

Nominations are open for the 2020 Lafayette Citizen of the Year

Do you have a person in mind for this year's nomination?

Criteria are as follows:

- Must be a current Lafayette resident;
- Must be someone who has given of their time, money or energy to help make Lafayette a healthy community, where people will want to live, work and shop;
- Must be someone who models excellence in everything they do;
- Must be someone who brings this community together and/or makes us proud to be a member of the community.

A celebration dinner will be held on March 13 at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa to honor the winner! The deadline for submitting nominations is at 1 p.m. Feb. 5.

Nominations can be sent to nominations@lamorindaweekly.com or jay@lafayettechamber.org.

Residents pull together to restore native planting on creek banks



Photo Pippa Fisher

Mayor Mike Anderson (left) shares a joke with Restoration Trust Board Chairman John Zentner as they work.

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Members of Girl Scout Troop 33137 took part, working toward their Silver Award along with members of the Youth Commission and members of the Creeks Committee, together with Lafayette Mayor Mike Anderson and City Council Member Teresa Gerring.

The event is the result of the Lafayette Creeks Committee's work to secure financial support from the Walnut Creek Watershed Council and matching funds from the city. The funding made it possible to hire contractors through the Restoration Trust to remove the arundo prior to this planting event, and to pay for the replacement of native plants. Creeks Committee Member Jeff Gilman explained that labor and ongoing maintenance will be handled by volunteers in the future.

There are several areas along the creeks that need this type of restoration work. Gilman says this particular area was chosen for the first event for its central location and visibility, and that there will be signage to mark the spot and draw public attention to the work.

Creeks Committee Chairman Will Elder was very happy with the strong turnout of volunteers. "We had a waiting list for this event," said Elder, who noted that the plan will be to go all the way along the creek toward the reservoir.

Anderson agrees. "This first phase of the Lafayette creek restoration project was a great success with so many Lafayette residents working together and having a good time; while making a significant and lasting improvement to our city," he said. "What a perfect start for a truly beneficial project."

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