



EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Linda Ehrich
Realtor
93 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563
925.698.1452
Linda@LindaEhrich.com
www.LindaEhrich.com
DRE# 01330298



LINDA EHRICH



**Family Camp Out
August 14-15**

Registration Now Open

moragarec.com
925-888-7045



Rheem Theatre welcomes excited movie-goers back inside



The Rheem Theatre greets patrons once again

Photo Vera Kochan

By Vera Kochan

Ah, the smell of freshly buttered popcorn popping that wasn't made in your home's microwave. Yes, the COVID mandates have loosened further, and movie theatres have opened their doors wide, just in time for the summer blockbuster season.

With safety precautions in place, the Rheem Theatre

located at 350 Park Street, Moraga, in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, has joined the ranks by offering the highly touted new release "Black Widow," along with "The Boss Baby: Family Business" and "Fast and Furious 9 – The Fast Saga." Please note, movie line-ups may have changed. Check the theatre's website for current information.

Built in 1957, the inde-

pendent theatre suffered some lean years before Cinema West purchased it in April 2019, and gave the old gem a much needed face lift. The Rheem's grand reopening took place on Dec. 19, 2019, only to have COVID shut things down nationally a mere three months later in March.

The theatre's new general manager, Peter Bellomo, commuted from his home in

Petaluma to open the place up on July 8 for "Black Widow" previews, with the official opening on July 9 commanding a sizable ticket pre-sale crowd of 100 people for the 6:30 p.m. showing. That's not even mentioning the walk-ins.

Assistant Manager Tiffanie Souza-Cone said, "I had a couple come in last night that wanted to come check out the remodeled theatre. My last customers were from Berkeley. They used to live in town and wanted to see the Rheem again."

"It's very different," stated patron Sara MacKay. "I haven't been here since they remodeled."

The Rheem appears to be attracting out-of-towners who appreciate the ambiance of

one of Moraga's historic treasures. "I've never been here before," enthused Sam Bautista of Oakland. "I heard it was the best kept secret of movie theatres." She was joined by a friend from Dublin and another from as far away as Sacramento.

Fifteen minutes before show time, the lobby was packed with patrons lining up at the concessions stand, eager to enjoy their first visit to a movie theatre in over a year, while the parking lot outside was filling up with cars and people all heading in one direction. If you didn't know where the Rheem Theatre was located, all you had to do was follow the scent of buttered popcorn in the air.



*until supplies last

MORAGA GARDEN CENTER

5 gallon daylilies 50% OFF
20% OFF camellias*

Trees & Shrubs • Flowers & Vegetables
Soil Products & Fertilizers
Organic Products & Seeds

located at the Moraga Shopping Center
925-376-1810



LIFE IS
OPEN
IN WALNUT CREEK

"It's not as good as we imagined. It's better."

-victoria greenleaf, new viamonte resident

After a lifetime in the Bay Area, Ray and Victoria have known for decades that Walnut Creek is where they hoped to retire. What they weren't expecting was that Viamonte would exceed those hopes in every respect.

After five years of envisioning their best possible future, our first residents are delighted to now be experiencing the rare and special beauty of our setting, the peerless design of our residences and campus, and the exceptional people who live and work at Viamonte.

See what they can't stop talking about.

Make an appointment to visit us securely in person or online today.

SEQUOIA
LIVINGSM

VIAMONTE | WALNUT CREEK



DYNAMIC SENIOR LIVING • 925-856-5985 • VIAMONTELIVING.ORG •   

RCFE #079201006