

# Las Trampas anticipates grand opening this summer



Photo Pippa Fisher

Las Trampas expects the project will be complete by this summer.

## By Pippa Fisher

As the walls push up from the ground of the site of the new campus, with completion now in sight, so Las Trampas' push for the next phase of fundraising in the capital campaign intensifies too.

"Las Trampas School has been a proud feature of Lafayette for over 60 years and, as they say, it takes a community," says Capital Campaign Committee Member Kathy Merchant, who hopes the community will continue to support them as they try and reach their fundraising goal.

The "Reach Beyond" capital campaign was launched in 2016. Las Trampas is now launching the public fundraising phase to complete its \$13 million goal.

According to Merchant, its immediate challenge is to raise \$160,000 by the end of February in order to receive a \$500,000 matching grant from an East Bay foundation. She hopes the community will

"reach" out with a gift or pledge by the end of the month.

Las Trampas, an organization dedicated to supporting adults with developmental disabilities, is undertaking a huge remodel, replacing a large portion of the deteriorating 1968 building. Located next to the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail, walkers, runners, and cyclists have seen the progress from the demolition, to foundation, to framing, and now to the walls of what will be a state-of-the-art facility, since the ground-breaking in 2019.

"With so little rain as impediment, progress has been amazingly swift," says Merchant. "Now the end is within 'reach,' with an estimated mid-summer 2021 Grand Opening of a stunning new facility that will serve up to 120 individuals with developmental disabilities."

More information on the project and how to donate can be found on the website [www.lastrampas.org](http://www.lastrampas.org).

# Stanley vaccine drive-through misunderstanding cleared; all participants guaranteed second doses

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A partnership of doctors, nurses, community volunteers together with a local seniors organization that recently mobilized to bring COVID-19 vaccines to over 500 seniors was halted two weeks later, while the county reviewed the operation, leaving seniors confused and frustrated as they scrambled to find their second doses within the recommended timeframe. Now however, the lead doctor has been cleared of any wrongdoing and plans to continue with similar community clinics when they can access vaccine.

Dr. Rebecca Parish was exonerated late Friday, Jan. 29, according to her attorney Dan Horowitz who explained the clinic had been put on hold as a result of a misunderstanding with another doctor over county rules. The matter was brought to the attention of county officials, who stopped the operation while they reviewed the records.

This coincided with the county changing operations to open several large vaccination sites.

During that time it left many seniors with considerable anxiety about finding the correct second dose within

the recommended three-week timeframe since the follow-up drive-through clinic at Stanley Middle School has been canceled. Many spent hours on the phone trying to arrange next shots for themselves.

The county has since stated it will honor all follow-up doses and those who received their first shot at Stanley will receive emails and phone calls with more information on receiving a second dose. Those 75 and older will be contacted by John Muir to arrange follow up appointments, and those 74 and younger will be contacted by the county. Appointments will be made within the timeframe allowable for the vaccine to be effective.

Lamorinda Village Operations Manager Kathryn Ishizu says they were proud to have participated in such an uplifting community event. "We are grateful to the incredible clinicians and volunteers who gave their time and effort to this free clinic for seniors," she said, noting that there was a palpable sense of relief and a feeling of hope that permeated everyone the entire weekend. "Seniors and volunteers came away feeling as if there is a light at the end of the dark pandemic tunnel." ... continued on Page A9



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Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.  
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