaire, but Buckley demurred, saying that there were many things that could be included, but he didn't want to color the views of the respondents. However, he agreed that the graph would be appropriate for including in the briefing book.

Miller asked about including neighborhood groups as stakeholders, and Buckley agreed that there was enough "wiggle room" to add the downtown neighborhood groups, such as Bates, Brookwood, Northwood, Southwood, Orinda Woods, and La Plaza. Hodgkinson suggested joining residents of senior housing to the Contra Costa County Area Agency on Aging.

Following the stakeholder group interviews, there will be a public questionnaire, possibly in early September. Phillips suggested another meeting of the subcommittee to consider the public questionnaire. Also in early September, an interactive online survey map will be released. It is anticipated that the city council and planning commission will hold meetings on the streetscape master plan in late September, and that October will see the release of a briefing book on the project as well as a "Launch Event." After all these events, plus a lot of public engagement and meetings, options will be formulated and the plan drafted.

### Stakeholder groups:

- Bike Orinda
- Contra Costa County Area Agency on Aging
- Downtown-adjacent Neighborhood Group(s) or HOAs
- Downtown Property Owners and Leasing Agents
- Friends of Orinda Creeks
- Lamorinda Arts Council
- Orinda Association
- Orinda Chamber of Commerce
- Orinda Community Foundation
- Orinda Garden Club
- Orinda Park and Recreation Foundation
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# MOFD firefighter suffers heart attack after wildfire deployment

By Nick Marnell



MOFD and ConFire crews at the Marsh Fire in July  
 Photo courtesy Moraga-Orinda Firefighters

A firefighter from the Moraga-Orinda Fire District who responded on a task force to a wildfire in Solano County has been released from the hospital after suffering a heart attack.

According to Capt. Lucas Lam-

bert the firefighter, who requested anonymity, spent 24 straight hours in heavy smoke and unfavorable conditions working the Nelson Fire, a 2,100-acre wildfire between Fairfield and Vacaville. The fire was contained on Aug. 12.

As he traveled back to the Bay Area, the firefighter felt chest palpitations, and he went to the emergency room the next day, where he was treated for a heart attack. He is resting and recovering at home.

"This was an eye-opener to us all," Lambert said, noting that the stricken firefighter was young, in good shape and apparently in good health. "We need to take care of our bodies, especially during fire season."

Lambert himself was recently deployed at the Ferguson Fire, a 95,000-acre wildfire near Yosemite Valley, as a safety officer. Other MOFD personnel worked the Carr Fire, a 200,000-acre blaze in Shasta and Trinity counties, and crews from the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District were deployed to the Mendocino Complex fire,

at 360,000 acres the largest fire in California recorded history.

ConFire Chief Jeff Carman told his advisory fire commission on Aug. 13 that the current fire season has already been record setting, and it has not yet fully matured. Fire officials say that fire seasons are growing longer and more intense with each passing year.

And more deadly. "During my first week, we observed three moments of silence," Lambert said.

According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, this year some 12,500 firefighters have worked more than 940,000 acres of state fires, which have damaged or destroyed over 2,000 structures, and have pushed the 2018 death toll among firefighters to six.

# Competitive MOFD board races shaping up

By Nick Marnell

Two last-minute incumbent withdrawals and the addition of last-minute challengers in three divisions add intrigue to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District board races for the November general election.

President and Division 4 director Brad Barber explained his withdrawal from the race in an Aug. 14 announcement. "My decision not to run for re-election to the MOFD board was based on a number of factors, the most important of which is that I was asked by Marc Andrus, the Episcopal Bishop of California, to serve as Treasurer of the Diocese of California for the next two years," Barber said. In addition, Barber serves on five boards at UC Berkeley and is a regent of Samuel Merritt University in Oakland.

"Perhaps most importantly, my wife would like me to cut back," he

said. Barber said that the board has made significant, if incremental, progress in his tenure on the board, mainly in the financial sustainability of the district. He wished more progress had been made in improving the comparatively slower emergency medical response times in Orinda. "That is a complex problem but it should not be an insoluble one," he said.

The district's first and only female director, Kathleen Famulener, withdrew her candidacy in Division 1, saying that it was time for her to retire. She, too, cited financial accomplishments during her five-year tenure, including the lowering of the district pension debt by \$12 million, setting aside money in pension and retiree health care trust funds and nearing the payoff of the

district pension obligation bond. "It's time to pass the mantle to the next generation," Famulener said.

In her division, the race will feature Moraga businessman Nate Bell versus Greg Baitx, an East Contra Costa Fire Protection District engineer.

"I live on the edge of open space, and with wildfires that will undoubtedly continue, I am very concerned," said Bell, who believes strongly in citizen involvement in government and that it is needed now more than ever. "I want to ensure the highest level of fire and medical service for the community," Baitx said.

Two candidates vie for Barber's Orinda Division 4 seat. Michael Donner, a retired Oakland firefighter and current business owner, will

oppose Lucy Talbot, a community volunteer and co-owner of a family business. "I want to get involved at the next level," said Talbot, who feels strongly that MOFD needs to allocate more of its resources to fire prevention, and needs to improve response times especially for medical emergencies, which far outnumber fire responses.

The Division 3 incumbent confirmed that he is not going away. Steve Anderson will face two challengers, including retired Oakland Fire Department administrator Steve Danziger and Red Smith, a technology executive. Division 3 includes portions of Moraga and Orinda, but all three candidates live in Orinda.

The seven candidates will have a chance to explain their positions in detail in the Oct. 17 issue of this newspaper.

# Fire Station 43: vertical movement at last

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief Dave Winnacker updated the board Aug. 15 on the Orinda fire station progress.

"The last of the concrete was poured on Aug. 13," the chief said. Because of the size of the site, the presence of the concrete crews has been inhibiting the speed at which the framers could work, but as the concrete crews finish up, there will be noticeable vertical progress on the site, Winnacker said.

The first floor should be completed by the end of the third week of August, and the second floor should be in place by the end of the month, with trussing and roofing in September.



Photo Nick Marnell

**Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report July 31 to August 13**

Alarms	17
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	3
Traffic	63
Suspicious Circumstances	12
Suspicious Subject	0
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	43
Patrol Request/ Security Check	32
Vacation House Check	13
Supplemental Report	19
Welfare Check	7
Auto Burglary	2400 Block Fitness
Barking Dog	70 Block Hardie Dr.
Battery	Miramonte High School
Civil	Police Department 3800 Block Via Granada

Civil Problem	60 Block Miramonte Dr. 100 Block Danefield Pl. 1800 Block Joseph Dr.
Corporal Injury Spouse	200 Block Draeger Dr.
Disturbance-Domestic	40 Block Cumberland Ln.
Disturbing The Peace	Chalda Way/Rheem Blvd. Safeway 1100 Block Alta Mesa Dr. Safeway
Drunk In Public	Mid. Block Rheem Blvd.
Excessive Speed	Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr. (2) Larch/Lindell Moraga/St. Marys Rd. Rheem Bustewart Ct. Rheem Bufemwood Dr. Larch Aviwandel Dr. Larch Ave./Canyon Rd. El Camino/Larch Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd. Moraga Rd./Corte Santa Clara Moraga Rd./Devin Dr.

Found Adult	10 Block Fleuti Dr.
Found Property	CVS Donald Dr./Laird Dr.
Grand Theft	700 Block Camino Ricardo 400 Block Tharp Dr. Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd. Police Department 700 Block Crossbrook Dr. 100 Block Alta Mesa Ct. Campolindo High School 50 Block Buckingham Dr. 1100 Block Larch Ave.
Hailed By Citizen	50 Block Shuey Dr.
Harassment	10 Block El Camino Flores Crossbrook Dr./Greenfield Dr.
Identity Theft	100 Block Miramonte Dr.
Loud Music	80 Block Louise Ct.
Loud Noise	500 Block Rheem Blvd. 10 Block Louise Ct. (2) Moraga Way/School St. Police Department
Loud Party	
Mentally Ill Commit	
Missing Adult	
Motorist Assist	
Other Non Criminal	

Petty Theft	10 Block Avila Ln.
Petty Theft Bicycle	2000 Block Ascot Dr.
Petty Theft From Veh.	2000 Block Ascot Dr.
Public Assembly Check	Campolindo High School Kendall Ct.
Public Nuisance	Moraga Rd./Moraga Way 10 Block Fleuti Dr.
Reckless Driving	Canyon Rd./Sanders Dr. Joaquin Moraga Int School Safeway 100 Block Alta Mesa Ct. Safeway (2) 1500 Block Canyon Rd.
Shoplift	Campolinda High 1100 Block Larch Ave. 600 Block Moraga Safeway Police Department
Vandalism	
Vehicle Theft	
Warrant Arrest	

**Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report July 29 to August 11**

Alarms	58
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic	76
Suspicious Circumstances	12
Suspicious Subjects	14
Suspicious Vehicles	15
Patrol Request/ Security Check	19
Service to Citizen	65
Supplemental Report	26
Vacation House Check	19
Welfare Check	9
Accident Property	Camino Pablo/Wildcat Canyon Rd. Camino Sobrante/Orinda Way 20 Block Loma Vista Dr. Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. Moraga Way/Sanborn Rd. Beverages And More
Animal Cruelty	900 Block Moon Ct., Laf. Safeway
Auto Burglary	Pine Grove Business Complex Wilder Sports Fields 100 Block Oak Rd. 100 Block Lucille Way

Barking Dog	60 Block La Espiral 70 Block Van Ripper Ln.
Civil	10 Block Woodcrest Dr. 40 Block Donald Dr. 10 Block Knickerbocker Ln. Police Department
Disturbance-Domestic	200 Block Overhill Rd. 30 Block Claremont Ave.
Drunk In Public	50 Block Moraga Way
Dui Misdemeanor	20 Block E Altarinda Dr. Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.
Evading Officer	Sb Broadway / Ivy
Failure To Obey	10 Block Lloyd Ln.
Found Property	Happy Valley Rd./ Orinda View Rd. Orinda Theater Police Department
Found Property	10 Block Loma Vista Dr.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
Identity Theft	10 Block Juniper Dr. Miramonte High School 100 Block Stein Way 70 Block Donald Dr. 60 Block Don Gabriel Way 200 Block Glorietta Blvd. 20 Block Orinda Way

Litter	300 Block Glorietta Blvd. Police Department
Lost Property	100 Block Silver Oak Terrace 10 Block La Campana Rd. 70 Block El Toyonal Meadow View Rd./Glorietta Blvd. 70 Block Charles Hill Rd. Orinda Park Pool
Loud Music	500 Block Moraga Way 10 Block Meadow Park Ct.
Loud Noise	100 Block Brookside Rd. Kittiwake Rd./Manzanita Dr. Glorietta Elementary School
Medical Hospital	
Motorist Assist	
Ordinance Violation	
Other Misdemeanor	Shell Station
Prom Shoot	10 Block Via San Inigo 60 Block Charles Hill Rd.
Prowler	600 Block El Toyonal
Public Assembly Check	
Public Nuisance	10 Block Camino Sobrante 10 Block Theater Square 200 Block Village Gate Rd. 100 Block Meadow View Rd. Overhill Rd./Moraga Way Safeway

Reckless Driving	100 Block Canon Dr. Rheem Blvd./Glorietta Blvd. Camino Pablo/San Pablo Dam Rd. San Pablo Dam Rd./ Bear Creek Rd. Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24
Revocation Of Probation	Orinda Theater
Terrorist Threats	200 Block Orchard Rd.
Traffic Hazard	50 Block Tara Rd. Las Vegas Rd./Mira Flores Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd. Camino Pablo/Ardilla Rd. E Altarinda Dr./St Stephens Dr. HWay 24/St Stevens 90 Block Via Floreado 200 Block Blk El Toyonal Wilder Sports Fields 10 Block Knickerbocker Ln. Safeway Safeway
Traffic Stop	60 Block Davis Rd.
Vandalism	Safeway
Vehicle Theft	10 Block De Soto Ct. 10 Block Camino Sobrante Theatre Square
Verbal Dispute	
Walk Through	
Warrant Arrest	



# Letters to the Editor

## Well wishes

I was saddened to hear that Jeanette Frisky was stepping down from the Town Council. When I had the opportunity to work with her before and after she was elected, Jeanette was able to look

at both sides of an issue and work with the community to find a logical solution. It is easy to be on a team with her because of her high level of integrity. There are those who only complain with no solutions to the problem. And then there are people like Jeanette who see something wrong, listen to all

sides and come up with an appropriate answer to the problem. I look forward to Jeanette having a speedy recovery and back helping us keep Moraga a wonderful place to live.

Barry Behr  
Moraga

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# County Connection Transit Agency announces proposed fare and route changes

By John T. Miller



James Mason, a driver with the County Connection Transit Agency, steps out of the No. 6 bus to greet passengers at the Lafayette BART station.

Photo John T. Miller

The County Connection Transit Agency is proposing changes to routes and fares effective March 2019.

According to Ruby Horta, director of planning and marketing for the transportation system, budget estimates project that at the current rate – without any changes to the system – money will run out by 2023. “By making service adjustments that increase productivity and reduce costs, County Connection will be better positioned to address future financial constraints,” she says.

In July 2017, County Connection began a Comprehensive Operational Analysis to deal with the projected shortfall and came up with a proposal for a number of changes to the existing service, along with fare increases and an elimination of the midday free pass for seniors and disabled between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The transit company held meetings with various stakeholders and partner transit agencies, along with community meetings, public workshops, and a public hearing to receive input on the proposed changes.

According to Horta, “Opposition to the elimination of the midday fare was a constant theme behind the public comment process.”

Currently, the Midday Free Program accounts for over 260,000 rides on an annual basis.

The proposed fare increases

would only impact passengers paying cash. These include a 50-cent raise for adults and youth on regular routes, and a 25-cent raise on express routes, bringing the total to \$2.50 per ride. Fares for seniors would be raised 25 cents to \$1.25. Children under 6 years old will continue to ride free.

Paper passes, including paper transfers, will be eliminated; however, Clipper will continue to support transfers.

“We’ve seen the trend of passengers going to Clipper since BART added the surcharge on paper tickets,” says Horta. “There will be no changes in the price of rides using Clipper.”

Clipper provides a Day Pass and Day Pass Accumulator. The Day Pass deducts regular and express bus fares, and discounted transfer fares from the stored cash value. Clipper cards can also save money by allowing unlimited rides on most County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, WestCat and Wheels routes. Once \$3.75 in fares is reached in a day (\$1.75 for senior and RTC customers) on any combination of participating transit services, rides are free for the rest of the day.

The only restructure of routes to the Lamorinda area will be the elimination of Route 25 due to low ridership, and a potential increase in peak service on Route 6, which runs from the Orinda BART station to Saint Mary’s College and on to

the Lafayette BART station. It then returns via the same route. There are no changes planned for the 600 series that serves the local schools.

The last time the system was overhauled was in spring 2009. Horta acknowledge a number of changes since then, including hous-

ing developments, traffic patterns, demographic shifts, job centers and increased congestion.

Horta summed up the process, saying, “As transit planners, we would want more service to our customers, but the financial outlook is forcing us to make some

difficult decisions in order to create long-term financial viability.”

While final adjustments may be made, the changes should be put in place early next spring, assuming the board approves the plans in November of this year.

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## Kiwanis contribute to clearing Lamorinda trails

By Sophie Braccini



The hidden entrance of the connector trail.

Photo Sophie Braccini

Away from the public eye, the parks and recreation departments of the three Lamorinda communities, along with community groups, are now working on the creation of a Lamorinda Trails Challenge, a concept to get the communities moving and exploring. But the project has prerequisites, such as a comprehensive mapping system – something the agencies are close to completing – the creation of connector trails, and

the clearing of existing ones. This summer, Moraga Valley Kiwanis has undertaken the cleanup of a key segment for the connection of the Lafayette and Moraga trails.

Next to the border of Moraga and Lafayette, along Moraga Road, on the east side lies the vast expanse of the Palos Colorados property and its promise of trails over 100 acres of open space. On the west side, hidden behind bushes was the entrance of an

inconspicuous trail leading to the Lafayette Reservoir Rim Trail.

One bright Tuesday morning at the end of July, a group of Moraga Kiwanians joining with East Bay Trail Dogs, and the Friends of Lafayette Trails formed a group of about 15 people eager to make a difference. After parking their cars on Via Granada, the volunteers opened their trunks and grabbed serious tools.

The group of six Kiwanians had been corralled by Larry Beans, an avid hiker who is also part of Trail Dogs, a group of volunteers who maintain trails throughout Contra Costa and Alameda counties. Beans had told the six that they should be ready for brushing, weed abatement, tread work, or raking leaf litter off the trail and that there could be some poison oak. The Trail Dogs' president, Carol Lane, was there as well; she is an experienced trail cleaner who noted that they might even have to cut some big tree branches that day.

The morning went fast for all the volunteers, and by noon the half mile of trail leading to the Reservoir Rim Trail had been

completely cleared. The trail entrance, on the west side of Moraga Road, is now much more noticeable, although no sign is posted – something that the Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department staff said would be corrected.

Beans said that the volunteers had fun, engaged in physical exercise, and added that one fellow Kiwanian told him he wanted to hear more about the Trail Dogs. Beans, who is also a member of the Orinda Hiking Club, has been a Trail Dog for seven or eight years. He says he has loved it, doing cleanup or even carving new trails every Tuesday morning. He has made many friends over the years and he says he does not need to go to the gym anymore. The Moraga Kiwanians have volunteered with the Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department several times, including on Fish Ranch Road. Beans says that they welcome new projects.

For information about Moraga Valley Kiwanis, visit [www.moragavalleykiwanis.org](http://www.moragavalleykiwanis.org), or for East Bay Trail Dogs, visit [www.eastbaytraildogs.org](http://www.eastbaytraildogs.org).

## Square Baby opens in Theatre Square

By Sora O'Doherty



Square Baby co-founders in front of their shop in Orinda's Theatre Square.

Photo Sora O'Doherty

Two Orinda moms with five children between them at Glorietta School have just launched a new business in town: Square Baby. Square Baby recently launched its online site, selling its products that

are delivered to the door frozen, in 100 percent compostable boxes. On Friday, Aug. 30 they will launch their brick and mortar store in Theatre Square, which will be open for business the following day.

Katie Thomson is responsible for the concept of Square Baby, which is to provide convenient baby food that is completely organic and provides 100 percent of a baby's nutritional needs. Thomson was the first nutritionist to work for Starbucks in Seattle. Through her career in the food industry, Thomson learned how food is marketed. Thomson looked at the convenient baby foods in the aisles of the supermarket, and she didn't like what she saw. She found the products to be unbalanced, and their labels to be misleading. She wanted food to be marketed with honesty and transparency and she wondered, "Why is no company making this easier for me?"

In 2010, when her son was 18

months old, Thomson left Starbucks and Seattle as her husband's job took the family elsewhere. She began to research what infants need in a day and to develop a meal plan where every meal is balanced, and every day provides 100 percent of a baby's daily requirements. Four years ago, the family moved to Orinda. Thomson began volunteering at Glorietta Elementary School in the lunch program, as well as the wellness program. She met Kendall Glynn, a scientist who specialized in clinical genetics and, Thomson says, "Our stars aligned." Thomson had a business plan and model in place. The two women became partners and co-founders of Square Baby and launched their online business on July 10. Thomson's husband is in advertising, and designed the labels, ingredient cards, shipping boxes, and produced videos for social media.

The way it works is that customers order a two-week supply of meals at a time. For younger babies, this will mean one four-ounce jar of food per day to supplement nursing or bottle feeding. As children grow, they can step up to two, three or four jars per day. Flavors have to pass the Kendall and Katie test: they have to want to eat them. The two women are currently doing all the cooking in a commercial kitchen on the Berkeley-Oakland border. Parents can pick and choose from a variety of dietician-designed recipes. The foods come in three stages: stage one being smooth pu-

rees, and later stages introducing more complexity and texture.

Apple curry chicken is a favorite, according to Thomson. One of the goals of the company is to develop children's palates, so they introduce a few herbs and spices into their recipes, using organic ingredients. They use diverse protein sources, including sprouted grains, because they are more nutritious, and organic bone broth from an Oakland supplier. Where baby food pouches are very sweet and have on average 10 to 16 grams of sugar, Square Baby foods have an average of 4 to 5 grams of sugar per 4-ounce meal.

The shop in Theatre Square will be a place where children and parents can come and sample the products. In addition to a tasting bar, there will be gift products for sale, and the partners plan to have events as well. They want the shop to have a community feel, where moms can meet. They may organize some "Mom's Night Out" events.

Each 4-ounce jar costs approximately \$5, and shipments vary from 14 jars (1 jar per day for two weeks) to 28, 42, and up to 56 jars (4 jars per day). The products are shipped to the door with dry ice to keep them frozen. Currently there are 20 recipes on offer, with others in development.

Square Baby will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment. Learn more at the Square Baby web site: <https://squarebaby.com/>.

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## BART bill to head for senate vote

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The news was welcomed however by Nonprofit Housing Association Policy Director Michael Lane.

"We are pleased the bill has been sent to the Senate floor for a vote and have agreed to major concessions and amendments to the bill in response to concerns raised by our local elected officials to ensure all planned developments on BART property blend in well with existing neighborhood building heights and densities and conform to the locally-adopted design and architectural standards," said Lane, adding, "Final permitting authority remains with the local government. We are absolutely committed to being good and respectful neighbors."

Lafayette Vice Mayor Cam Burks described the vote in favor of AB 2923 as a significant blow

to local governance democracy in California.

"While I haven't seen the new amendments, I'm profoundly disappointed in the committee for not hitting pause and hope that the full senate will exercise common sense in the coming days to vote down this bill," he said.

Burks said that cities across the Bay Area, and all over the state, are against this legislation, which strips local land use, zoning and development control and places it into the hands of a "largely dysfunctional transit agency." He stressed he was proud of residents who had sent "a tsunami" of emails and letters.

"I will continue to directly engage Sacramento and elected officials all over California in the coming days in an attempt to stop this bill from moving forward," Burks said.

## La Finestra coming to Moraga

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"We welcome everyone from Lamorinda and the surrounding areas," Assadi said.

As thrilled as Assadi is about his grand reopening in the Moraga Shopping Center, he mused about the lost Moraga opportunity of earlier this year.

"My dream one day is to open a restaurant in the Hacienda," Assadi

said. "And I hope that dream comes true."

According to Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg, Moraga remains interested in establishing a partnership with a restaurateur to operate at the Hacienda, and is working out a strategy which includes applying for county grant money and building out a restaurant shell.

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## UPDATE:

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### What kind of work is happening?

PG&E crews are replacing more than 6,000 feet of gas pipe and line valves.

### Where is this happening?

Work is occurring along St. Mary's Road, between S. Lucille Lane in Lafayette and Bollinger Canyon Road in Moraga.

### Will my gas be shut off?

The work is not expected to affect gas service to customers in the area.

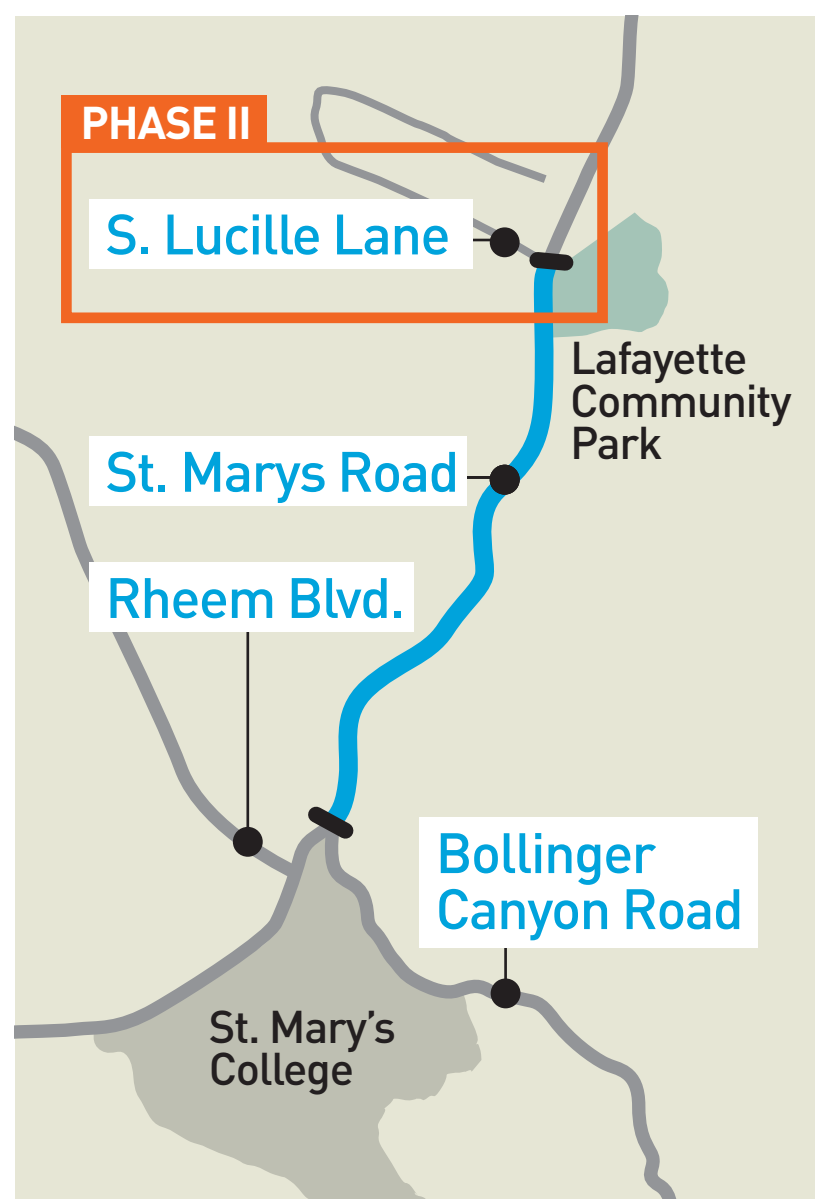
### How long will this take?

The majority of the work on St. Mary's Road is complete. In late August, some additional valve replacement work will occur on Lucille Lane and is expected to take about a month. During this time, there will be intermittent single lane closures from Lucille Lane to Rheem Blvd. Crews will work Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### How will this affect driving through the neighborhood?

We are very aware of the impacts on traffic and parking in your area and have conducted the work in phases to lessen the inconvenience that the project may cause to you and your neighbors.

PG&E will clearly mark all work areas, and traffic flaggers will help direct pedestrian and vehicle traffic safely. Please plan for delays when driving through these areas.



### What if I smell gas around the project?

The replacement work requires that a small amount of natural gas be safely released in a controlled ventilation of the pipeline, so you may hear a loud steady noise and notice the smell of gas. This is normal, but if you are concerned, we encourage you to call PG&E at **1-800-743-5000**.

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## Sinkhole pic one of several lauded by CNPA

Tod Fierner, who has worked with Lamorinda Weekly as a photographer since 2007, recently met with California state Sen. Steve Glazer at his Orinda office. Fierner was awarded second prize in the California Newspaper Publishers Association 2017 California Journalism Awards for a news photo where Fierner documented Glazer getting his own perspective at the edge of the massive Orinda sinkhole on Miner Road in January 2017. Lamorinda Weekly sports photographer Gint Federas was also awarded third prize for his photo of the Campolindo Football Team winning the NCS Championship on Dec. 1, 2017, owner and photographer Andy Scheck received a third place artistic photo award for his photograph of smoke blanketing the Lamorinda skyline during the



State Sen. Steve Glazer, left, holds the Lamorinda Weekly issue featuring the award-winning photo by Tod Fierner. Photo Sora O'Doherty

North Bay fires, and Lamorinda five finalists for General Excellence. Weekly was also named as one of five finalists for General Excellence. — J. Wake



Gint Federas's third place photo



Andy Scheck's third place photo



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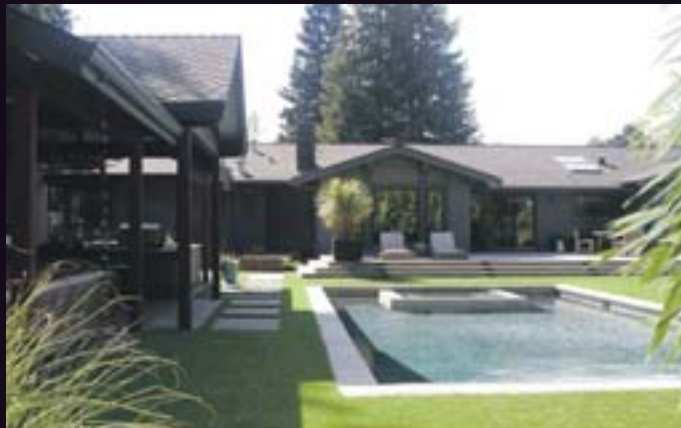


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# ~ Life in LAMORINDA ~

## Home Match a win-win solution for companionship and affordable housing

By Pippa Fisher



Home Match pairs seniors with those seeking affordable housing.

Photo provided

It's a simple enough idea – match a senior homeowner who has a bedroom to spare with someone struggling with high Bay Area rent costs, who is prepared to help out around the home. The result? Companionship and extra income for the senior and affordable, stable housing for the home-seeker.

This is the objective of a program called Home Match being offered by the nonprofit company Covia (formerly Episcopal Senior Communities), founded in 1965.

Senior Director of Community Services Sheila Womack and Director of Home Match Contra Costa Max Moy-Borgen gave a presentation to a small group July 31, arranged by Lafayette Senior Services Coordinator Maureen Neumann.

Moy-Borgen explained that the Home Match program, which started nine years ago in Marin County, began in Contra Costa County just one year ago, focusing initially on Concord. Additionally they worked with homeowners in Walnut Creek, El Cerrito and Martinez.

The company matches homeowners aged 55 and older who have extra space in their home with people aged 18 and older who have low to moderate incomes and who are looking for affordable housing.

Home Match inspects potential homes, does all background checks on home-seekers, determines compatibility, advises and draws up a legal, individually tailored, month-to-month “living together agreement” and follows up with support and monitoring. In this way, much of the risk is taken out of the home sharing.

Covia home sharing prices run between \$600 to \$1,000 per month, but in many instances an arrangement may be made to exchange some household services for further cost reduction, bringing prices down in some cases to around \$500

per month. Service exchanges for reduced rent might include gardening, cooking, cleaning, running errands, and dog-walking or pet sitting. Womack was clear that such services did not include care giving.

While the benefits of offering much-needed affordable housing are clear for the home seeker, there are many benefits to the homeowner as well, including companionship and extra income.

For Lamorinda Village Vice President Don Jenkins, this is a very exciting program. He notes that for a senior homeowner on a fixed income having another monthly income supplement could make a big difference.

“The homeowner is avoiding the devastating impact of ‘home alone, isolation.’ This new relationship may help forestall the negative health issues of living alone. It may help delay the time when the homeowner must move out of their home for an assisted living residence,” says Jenkins.

And often a friendship develops between the two parties. Womack explained that several of their existing matches have been long-term, three years or more.

Former El Cerrito mayor and current City Council Member Janet Abelson started using the program in April this year.

“It’s a great program,” Abelson says. “It really increases the volume of affordable housing and is a great use of the scarce resources of living space. There is a significant problem with lack of affordable housing and so people are doing creative things. This is a win-win situation and can be done relatively easily.”

Abelson notes that the support and matching that Moy-Borgen provides is the important ingredient for what makes it work.

Covia is optimistic that they can

find homes in the Lamorinda area, although right now in Contra Costa County they only have five available homes and around 70 people looking for accommodation.

“Covia seeks to partner with other senior agencies and is excited to work with the Lamorinda Village to expand Home Match to meet the needs of older adults,” says Moy-Borgen. “Sometimes all someone needs is a little support. Home Match can provide extra income as well as alleviate loneliness, and the home seeker benefits from an affordable place to live as well as becoming part of a community.”

Jenkins notes that Lamorinda has many seniors who are living in the family home with space to spare.

“Lafayette is working on becoming a more age-friendly city,” points out Jenkins. “As a 78-year-old and 48-year resident of this wonderful community, I want to live in my home as long as it is safe for my wife and me to do so.”

Jenkins, who was instrumental in helping create the Lamorinda Village with the express purpose of helping Lamorinda residents live in their homes, continues, “I believe that the Covia Home Match program has now extended our options to remain in our home for more years than we might have considered possible.”

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# Lamorinda Idol finals showcase young vocal talent

By Sora O'Doherty



K-2 solo winner Riyana Habarakada

Photos Sora O'Doherty

Sunday night's high-energy annual performance event featured young talent from across Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda who vied for votes from audience members and a panel of musically experienced judges, and eagerly waited to learn who would be crowned 2018 Lamorinda Idols.

Performers ranging from kindergarten through 12th grade competed for top slots Aug. 19 during the 13th annual Lamorinda Idol singing competition at the Orinda Theatre. Produced by the Lamorinda Arts Council this competition gives children living or attending school in Orinda, Lafayette and Moraga the opportunity to shine on stage.

"Lamorinda Idol is magical to me," shared Lamorinda Idol chairman Steve Hardwood. "I love seeing young people who are passionate about singing receive the unwavering support of their parents

as well as our Idol judges, volunteers, sponsors, and audience members as they strive to nurture their artistic talents."

Longtime Lamorinda Idol auditions judge Pam Whitman said, "I continue to be amazed at the depth of singing talent in Lamorinda. I admire the willingness of young children and teens to take the stage and give performing their all in public forums."

In addition to Lamorinda Idol, notable LAC programs include the High School Visual Arts Competition, Lamorinda ShortDocs Film Fest, Art in Public Places, and curation of the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library, and the annual fundraiser, The Art of Mixology. LAC has also been designated by the cities of Lafayette and Orinda to manage and support the activities of the Poet Laureate Program. Visit [www.lamorindaarts.org](http://www.lamorindaarts.org) for more information.

## And the winners are ...

K-2 Solo: Riyana Habarakada

3-5 Solo: Svea Peterson

K-5 Group: Blending Bellas (Sadie Poole and Svea Peterson)

6-8 Group: Rainbow Harmony (Amelia Chen and Kaitlyn Roach)

9-12 Group: Quarter to Five (Elizabeth Becker, Lily Butler, Jenni Coletta, Isabella Nazzari, Lily O'Toole, Aislinn Welch)

6-8 Solo: Kalyani Srikanth

9-12 Solo: Jen McFarlane

Audience Award: Sadie Poole



Amelia Chen and Kaitlyn Roach, 6-8 group winners (Rainbow Harmony)




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# Art deco Orinda theatre featured in award-winning short

By Diane Claytor



Award-winning "Let's Go to the Movies" producer Julia Anderson (right) and her assistant producer, Ksenia Firsova. Photo provided

Not every person who's passionate about movies longs to walk the red carpet or find themselves in the pages of People magazine. Many, like Moraga resident and movie lover Julia Anderson, want to work behind the scenes. In fact, Anderson describes herself as "definitely a behind-the-camera type of person" who "loves the process" of developing and producing a video.

So, last year, when she spotted a poster promoting the Lamorinda Arts Council's ShortDocs competition, Anderson figured it was a natural project for her to take on. At the time, she was working part-time at the Orinda Theatre, a movie house she loved and believed to be an important part of the community. It made sense to her to showcase this art-deco style theatre in her ShortDocs entry.

"I love that experience of going to the movies," Anderson noted, "experiencing something in a room full of people sharing the very same emotions."

Anderson remembered a class field trip when she was a student at Campolindo: a film festival at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco. "The Castro was one of those old gorgeous movie theater palaces, and the Orinda Theatre is in that same category," she said.

Reaching out to some fellow

filmmakers who agreed to help her, the recent San Francisco State Fiction Filmmaking graduate began creating her documentary, which, according to the Lamorinda Arts Council rules, could not exceed six minutes in length.

She interviewed Derek Zernak, co-owner of the theatre, as well as theatregoers and a longtime projectionist at the theatre.

The original concept for her award-winning documentary, "Let's Go To The Movies," was focusing on the history of this beautiful Orinda treasure, built by movie fanatic Donald Rheem between 1937-1941. (In 1982, the Orinda Theatre was designated one of the National Register of Historic Places).

"As I reviewed the footage," Anderson explained, "I realized how significant the theatre is to the community. That totally stood out for me more than the historical

facts. So the focal point changed from what the theatre once was to what it is today — and at the same time reminding viewers that independent movie theaters are struggling ... and this is a serious problem, especially in smaller communities."

"Let's Go To The Movies" received a 2018 Lamorinda Arts Council Best Short Documentary Film by an Adult award, a prize that means a lot to the young budding filmmaker.

Anderson has always loved going to the movies. As a child, she'd go with her family and fondly remembers summers when her grandfather would take her. "I've always liked writing and telling stories, as well as all the visual arts," she said. "I also love to draw and make costumes." She soon realized that film production was a culmination of all those skills and hobbies, "everything I loved the most."

Currently, Anderson is working as a production assistant on a pilot for a potential TV show; it's a two-month job and has her living in Santa Cruz. Before she left, she met with the Moraga Community Foundation to discuss producing a video promoting the newly re-opened Rheem Theatre. As Anderson sees it, it would be more of a public service announcement, she said, with the purpose of encouraging the community to support this historic and beautiful movie house.

To see Anderson's winning documentary, "Let's Go To The Movies," go to <https://vimeo.com/251086048>.

## 2018 Lamorinda Arts Council's ShortDocs winners

- Best Short Documentary Film by an Elementary School Student: "Search & Rescue Dogs," by Brooke Parker
- Best Short Documentary Film by a Middle School Student: "The Homeless Project," by Neve Abcari
- Best Short Documentary Film by a High School Student: "No Limits Collaborative," by Caroline Rupert & Julia Hatfield
- Best Short Documentary Film by an Adult – two winners: "Let's Go to the Movies," by Julia Anderson; and "Notes," by Tina Elliot
- Audience Award for Best Short Documentary Film by a Student: "Search & Rescue Dogs," by Brooke Parker

# Grain-free doesn't mean problem-free

By Mona Miller, DVM

The Food and Drug Administration announced recently that it is investigating a link between grain-free dog diets and a certain type of heart disease called Dilated Cardiomyopathy. This is a new investigation, with cases reported by specialty veterinary hospitals across the nation in the past year. It appears to have involved a small percentage of the many dogs that eat diets with alternatives to grain. It is unclear what the exact cause-and-effect mechanism is, but may likely involve grain-free diets, decreased blood levels of taurine (a particular amino acid), and certain breeds or individuals within certain breeds.

Dilated Cardiomyopathy is a common heart failure problem in certain purebred dogs. It usually affects large breeds such as Dobermans, Great Danes and Boxers, as well as American Cocker Spaniels. It affects the heart muscle, causing decreased function and "sloppy" contractions, resulting in an enlarged poorly-functioning heart. There is most likely a genetic component in some breeds.



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Taurine deficiency as a non-genetic cause of heart disease is not a new finding. In 1987, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine reported that this particular amino acid deficiency in cat food caused DCM. The petfood industry as a whole stepped up and started to include taurine as an ingredient in cat food; thus, it is a very rare condition nowadays. Most likely, a veterinarian who graduated from vet school after the late 1990s has probably not seen this type of heart failure in cats fed commercially balanced diets. The good news is that DCM caused by taurine deficiency can be a reversible condition in some individuals.

It is unclear what the significance is regarding the grain-free diet link to taurine deficiency. It's possible that it involves the absence of grains, or conversely the presence of legumes. Or it's possible that legumes may interfere with an individual's ability to absorb taurine. Not all dogs that eat grain-free diets are negatively affected.

Grain-free diets became popular about 11 years ago, after a recall of pet foods contaminated with melamine from China. At that time, "boutique" diets became more available and popular. These diets included a variety of carbohydrates that substituted for grains – potatoes, peas, lentils, chickpeas, just to name a few.

This investigation allows the opportunity to discuss whether dogs in general need or benefit from grain-free diets.

According to a recent New York Times article, one veterinary nutritionist at Tufts Veterinary Medicine School, Dr. Lisa Freeman, says, "Contrary to advertising and popular belief, there is no research to demonstrate that grain-free diets offer any health benefits over diets that contain grains." For the record, I agree completely. I

advise my clients that dogs are not inherently gluten or grain-intolerant, just as humans as a species are not. There are definitely individuals who have gluten-intolerance, both humans and canines. These individuals will have problems with digestion and sometimes with skin allergies, and they should definitely avoid grains and gluten-containing foods. But for the rest of us, until or unless we develop a problem, it's perfectly fine to eat "mainstream" foods.

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## New cooking product offers 'in the bag' simplicity

By Susie Iventosch



Photo Susie Iventosch

I was in my local Ace Hardware store when Cassidy, who runs their amazing kitchen department, called me over to see her latest, greatest inventory item. It is called Stasher, a reusable platinum silicon food storage bag that can be reused over and over again, and washed in the dishwasher. These bags can cut down

on the use of disposable baggies, but they are significantly more expensive, too. The great thing about them is they are not just for storing food, but also for cooking food! They can be used in the microwave or oven, in a pot of boiling water on the stovetop and in the freezer for making frozen concoctions, like sorbet. As of

now, they come in several color options and three different sizes, 9.9, 15 and 64.2 fluid ounces.

I intended to try baking Stasher salmon in the oven, but ran out of time and so far have only gotten as far as my egg scramble on the stovetop. It was quite the experiment, because you must push out the excess air before sealing the bag and dropping it into the pot of boiling water. On my first attempt, I apparently did not remove enough air, and what resulted was a messy pot of egg scramble mixed with boiling water. I could see the bag getting very puffy, but by then it was too late. The next attempt worked like a charm, because I removed most of the air before sealing the bag. The eggs were fluffy and delicious, and all the veggies were cooked just right.

The eggs take much longer to cook than in a frying pan, roughly 15 minutes for four eggs, but the idea is a low maintenance meal, where the ingredients are mixed right in the Stasher bag, and you can actually eat right out of the bag, if you want to minimize dirty dishes. Then, place the bag upside down on the top rack of the dishwasher for thorough cleaning.

The verdict is still out, and

I'll report back as I use the Stasher bags to cook more dishes, but for now, I'd say it is a fun kitchen item and fun to experiment with the different uses. They are available online through Amazon and at Target, and most likely you can find them in a local cooking shop, or a hardware store with a good kitchen section. This scramble was made with what I had on hand, but as you can imagine, the kitchen is the limit in what you'd like to add to your scramble!

For more information about Stasher, visit <https://www.stasherbag.com>.



Susie can be reached at [suziventosch@gmail.com](mailto:suziventosch@gmail.com). This recipe can be found on our website: [www.lamorindaweekly.com](http://www.lamorindaweekly.com). If you would like to share your favorite recipe with Susie please contact her by email or call our office at (925) 377-0977.

### Eggs in a Bag (For 2)

#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cup chopped onions (yellow, red or green)
- 1/4 cup grated cheddar cheese (or cheese of your choice)
- 4 mushrooms, sliced or chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley or cilantro, snipped into small pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### DIRECTIONS

Place all ingredients in the Stasher bag (I used the smallest bag for four eggs). Seal and then squish the ingredients to scramble everything together. Make a small opening in the seal and carefully push out as much air as possible. Re-seal tightly, so none of the ingredients leak out while cooking.

Drop the bag into a large pot of boiling water and cook for 12-15 minutes, turning once or twice with tongs. Remove from water and test to make sure the eggs in the center are done. Reseal the bag and cool for a minute or so, until you can handle the bag. Then squish or shake the bag once again to break up and fluff up the eggs. If you don't do this last step, the eggs look like an omelette, which is great too. Garnish with a little extra grated cheese and a sprig of cilantro or parsley.

**Correction for nutty granola recipe:** Cook the granola at 325 degrees before turning the temperature down to 180 degrees.

## Woodminster Summer Musicals closes its 52nd season with 'In the Heights'

Submitted by Kathy Kahn



Producers Associates ends the 52nd season of Woodminster Summer Musicals with Lin-Manuel Miranda's "In the Heights," which tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

With music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda and a book

by Quiara Alegria Hudes, "In the Heights" was the winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestrations. This high-energy show, performed under the stars at this open-air performance facility in Oakland's Joaquin Moraga Park, features lovable characters, a contemporary Latin-flavored score and Tony-winning hip-hop dance moves. But it's also very sweet and sentimental, dealing with universal themes of family, romance, and ambition.

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Daniel Rubio plays the hero/narrator Usnavi in Woodminster Summer Musicals' production of Lin-Manuel Miranda's "In The Heights," which runs weekends Aug. 31-Sept. 9 at historic Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park. Photo Kathy Kahn

## Celebrations

### Holbrook earns Ph.D. from UC Santa Cruz



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Ryan Bailey Holbrook earned his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of California at Santa Cruz on Dec. 8, 2017 and was hooded in a graduation ceremony on June 14, 2018. He grew up in Moraga and graduated from Campolindo High School in 2006 and UCLA in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in psychology, a minor in human complex systems, and a specialization in computing. He is the son of Libby and (the late) Steve Holbrook of Moraga and the grandson of Mary Litzenberger, also of Moraga. He now teaches psychology and cognitive science classes at Cal State Monterey. He lives in Santa Cruz with his wife, Jamie Sullivan Holbrook, a speech pathologist and graduate of Campolindo, Saint Mary's College, and San Jose State University, and their dog Flapjack.

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Lamorinda travel destinations

# Iconic Pebble Beach

By Fran Miller



Photos Fran Miller

Located on the Monterey Peninsula where the Del Monte Forest meets the Pacific Ocean and where gracious mansions line the prestigious 17-mile drive, Pebble Beach has long been a landmark destination for golf lovers the world over, since 1919 in fact. Four resorts, 14 bars and restaurants, and five stellar golf courses fall under the Pebble Beach umbrella. But one need not be a golfer to appreciate and enjoy the area's beauty. It helps, of course, to know the significance of the area's golfing past in order to fully respect the allure, and to comprehend the selfie stick-wielding tourists who pose at every scenic vantage point. And, it helps to know golf's future; the 2019 U.S. Open Championship will take place on The Pebble Beach Golf Links course next June 13-16.

Those who wish to educate themselves with a little golf back-

ground need simply step into the Lodge at Pebble Beach-adjacent Golf Links to the Past memorabilia shop for a quick primer, where golf's history and traditions are on display via original artwork, photography, periodicals, clubs, trophies, and other artifacts. Then, step over to the nearby memorial rock wall that pays homage to Pebble Beach's founder Samuel F.B. Morse, where you'll find the names of each of the winners of the famed Bing Crosby-founded 'Clambake' tourney, later known as the AT&T National. Golf fluent or not, visitors will surely recognize the listed names as part of America's social fabric.

Just as one need not be a golf expert to enjoy the area, one need not be an overnight guest to enjoy the shops, restaurants, and sights of Pebble Beach, but a hotel stay elevates the experience. Most popu-

lar of Pebble Beach's four lodging options is The Lodge at Pebble Beach. Golfers especially owe it to themselves to stay here in order to pay proper tribute to the game they love. Known in the golf world as a bucket list item, a stay at the lodge in one of its 161 rooms affords stunning and varied patio and balcony views of gardens, Stillwater Cove, the Pacific Ocean, and the iconic Pebble Beach Golf Links 18th fairway.

Six restaurant options surround The Lodge. Stillwater Bar & Grill is an elegant destination for a relaxing dinner overlooking the fairways. The Tap Room serves a selection of American tavern-style classics, while The Terrace Lounge is an ideal destination to sit back and relax in one of the oversized armchairs while sipping on a specialty cocktail and enjoying the panoramic golf course views. Guests looking for the familiarity of a home-cooked meal should visit Gallery Café, the home-style breakfast and lunch bistro. For cove and ocean views, enjoy lunch at the conservatory-esque The Beach Club. And The Bench is a casual spot with al fresco fire pit tables overlooking the 18th hole, specializing in crafted cocktails and wood-roasted dishes.

All Lodge guests are provided complimentary access to The Beach & Tennis Club at Pebble Beach. And like its Pebble Beach Golf Links neighbor, this swank yet low-key venue is equally rich in

history and features tennis, workout facilities, and a heated pool that juts over Stillwater Cove. Shoppers will enjoy The Shops at Pebble Beach with their nearly overwhelming number of logoed items. (The newest boutique to open exclusively features an array of 2019 U.S. Open merchandise.) Casa Palmero, the area's most exclusive lodging option just steps from The Lodge, features a world-class spa

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## Art on the wild side

By Sophie Braccini



Josie Osolin (second from the right) with friends in front of her paintings.

Some people in Lamorinda do not even know there is an art gallery in Moraga; with its front entrenched deep under a wide dark cave in the Rheem Shopping Center, it does not look like much to passersby. But don't let the outside entrance fool you. The new Moraga Art Gallery exhibition that opened on Aug. 15 will tickle and surprise those who venture inside.

Called "Walk On the Wild Side," the exhibition features work by three dynamic artists with plenty of creativity and gumption: abstract painter Josie Osolin, glass artist Terry Ow-Wing, and gourd-sculptress Jenn Norpchen.

Osolin is the member of the gallery who invited the other two to join this show. She explains that she loves art that's dramatic and uses powerful colors. She met the two guest artists in shows around the Bay Area and invited them to join her.

The painter is self-taught and started a new art career after taking early retirement from Pacific Bell. She said it took her three attempts to dare buying paint after entering an art store. But as soon as she started, she found herself and her style. Painting with large strokes of paint, Osolin starts with an inspiration of colors. It is always early in the morning and she feels that the image on the canvass takes a life of its own with each new color spot.

Osolin says that she is more of an introvert, but there is nothing subdued about her painting. The

images are full of life and movement and are highly decorative.

The two artists exhibiting with Osolin could not be more different from one another.

Norpchen creates whimsical sculptures out of gourds. She lets the form inspire her and with paints, metal, and other additions, she transforms the natural shapes into birds, frogs or dragons. Her creations are full of humor, charming and bursting with warm colors. They intrigue and are sure to bring a smile.

Ow-Wing is an architect who loves glass and has a remarkable

sense of colors and shapes. She creates beautiful glasswork panels, the shape of small windows with modernist portraits made of fused glass. There again, creativity, imagination and vibrant colors create an energizing imagery. The techniques used by the artist are quite developed and require different stages from the composition to the final fusing in a kiln.

The exhibition runs through Oct. 20 at the Moraga Art Gallery, which is managed by a collective of local artists and is open Wednesday through Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m.



Jenn Norpchen and her whimsical gourds.

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**The Moraga Art Gallery presents** “Walk on the Wild Side,” a new exhibit featuring the distinctive, strikingly colorful abstract paintings by member artist Josie Osolin, whose work invariably evokes a sense of energy and passion. Also featured in the show are two guest artists: Jenn Norpchen, specializing in wild, whimsical gourds, reincarnated as birds, frogs, snails and other creatures, and Terry Ow-Wing, an Asian-influenced glass artist whose work has evolved from her background in architecture, photography, and glass blowing. The show will run through Oct. 20. For more information, visit [www.moragaartgallery.com](http://www.moragaartgallery.com) or call (925) 376-5407.

**Lafayette Chamber of Commerce presents** the Lafayette Art & Wine Festival from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 15 and 16 in downtown Lafayette, 3553 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Award-winning art, wine and music festival. Two days, four stages, 20 cover bands, 300+ artists, and KidZones. Food, wine, and beer. Free admission. For more info see <http://www.lafayettefestival.com> or call (925)

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**MUSIC**

**TLC Trio performs bringing a musical mixture** from artists like Ray Charles, Leon Russell, Stevie Wonder, as well as smooth grooves from Marvin Gaye and Van Morrison. Thomas Sucek on piano, Marc Levine on bass, with Chris Cole on vocals from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 451 Moraga Way in Orinda. These musicians cover a lot of territory with superb musicianship, vocals and showmanship. (925) 254-0769, [smumcorinda@gmail.com](mailto:smumcorinda@gmail.com). Suggested donation of \$20.

**Pacific Chamber Orchestra, under the direction** of Conductor Lawrence Kohl, presents “Mozart: The Grandeur” with Mozart’s “Jupiter” Symphony and his “Haffner” serenade with Igor Veligan as Violin soloist. Performances will be in the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15; and in the Bankhead Theater in Livermore at 3 p.m. on Sun-

**Not to be missed**

day, Sept. 16. Enjoy how Mozart simultaneously pours forth beautiful music entwined with the complexities of human emotions. Tickets are available at [PacificChamberOrchestra.org](http://PacificChamberOrchestra.org).

**THEATER**

**California Shakespeare Theater presents** the company debut of “The War of the Roses” – a monumental evening of theater spanning four history plays: the Henry VI trilogy and Richard III. Presented as an action-packed evening, “The War of the Roses” will deliver a fast-paced, far-ranging, vividly theatrical depiction of two powerful families—the Lancasters and the Yorks—and their decades-long fight for the English throne. Political unrest and power grabs collide with weak leadership and civil strife as the country fights against the threat of tyranny. The show runs Aug. 23 through Sept. 9. Tickets are \$20 and are available through the California Shakespeare Theater Box Office, 701 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, (510) 548-9666, online at [www.calshakes.org](http://www.calshakes.org), or at the Bruns box office on the day of the performance (pending availability).

**The 21st Annual CAIFF California Independent Film Festival** opens Friday, Aug. 24 at the Rheem Theatre in Moraga and will run through Aug. 30 at both the Orinda and the Rheem theatres showing shorts, comedies, international films, dramas and documentaries. Tickets and the entire schedule available at [caiff.org](http://caiff.org).

**LECTURE & LITERATURE**

**KPFA Radio 94.1 FM presents Martha Nussbaum: The Monarchy of Fear** from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

on Thursday, Aug 23 at St. John’s Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Martha Nussbaum will discuss her new book, “The Monarchy of Fear,” answer questions and sign books. Hosted by C.S. Soong. Cost: \$12 advance, \$15 door. For more info see <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3477398> or call (510) 967-4495.

**Discovering Opera: Mozart’s The Abduction** from the Seraglio, presented by Bradford Wade, opera lover for 40 years from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 13 in the Arts and Science Room, Lafayette Library and Learning Center. Pirates have captured Konstanze and her maid Blonde, and delivered them to the Pasha Selim. The Pasha attempts to win the affections of Konstanze; Osmin, the chief of the palace guard, tries to force himself on Blonde. Can the women’s lovers Belmonte and Pedrillo rescue them from the harem? Lecturer Bradford Wade will give a guided tour of the opera, with a description of the plot interspersed with musical examples. This lecture is given in conjunction with Opera San Jose’s production of The Abduction from the Seraglio, Sept. 15-30. Free.

**KIDS, PARENTS & TEENS**

**Mindful Littles Workshop: Exploring Awe and Wonder** from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 14 at Atma Yoga Studio, 99 Brookwood Rd. Orinda. Awe and Wonder is a magical element of our Universe. When we can tune into it, we practice mindfulness by focusing on the present moment and focusing on something greater than ourselves. During this beautiful workshop, kids will get to experience interactive group dis-

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**OTHER**

**Documentary “Child, Disrupted” coming to CAIFF** - The California Independent Film Festival will be hosting the world premiere one-time screening of the new documentary “Child, Disrupted” at The Rheem Theatre at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 30. “Child, Disrupted” features interviews with experts in the fields of neuroscience, occupational therapy, addiction, psychology and sociology, to uncover the reality behind fears about the effects of screen time on children.

**The Orinda Park and Rec Foundation** is holding its first Run on the Wilder Side at 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 3 at the Wilder Development, a 5 k and a 1-mile run/walk. The course will extend through the Wilder Development. The Foundation is raising money to fund the renewal of the Community Center Park in downtown Orinda. Register at [www.oprfoundation.org](http://www.oprfoundation.org)

**Don’t miss the 14th Annual Orinda Classic Car Show Weekend:** “Dancing with the Cars.” Pre-party, 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7; Classic Car Show, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8. Enter your car and buy party tickets today at [www.Orinda-CarShow.com](http://www.Orinda-CarShow.com). These events benefit the Seniors Around Town transportation program, Educational Foundation of Orinda and other local charities.

**SENIORS**

**Xenophon Therapeutic Riding Center** in collaboration with Connected Horse is offering Equine Assisted Workshops for people with early stage dementia and their care partners. No prior horse experience needed to participate. Participants will be engaging with horses from the ground, no riding. Session 4 - 9:30 a.m. to noon on Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26. If interested in participating, please contact (925) 377.0871; [info@xenophontrc.org](mailto:info@xenophontrc.org). Free.

**A Matter of Balance, presented by Lamorinda Village and Meals on Wheels** Diablo Region, is an 8-week program for those who are experiencing concerns about falling. Held at LOPC, 49 Knox Dr, Lafayette, the program begins at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 14. Registration is required. Fee is \$25 and includes materials and refreshments. Call (925) 283-3500 to register or go online: <https://lamorinda.helpfulvillage.com/events>

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## Four must-see documentaries at this year's CAIFF

By Derek Zemrak

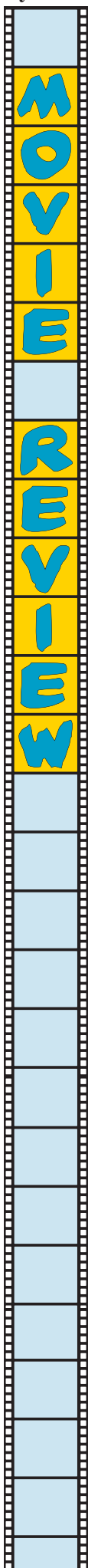


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The 21st California Independent Film Festival starts this Friday, Aug. 24 at the Rheem Theatre with the World Premiere of "The Salzburg Story." Over the weekend, Aug. 25 and 26, the festival will be held at the Orinda Theatre. It returns to the Rheem Theatre at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27 through Aug. 30.

People often ask me: "What should I see?" That is a difficult question because all the films accepted into the festival are the cream of the crop of more than 350 films submitted for consideration.

Here are four documentaries that should not be overlooked:

### Aug. 25 – Orinda Theatre – noon "Up to Snuff"

Millions of people have been touched by his music, yet few know the journey, hardships and triumphs of American musician and composer W.G. Snuffy Walden. In "Up to Snuff," friends and collaborators share personal stories, laughs and insights about this generous soul who overcame the excesses of rock and roll to find success as one of the most beloved composers in television history. Infused with Snuffy's music throughout, the film features luminaries from television, film and music, including Aaron Sorkin, Martin Sheen, Tom Arnold, Timothy Busfield, Fred Savage, Marshall Herskovitz, Steve Lukather, Chaka Khan and Eric Burdon, and scenes from "The West Wing," "Wonder Years," and "Thirtysomething."

### Aug. 27 – Rheem Theatre – 7:45 p.m. Nourishment for the Japanese Soul "Itadakimasu"

Happiness is found at the dinner table by children who are exceptionally healthy and strong from eating "Washoku," which is based on traditional wisdom and knowledge and the concept of "food is medicine." This is the first

documentary in the world that spotlights traditional Japanese cuisine, Washoku, which has acquired UNESCO heritage status, but is not sushi that commonly appears in the media or "gourmet meals at fine dining establishments." The Westernization and globalization of traditional foods around the world are proceeding at an accelerated pace. Ethnic groups are quickly losing their traditional cuisines. Washoku, the traditional dietary cultures of the Japanese, is no exception.

### Aug. 28 – Rheem Theatre – 6 p.m. "Angels in Our Midst" – WWII American nurses in the Normandy Invasion and European Theater

A documentary film that gives voice to the memories of American nurses in the D-Day invasion and beyond. What it took for these women to enlist in the Army, how they lived, and how they were changed by their experiences are some of the questions explored in this film.

These women – thoughtful, funny, courageous – put a human face on war and offer a point of view not always captured in films about World War II.

I have interviewed women across the U.S. who were nurses during World War II. In my interviews, I have come face to face, in the words of Tom Brokaw, with "the greatest generation." I am convinced that these women's stories should not be lost, that we must capture them while there is still time and, most important, that we must keep their memories alive.

These angels give us a glimpse of the realities they confronted in the war; the heart-wrenching experiences they faced and how they dealt with them. Their stories are a testament to their compassion, pluck and resolve, qualities that, in good times and bad, renew our faith in humankind.

In today's world, when our daughters (and sons), our sisters, our women friends, are going forward in an uncertain world – when Wonder Woman recently captured our imagination – it is heartening to listen to these women tell it like it was, with humor and candor.

"Angels in Our Midst" may encourage us to don our capes and go forth, inspired by these gutsy and plainspoken women.

### Aug. 30 – Rheem Theatre – 7:30 p.m. "Child, Disrupted"

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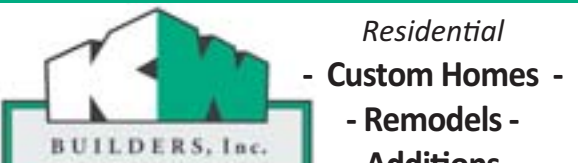


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# LAMORINDA SPORTS

## Lamorinda Football Preview

By Jon Kingdon



Grant Harper

Photos Gint Federas

With a combined 27-11 record and with victories in the playoffs last year, Acalanes, Campolindo and Miramonte can all lay claim to have had successful seasons. Acalanes and Miramonte both made it to the second round of the playoffs and Campolindo made it to the state semifinals. Each school has lost key players that have gone on to play college football, including Acalanes quarterback - Robbie Rowell (California); linebacker - Nick Henderson (California), linebacker - Ryan Nall (MIT); Campolindo free safety - John Torchio (Wisconsin), wide receiver - Ryan Regan (California); and Miramonte running back - Peter Stehr (Boston College), wide receiver - Ethan Fischler, and linebacker - Sam Walker (California).

Through graduation, Acalanes is losing 87 percent of their passing statistics and 66 percent of their receiving yards; Campolindo 80 percent of their passing yards, 77 percent of their receiving yards and 72 percent of their rushing yards. The Cougars have also graduated 11 of their 12 top tacklers on defense. Miramonte lost 82 percent of their passing yards, 73 percent of their receiving yards and 82 percent of their rushing yards. In other words, it's time to reload.

Each of the schools graduated its starting quarterback too, but Campolindo head coach Kevin Ma-

cy's team has taken a particular hit, having graduated 24 seniors which included his entire starting defense. The saying goes, cheer up, things could be worse. So, Macy cheered up and what happened? Things got worse. With so many players needing to step up and start, the last thing Macy needed was for the team to suffer any injuries. Campolindo right now has six projected starters on the sidelines with various injuries. If there is a bright spot to all of this, none of the injuries have proven to be season ending.

Despite so many changes in this year's team, Macy stays true to his philosophy that has worked so well in the past: "Our formula is to find a way to get better as the season progresses. We will be using the non-league games to get ready for the league season and to get mentally tough. With four tough, physical opening games, I'm looking for it to pay off in our league play. We just need to stay healthy."

Junior Grant Harper will be the Cougar's starting quarterback. With so many games decided early for Campolindo last year, Harper was able to get a lot of valuable experience, completing 64 of 98 passes for 836 yards with eight touchdowns and only one interception. Backing up Harper will be Stephen Westfall who may also see some playing time on defense.

Macy, who utilized two differ-

ent offenses last season, a run-oriented one and then a pass-oriented one, will not be asking Harper to be the runner that John Torchio was last season, hoping to keep him healthy, relying on his passing skills to lead the team.

It is going to be a running game by committee led by Michael Brewer who gained 362 yards last season. Says Macy, "Michael is not that big but he knows how to follow his blocks and turn upfield."

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Matt Meredith (5) and Justin Alvarado (55)

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## Lamorinda Football Preview

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Acalanes team at practice

Senior wide receiver Lucas Allen had 48 receptions and nine touchdowns will be starting on one side and Jackson Wheeler, despite limited playing time last season, are penciled in as the starting wide receivers though Wheeler is dealing with an ankle injury. Max Schoenberger is also being counted on in the passing game.

Senior Coby Schnayer, described by Macy as "the leader and the heart and soul of the offensive line," is going to be the glue that holds that unit together. As with so many other projected starters, Schnayer is currently out with an injury.

With so many new starters on defense, Campolindo will be relying on Ryan O'Neal at outside linebacker and Mason Mastrov at defensive end to set the tone for the unit.

Campolindo opened up with a 35-21 victory over Marin Catholic (12-1). Their other non-league games are at St. Ignatius (S.F.); Rancho Cotate (10-2), at Hayward and El Cerrito (7-2).

Going into his third season as the head

coach at Acalanes, Floyd Burnsed will be hard pressed to improve on the team's 9-2 record from last season, particularly with the graduation of quarterback Robbie Rowell. Burnsed has coached a number of top quarterbacks over the years and has a simple solution in replacing them: "Always have a good backup."

Like Campolindo's, with so many one-sided victories last year, Acalanes' backup quarterback Nick Kresnak got to play in a number of games going 25 for 41 for 423 yards with seven touchdowns and one interception. Says Burnsed, "Nick has all the skills. He has a strong arm, a quick release and good feet. We're working hard on his decision making." Mike McDonald who was the junior varsity team's quarterback will be backing up Kresnak.

Acalanes returns its starting running back, junior Jake Delaney who gained 264 yards and scored four touchdowns. Burnsed is very pleased in the growth he has seen in Delaney from last year: "Jake is more physi-



Henry Vacakis (24) and Reed Callister (8)

Photos Gint Federas

cal and faster than last season and has really matured and should have a top season."

Senior Chris Rogers was the second leading receiver last year for Acalanes with 53 receptions and nine touchdowns. Senior Anand Patel has shown well so far in camp and Burnsed is looking for any of a number of underclassmen who have shown well in camp to step up and contribute as well. Tommy Thrasher with 12 receptions last season will be the team's starting tight end.

Without a big offensive line, Burnsed is adjusting his offense to the players' abilities: "I adapt my offense to the players, putting them in position to be successful." Senior guard Eric Larsen will be counted on to provide the leadership and stability for this unit.

The Acalanes defense, lacking somewhat in depth, took an unexpected hit when defensive linemen Seth Pezman's family moved to Houston.

Senior linebackers Alex Cortessis (62 tackles and three tackles for loss) and Nicholas Bettencourt (51 tackles and 4.5 tackles for loss) will be the leaders up front.

The defensive backfield is very young with juniors Ben Clark and Nick Pearson and sophomore Dane Jensen. Senior Scott Brydon (52 tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss) is going to be the leader in holding this unit together.

Acalanes lost a tough home opener against Las Lomas 12-7 and play Vintage (at Napa), Rodriguez (Santa Rosa); Archbishop Mitty (San Jose) and El Cerrito prior to the league schedule.

Miramonte coach Jack Schram came into last season with two seniors (Will Cassriel and Xavier Clark) battling to be the starting quarterback and made it to the second round of the playoffs, finishing the season with an 8-4 record. This season, it is two juniors that are vying to be the team's quarterback - Matt Meredith and A.J. Frazier. Last season, both Meredith (13 for 29 for 153 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions) and Frazier (13 for 25 for 176 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions) got some valuable experience and had great success in the summer 7 on 7 leagues with Miramonte win-

ning 15 straight games. Though appreciative of their performances this summer, Schram understands that the summer passing league is much different from the games in the fall: "We threw the ball very well but in real games, there is going to be a pass rush and we're not going to get four seconds to stand in the pocket and make our throws."

Senior Keilan Stone, the team's third leading receiver from last season with 17 receptions and three touchdowns is the only receiver returning with more than five receptions so there is ample opportunity for last year's JV players to step up as the complements to Stone.

Matching the 1,693 yards gained last season by Peter Stehr will not be easy. Seniors Henry Vacakis who gained 442 yards last season, Tyler Lowe and Guy Barrons to fill that gap. Says Schram: "Since we are thin in numbers here, we have to be smart how we use our backs."

All this is well and good but the key for the offense according to Schram is the development of the team's offensive line: "The key for our offense is pass protection. We have to stay healthy and gain experience here through the nonleague games and come together as a unit."

Miramonte's defense carries more experience than the team's offense. Says Schram: "We have more experience here with a solid linebacking crew."

Ben Schmeidt returns at middle linebacker after compiling 61 tackles and nine tackles for loss last season.

Charlie McIntyre and Henry Connors, both water polo players, are being counted on to solidify the defensive line on the outside along with Zach Barker holding up things inside at defensive tackle.

Schram sums it simply: "We have to hit the ground running and develop as the year progresses."

Miramonte won their home opener against De Anza 32-20. Their other non-league games are at Hillsdale (7-3), at Las Lomas and at Brookside Christian (Stockton).



Lucas Allen

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# Winners of the Heritage Tennis Championships

Submitted by Mark Orwig

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Karue Sell (Los Angeles, CA) def Jianhui Li (China) 6-1, 6-1
- Women's Open Doubles  
Cako-Simmonds def Boren-Pooler 7-5, 6-0
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Menichella-Ventre def Rapp-Sell 6-4, 4-6, 11-9
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# Recognizing two Lamorinda juniors

Submitted by John Sharpe



Taylor Schulz



Leo McDonough

The NorCal USPTA Junior Circuit would like to congratulate two Lamorinda residents for winning their age division at the Tournament of Champions at Saint Mary's College in June. Taylor Schulz of Orinda, G14, and Leo McDonough of Lafayette, B10, were

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# 2018 Contra Costa County Championship Meet



Sterling Mosley, Springbrook Swim Team



Emmie Appl, 1st place women 15-18, 100 IM, she also broke the record in women 15-18 breaststroke with 1:05.30

Photos Gint Federas

### Combined Team Scores - Division I Division

Place	Team	Points
1	Crow Canyon Country Club Sea L	2,089
2	Dana Hills Swim Team	1,622
3	Blackhawk Swim Team	1,493
4	Round Hill Country Club	1,430. 50
5	Scottsdale Swim Team	1,283
6	Springbrook Swim Team	1,199
7	Orinda Country Club	1,086
8	Rancho San Miguel	1,004
9	Sycamore Stingrays	947. 50
10	Del Amigo	895
11	Rancho Colorados Swim Team	756
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### Combined Team Scores - Division II Division

Place	Team	Points
1	Sleepy Hollow Legends	1,075
2	Diablo Swim Team	875. 50
3	Forest Park Swim Team	715. 50
4	San Ramon Aquacats	643. 50
5	Meadow Swim Team	607. 50
6	Walnut Country	525. 50
7	Lmya Dolphins Swim Team	427. 50
8	Orinda Park Pool Swim Team	287. 50
9	Pleasant Hill Aquatics	209. 50
10	Larkey Sharks	202. 50
11	Woodlands	183. 50
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Place	Team	Points
1	Indian Valley Swim Team	377. 50
2	Pinole Seals Swim Team	350
3	Benicia Stingrays	339
4	Walnut Heights Otters	287
5	Walnut Creek Swim Club	284
6	Las Trampas Swim Team	250. 50
7	Moraga Country Club	238. 50
8	Moraga Ranch Swim Club	233
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16	Miramonte Swim Club	149
17	Danville Sea Devils	132
18	Oakhurst Country Club	124
19	Springwood Swim Team	96
20	Hercules Piranhas Swim Team	92. 50
21	Dewing Park Swim Team	89
22	Ahi Swim Team	83
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Event #7	Seed	Prelims	Finals
<b>Bailey Hartman - Female</b> - Age: 12 - Comp#: - CCCC-VS - ID#: 121405BAI*HART - DOB: 12/14/2005			
#7 Girls 11-12 50 Free	24.51 CNTY	24.51 (1) CNTY	24.36 (1) * CNTY 24 Meet Record: 24.36Y
<b>Event #16</b>			
<b>Dylan Gregory - Male</b> - Age: 8 - Comp#: - CCCC-VS - ID#: 061110DYLCGREG - DOB: 6/11/2010			
#16 Boys 7-8 25 Breast	16.61 CNTY	16.61 (1) CNTY	16.90 (1) * CNTY 24 Meet Record: 16.61Y
<b>Event #23</b>			
<b>Emmie Appl - Female</b> - Age: 15 - Comp#: - SH Legends - DOB: 7/22/2002			
#23 Women 15-18 100 Breast	1:07.68 CNTY	1:07.68 (1) CNTY	1:05.30 (1) * CNTY 24 Meet Record: 1:05.30Y
<b>Event #24</b>			
<b>Jacob Soderlund - Male</b> - Age: 15 - Comp#: - Walnut Country - ID#: 080802JACPSODE - DOB: 8/8/2002			
#24 Men 15-18 100 Breast	57.20 CNTY	57.20 (1) CNTY	56.78 (1) CNTY 24 Meet Record: 56.78Y
<b>Event #47</b>			
<b>Sadie Suppiger - Female</b> - Age: 10 - Comp#: - SPBRK-LF - ID#: 080907SADESUPP - DOB: 8/9/2007			
#47 Girls 9-10 50 Back	31.72 CNTY	31.72 (1) CNTY	30.66 (1) CNTY 24 Meet Record: 30.92Y
<b>Event #57</b>			
<b>Katie Hu - Female</b> - Age: 8 - Comp#: - SRAC-VA - ID#: 081609KATMHU** - DOB: 8/16/2009			
#57 Girls 7-8 25 Fly	14.80 CNTY	14.80 (1) CNTY	14.54 (1) CNTY 24 Meet Record: 14.58Y
<b>Event #70</b>			
<b>Jed Johnson - Male</b> - Age: 10 - Comp#: - Scottsdale-ZZ - ID#: 073107JED*JOHN - DOB: 7/31/2007			
#70 Boys 9-10 100 IM	1:08.66 CNTY	1:06.73 (1) CNTY 24	Meet Record: 1:06.73Y

### Relay Seed Prelims Finals

<b>1 Crow Canyon Country Club Sea L - 'A'</b>			
#37 Girls 11-12 200 Medley Relay	1:54.68 CNTY	1:52.16 1:52.88 (1) * CNTY 48	Meet Record: 1:52.16Y
Avery Flagg 12, Aria Capelli 12, Shelby Lew 12, Bailey Hartman 12			
<b>2 Blackhawk Swim Team - 'A'</b>			
#80 Boys 13-14 200 Freestyle Relay	1:31.89 CNTY	1:33.51 1:30.24 (1) * CNTY 48	Meet Record: 1:31.67Y
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Nick Schirmer, Springbrook Swim Team, men 15-18, 100 fly



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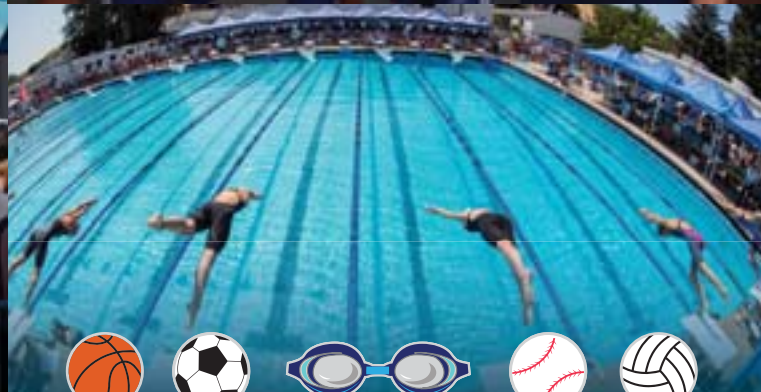
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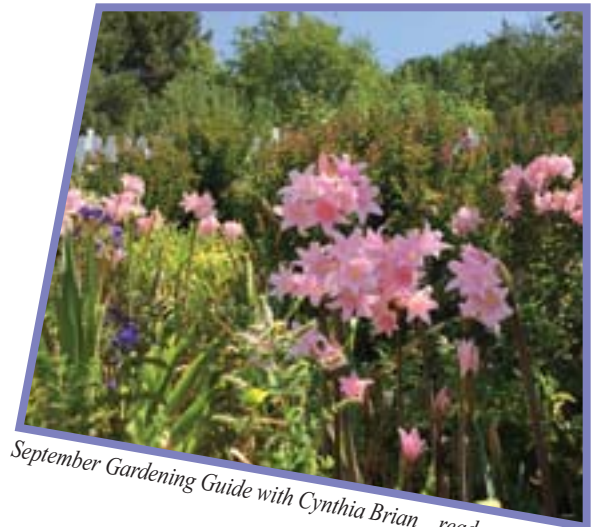
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## Oh ... rats!

By Cathy Dausman



Pouring concrete over crawl space, especially on an underground incline, is hot and dirty work.

Photo provided

Your home is your castle, except when it comes to rodents. These invaders storm your roof, occupy wall space and attics, burrow beneath foundations, plunder available food sources, and establish a breeding colony all in short order. But the presence of rats does not mean homeowners are unclean. Rats and mice are simply opportunistic critters always in search of food and shelter, and many Lamorindans unknowingly provide both.

Nola Woods, public affairs director for the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District (<https://tinyurl.com/y9fl9vk2>) says Lamorinda is home to three varieties of rats. Roof rats are most common. Next is Norway rats, which may also be

known as water or brown rats. A third type – the wood rat – is found along the Highway 24 corridor.

While Lamorindans shudder at the thought of having rats, they unknowingly welcome them by cultivating fruit and vegetable gardens and fruit trees, stocking outdoor pet food, and supplying nuts for squirrels and seeds for birds. Ivy, Italian cypress, a wood pile or overgrown vegetation provide the perfect rodent shelter and is common in all three communities. Construction work—either new construction or remodeling—dislodges rat populations (a group of rats is called a mischief) and can cause them to relocate, which is why you may notice evidence of rodents when you hadn't before. To promote public health awareness and

safety, vector control offers free inspections and advice – at (925) 685-9301 – but they don't do eradication work.

"I remember when it didn't used to be such an issue," says real estate broker Melanie Kozak. She says her colleagues know to come to her with their rodent questions because she's done intensive research. She'll tell you a standard home pest inspection covers wood eating organisms, like termites, but a seller or buyer may need to request a rodent inspection in addition. "If you don't get that inspected," she says, a home sale "is a nightmare."

Kozak thinks rat infestations may be the number one issue confounding a home sale today. Longtime vacant houses and non-owner-occupied homes are most at risk simply because an infestation may go unreported for some time.

Mike Scott and business partner Anthony Lozano co-own Honest Rodent Proofing. Scott says nearly half his company's work is in Lamorinda and he frequently works with real estate agents. He estimates as much as 70 percent of East Bay homes host rodents. It stands to reason, since according to Reader's Digest online, the top five rattiest U.S. cities (not in order) include Chicago, San Francisco-Oakland, New York, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

"Builders just don't think about (excluding) rats," he says, "and residents just don't (want to) talk about it."

Once a rat presence is identified, the homeowner or contractor is left to eradicate the population. Even trimming vegetation, clearing fallen fruit, putting away pet and wildlife food, sealing entry holes and setting traps, may not be enough.

What's left to try? Perhaps a rat slab.

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## Lamorinda Home Sales recorded

City	Last reported:	LOWEST AMOUNT:	HIGHEST AMOUNT:
LAFAYETTE	9	\$1,110,000	\$2,500,000
MORAGA	5	\$350,000	\$1,605,000
ORINDA	8	\$980,000	\$2,600,000

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**LAFAYETTE**

- 3308 Berta Lane, \$1,525,000, 4 Bdrms, 2090 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 7-23-18;  
Previous Sale: \$975,000, 05-13-11
- 944 Hawthorne Drive, \$1,285,000, 3 Bdrms, 1486 SqFt, 1942 YrBlt, 7-26-18;  
Previous Sale: \$812,500, 04-03-17
- 3439 Little Lane, \$1,225,000, 3 Bdrms, 1321 SqFt, 1956 YrBlt, 7-27-18;  
Previous Sale: \$830,000, 05-25-07
- 3498 Monroe Avenue, \$1,675,000, 3 Bdrms, 2127 SqFt, 2005 YrBlt, 7-3-18;  
Previous Sale: \$1,325,000, 07-19-13
- 3368 North Lucille Lane, \$1,110,000, 3 Bdrms, 1534 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 7-27-18;  
Previous Sale: \$579,000, 11-21-02
- 3224 Palomares Avenue, \$1,815,000, 4 Bdrms, 2485 SqFt, 1953 YrBlt, 7-3-18;  
Previous Sale: \$1,360,000, 09-19-12
- 864 Revere Road, \$1,750,000, 4 Bdrms, 2117 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 7-27-18;  
Previous Sale: \$1,650,000, 04-28-17
- 3455 Stage Coach Drive, \$2,500,000, 5 Bdrms, 5122 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 7-24-18;  
Previous Sale: \$1,625,000, 03-05-07
- 3266 Sweet Drive, \$1,395,000, 3 Bdrms, 1202 SqFt, 1950 YrBlt, 7-24-18;  
Previous Sale: \$1,177,000, 12-29-17

**MORAGA**

- 1895 Ascot Drive, \$815,000, 2 Bdrms, 1455 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 7-30-18;  
Previous Sale: \$265,000, 06-03-97
- 1965 Ascot Drive #13, \$350,000, 1 Bdrms, 678 SqFt, 1966 YrBlt, 7-3-18;  
Previous Sale: \$320,000, 08-08-05
- 20 Buckingham Drive, \$1,083,000, 3 Bdrms, 1654 SqFt, 1972 YrBlt, 7-23-18;  
Previous Sale: \$740,000, 10-06-06
- 359 Donald Drive, \$1,605,000, 4 Bdrms, 2211 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 7-23-18;  
Previous Sale: \$1,195,000, 07-27-07
- 38 Kazar Court, \$1,232,000, 4 Bdrms, 1958 SqFt, 1963 YrBlt, 7-24-18;  
Previous Sale: \$759,000, 07-06-11

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- 175 Camino Don Miguel, \$1,895,000, 3 Bdrms, 2213 SqFt, 1955 YrBlt, 7-24-18;  
Previous Sale: \$1,200,000, 03-16-17
- 245 Camino Pablo, \$1,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 1591 SqFt, 1948 YrBlt, 7-23-18;  
Previous Sale: \$815,500, 08-16-17
- 11 Charles Hill Road, \$1,850,000, 4 Bdrms, 3000 SqFt, 1960 YrBlt, 7-26-18;  
Previous Sale: \$1,625,000, 06-15-17
- 19 Crescent Drive, \$980,000, 3 Bdrms, 1826 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 7-30-18
- 499 Dalewood Drive, \$2,575,000, 4 Bdrms, 5000 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 7-27-18
- 81 Hillcrest Drive, \$1,375,000, 4 Bdrms, 2715 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 7-24-18;  
Previous Sale: \$37,000, 12-29-70
- 222 Moraga Way, \$2,600,000, 4 Bdrms, 3457 SqFt, 1941 YrBlt, 7-30-18;  
Previous Sale: \$650,000, 09-26-01
- 66 Stanton Avenue, \$1,044,500, 3 Bdrms, 1838 SqFt, 1940 YrBlt, 7-27-18







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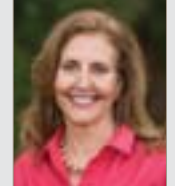
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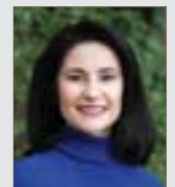
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# Oh ... rats!

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Rats may disturb the insulation from between the floor joists. After the slab cures insulation must be re-installed.



Concrete is delivered into the crawlspace via the easiest route – in this case, a vent opening.

Lozano describes a rat slab as a very thin layer of nonstructural concrete poured over crawlspace dirt. “Slabs seal a home from any pest that burrows. In Lamorinda this is usually Norway rats or skunks,” he says.

Animals intrude crawlspaces to nest and breed away from predators. Despite its ugly name, Lozano says the upgrade keeps water from percolating up from the soil (preventing ground-level mold and water damage) and creates a cleaner, more easily accessible underfloor environment. Lozano says project costs run between \$5-6 per square foot of crawl space —it’s a dirty, multi-day process involving hand labor in confined spaces. Workers suit up and wear respirators to limit their exposure to rodent waste.

First the site is inspected for signs of infestation (rodents, droppings, nesting material, disturbed insulation). The area is cleaned, sanitized and deodorized. Then the earth is graded if needed and outfitted with a drainage system to ensure proper drainage if a water pipe breaks.

Next, a vapor barrier is installed to protect the concrete from ground moisture. Finally, concrete is pumped through a lower vent screen and trawled by hand wall to wall for a lasting seal. Traps are set again to remove any remaining rodents.

The homeowner may notice a slight rise in indoor temperature or humidity for a day or two as the concrete cures (the new surface provides a slight bit of insulation), but it doesn’t last. Scott estimates his callback rate (for rodent activity which continues after slab work) at 3 percent. “It shouldn’t be an issue after that,” Scott says.

Kozak says she sometimes does get push back from listing agents who don’t want sellers to go through the inspection process, but she reassures them that problems can be addressed.

“Rats are a neighborhood problem,” says Woods, adding, “It’s up to each of us as residents to do what we can.”





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# Intentional design to highlight your personal style

By Amanda Eck



Can you believe we are already winding down summer? I am not ready for it to end, but I will not miss this heat. With autumn around the corner our thoughts switch from family vacations, paddling around the pool and outdoor dinners to the comforts of indoors. Shorter days and cozy fires, homemade soup, and lazy Sundays spent lounging around reading.

I love walking into a home and feeling how connected the homeowner is to their home. Their walls may be filled with cherished family photos, or their bookshelves filled with their favorite books, or the coffee tables display some treasure they purchased on their recent travel overseas. Our homes are our safe place, a place where we can be ourselves, let our hair down, put our feet up, show what we love and are drawn to. But our home is also a place where we share with others, our friends, our family, our pets. We want to put our best foot forward when we welcome others into our personal space. And that is where I fully believe that you can have both a space that is comfortable and approachable (i.e. lived-in) as well as beautiful and well appointed.

One does not negate the other. Beauty is a need; we were created in beauty and we crave beauty. Our homes, our surroundings, are a reflection of our soul. And sometimes we need to beautify our surroundings so that our souls can be nourished.

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While we often monitor the output of real estate markets with average price and price per square foot metrics it is also useful to monitor the health of the Bay Area economy to better predict future performance. The Bay Area Council Economic Institute and McKinsey & Company just released the 10th edition of their Bay Area Economic Profile. The report findings are important to understanding the health of our Lamorinda real estate market and its long-term health. While the report touches on many areas, the long-term health of our community and real estate market has always been and will continue to be the quality and health of our schools and children as they will ultimately be the fuel that powers future innovations and communities that will support our real estate market for generations to come.

## Key report findings include:

- Even though these economic success trajectories have been almost unprecedented, the Bay Area economy is still currently on the upswing
- The Bay Area leads in GDP per capita and has significantly outperformed its peer regions in terms of GDP per capita growth over the last three years
- Ten disruptive Bay Area startups have valuations close to or greater than \$4 billion, with 2017 or 2018 funding rounds closing at \$425 million on average. Nine of ten of these companies are headquartered in San Francisco or the East Bay.
- In 2017, 45 percent of US venture capital investments were made in the Bay Area
- Over the years, the Bay Area has failed to build enough housing to keep up with population growth

In summary, while real estate values move in cycles and are subject to correction as cycles come and go, the Bay Area, and especially Lamorinda, are well positioned for growth for decades to come. Lamorinda will benefit from the trend of new-tech companies breaking away from traditional Silicon Valley boundaries and locating



in San Francisco and the East Bay, making Lamorinda a viable commute option. In addition, the continued lack of inventory will put upward pressure on prices as buyers will outnumber sellers for years to come.

For a more comprehensive discussion see the Market Update section of our website at [MartinHomesTeam.com](http://MartinHomesTeam.com).

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## Intentional design ... continued from page D6



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As a designer I take pleasure in connecting with homeowners and their families, learning who they are in their home. My goal is to connect them with their home. One of the greatest compliments I have ever received was from a client's friend who had visited her home and said to her, "This is so you!" It is so important that a home reflect those who live in it.

Here are some ideas on how to create a home that reflects you:

1) **Use your hobbies as inspiration.** Do you love to garden? Why not hang some pretty botanical prints? Do you love music? Maybe hang some framed classic record albums. Do you love photography? Collect antique cameras to display. Just be careful to not get too "theme-y" (yes I made that up). While you

might love the beach, don't fill every nook and cranny of your home with beach paraphernalia. There are subtle ways to display your love for the ocean. A bowl filled with seashells, framed sea fans, or maybe just decorating in colors of the sea can add a coastal vibe.

2) **Travel.** Make it a point every time you travel to pick up something unique to display – no snow globes allowed! Preferably, choose something a local artisan has made. Pottery and small artwork are great and easy to pack in a suitcase. We like to take photos of architectural elements when we travel and I print them in black and white and have them framed.

3) **Look to your closet.** Your closet speaks a lot about you. What colors do you wear the most? Is your wardrobe casual and comfy or bright and colorful? Use that as a jumping off point for your home's color palette. If you are most comfortable in a pair of jeans, T-shirt and a pair of Sperry's, then your home will want to reflect that casual feel. And we are not talking about beanbags and tray tables, people. Let's keep it classy, shall we? But comfy sofas, upholstered ottomans to put your feet up and maybe a woven sisal rug can help the space feel like "jeans and T-shirt." Or maybe you are a little more formal and glamorous, and a button tufted sofa and mirrored coffee table is your ideal.

The most important thing to remember is this is your home and it should not only reflect who you are but it should bring out the best you. It reminds me of the quote from Oprah: "Your home should rise up to meet you."

Take some time this week to ask yourself if your home truly reflects you and your family, and if not, commit to taking some of the steps above to make that happen. And if you find yourself stuck on what to do, give us a call, I would love to embark on that journey of discovery with you.

Until next time!

As the Owner and Principal Designer of Lamorinda-based Amanda Carol Interiors, Amanda Eck believes your home's interior should be both approachable and well-appointed. She often asserts, "Beauty is a necessity."

With a distinct sense of style that mixes contemporary and classic design she fashions spaces that are both elegant and inviting. Her design aesthetic is inspired by anything visual but especially fashion, architecture and art.

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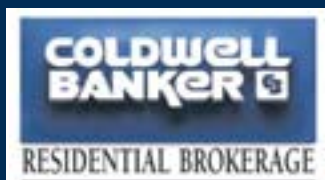
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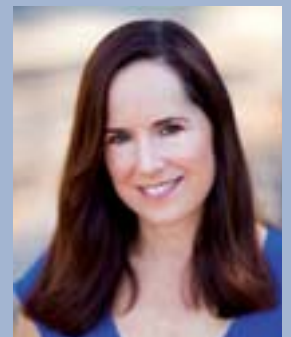
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## Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for September

# Aw shucks!

By Cynthia Brian

*"Plough thorough and deep, while sluggards sleep, and you shall have corn to sell or to keep" – Poor Richard*



Plucking red cherry tomatoes straight from the vine.

Photos Cynthia Brian

In August, there are few things better than eating freshly picked corn or nibbling juicy ripe tomatoes right from the vine. This month our vegetables and herbs are at their prime when shucking corn becomes a family activity. I like to pull back the husks, remove the silk, and wash the cobs, allowing them to soak in clean water for an hour or so. I then proceed to slather the kernels with a mixture of butter, garlic, basil, cilantro and red peppers. Finally, I wrap the husks onto the corn to grill on the barbecue. Delicious.

I dine and dash through my vegetable garden, nibbling on basil, arugula, and cherry tomatoes, only the eggplant, peppers, kale, potatoes, and basket of mixed herbs make it to the kitchen. With the heavenly herb harvest, I dry as many varieties as possible and make gift packets for people who buy any of my eight books. (Yes, I'm excited to announce that my third book in the Be the Star You Are!® series, "Be the Star You Are!® Millennials to Boomers Celebrating Positive Voices in a Changing Digital World" has been published. Buy your autographed copies at <http://www.CynthiaBrian.com/online-store>.)

This month is also a great time to divide your bearded iris. These rugged and reliable bloomers are not attractive to deer. With a shovel, cut rhizomes and plant where

you want another patch of colorful flags. Did you know that the Greek goddess of the rainbow was named Iris?

In this hot month, continue to water deeply and prevent evaporation through mulching. Other advantages of mulching include eliminating weeds, which reduces the need for cultivation and reduces injury to shallow rooted plants. Buckwheat hulls, coffee grounds, shredded corn stalks, peat moss, pine needles (around acid-loving plants), tree bark of cedar, fir, oak and redwood, and wood chips are all excellent materials to use.

I recently wrote an article titled "The Language of Trees" (<https://www.lamorindaweekly.com/archive/issue1204/Digging-Deep-with-Cynthia-Brian-The-language-of-trees.html>) with research proving that trees talk and support one another. When I returned from Ireland, I witnessed a once very erect pine tree reaching out with one of its branches to "hug" a neighboring pine 20 feet away. That pine was bending to reach yet another pine. Because of the volatility of this year's fire season, I will need to cut this lonely limb. Keep your trees trimmed to a minimum of six feet above ground level, remove brush, and dead limbs from around the perimeter of your home. Since we all live in a fire zone, put together an emergency supply kit for your family and pets.

### Suggestions for an emergency supply kit

In the midst of the many disasters last fall, I encouraged clients to put together an emergency "go bag." I would like to share this safety measure with you. Whatever the calamity, it will behoove you to have an emergency supply kit in every vehicle and a larger one in your home. Make sure you know where all of your important documents are located. Make copies and put a reminder note on your bag to grab any necessities that aren't already packed. Sometimes, as is the case with our California wildfires, a matter of minutes was the difference between life and death. Make copies of your passport, driver's license, credit cards, and have some small bills available. Know where your chargers are for phones, tablets and computers. Back up your computers and keep files in the cloud or offsite. Make a plan for your pets and animals and have a bag ready for them as well. Most of all, remember that saving your life and that of your family is the most important thing. Everything else can be replaced.

Fill a backpack or small case with the following:

First Aid kit	Protein bars
Work gloves	Personal hygiene kit with a
Towelettes	toothbrush, soap, medications
Small towel	Matches
Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day)	Candle
Blanket	Flashlight with extra batteries
Walking shoes	Eating utensils
Peanut butter	Breathing masks (Niosh-N95)
Honey	Clothing change

I hope that we never have to use these emergency kits, but it's best to be prepared. Most of the schools are back in session. Drive safely and be aware.

Days are getting slowly shorter. Savor those golden sunsets and enjoy shucking summer's white and yellow corn.







*A graceful garden entrance with carefree foliage, flowing ferns, cascading hardy geraniums, and newly planted begonias.*



*Tiny daisies could be eye-catching in a lawn.*

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# Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for Mid-August

**FINDING** dead birds? West Nile disease is transmitted by bites from infected mosquitoes to many species of birds, especially hawks, owls, crows, and blue jays. If you find a dead bird, do not handle it with your bare hands. Report to the health department or vector control.

**CREATE** an emergency kit for any disaster. Keep a kit in every vehicle and one near an exit door in your home.

**ENCOURAGE** pollinators to visit your garden by continuing to plant agastache, phlox, monarda, liatris, coneflowers and aquilegia.

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**CUT** back tree suckers that are sprouting from tree roots. You'll know they are root suckers as they grow rapidly.

**HARVEST** blackberries. Heavy prune the canes after harvesting.

**DEADHEAD** roses and perennials to continue the blooming season. Make a habit of deadheading once per week.

**SHAPE** wisteria, hibiscus, honeysuckle, lilac, mock orange and trumpet vine.

**COME** to a garden party on Aug. 23! Join A.S.I.D. (American Society of Interior Designers) and Janus et Cie for a Summer Garden Party in San Francisco where you'll enjoy a flower arranging demonstration, elegant bites, cocktails, presentation, and book signing. Info at <https://www.cynthiabrian.com/gardening>.

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.

Cynthia Brian



Once potato leaves die back, it's time to start digging.



Cut, dry, or freeze your over abundance of herbs to use this winter.



Fresh picked corn to be shucked.



Summer is for hollyhocks ... pretty in pink.





*A once straight pine branch now reaches for a hug from a neighboring pine tree.*



*Cut back root suckers that develop on trees.*



*Cynthia Brian enjoying an 11 p.m. sea sunset.*

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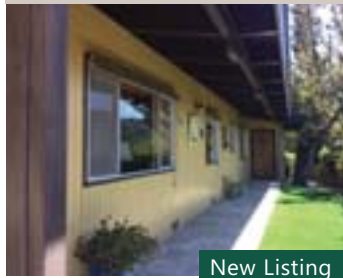


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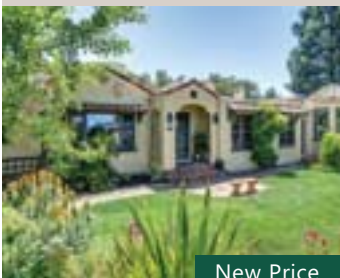
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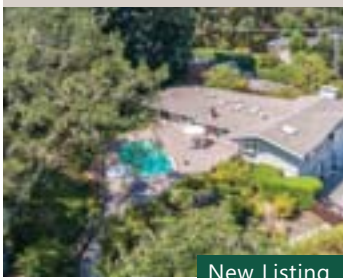


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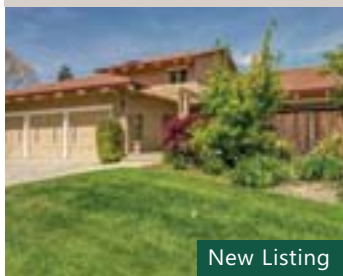
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