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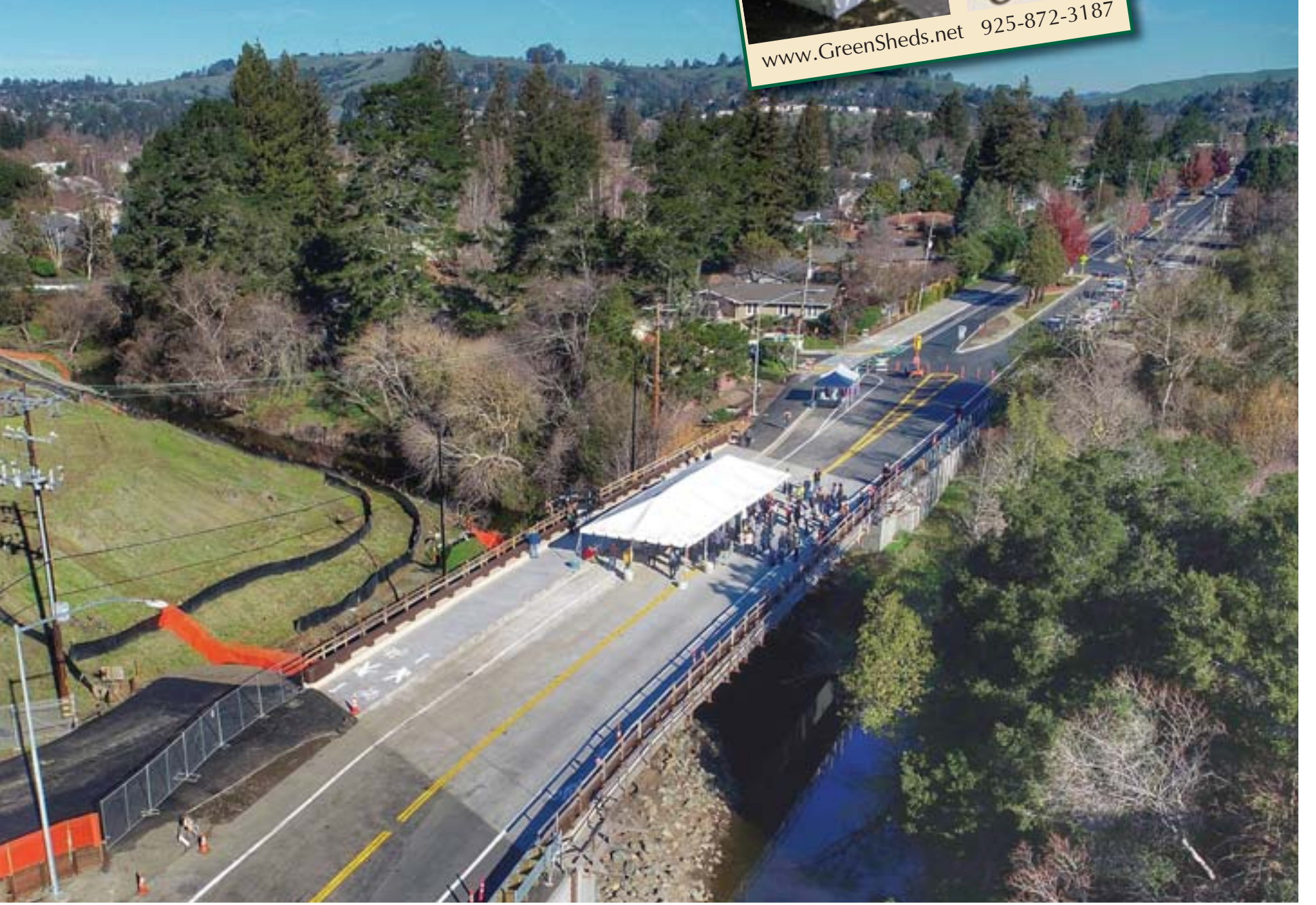
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An aerial view of the Jan. 20 Canyon Road Bridge Opening Ceremony.

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After nearly five years, Canyon Road Bridge opens for two-lane traffic

By Vera Kochan

Commuters and bicyclists who use the Canyon Road Bridge on a regular basis have undoubtedly realized, as of Jan. 20, that they no longer have to wait patiently at a stop light for their turn to cross the bridge – a habit that lasted for nearly five years.

The original bridge, built in 1936, was damaged during 2017 landslides. Since that time, the town of Moraga has poured its efforts into a replacement bridge (another two-way, modern steel-reinforced,

concrete bridge) with enhancements such as street lights, pedestrian walkways, bike lanes, a bench and a multi-use path connecting the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail.

The Opening Ceremony and ribbon cutting was attended by at least 100 people who wasted no time standing along the side railings of the bridge to look at the views below.

Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg began the event by noting that “construction of both the temporary bridge and the replacement bridge were big complicated projects for Moraga’s small staff. There

were many hurdles and challenges, including navigating environmental constraints, securing grant funding, and construction and supply delays due to COVID. Moraga is the little engine that could, but truth be told, we couldn’t have done it alone.” She went on to thank the many agencies involved during the construction process with a shout-out to Moraga’s residents, Moraga Country Club Homeowners Association, Canyon’s residents and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

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Festive Chinese New Year decorations displayed in Lamorinda



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The Eng Family of Orinda shared decorations with the community, on display at the Orinda Library.



Moraga Way residents celebrate Chinese New Year by hanging red lanterns from a front yard tree.

Chinese New Year, the celebration of the start of a new lunar year, began Feb. 1. Each year in the Chinese calendar is associated with one of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac; 2022 is the Year of the Tiger. To celebrate, the Eng family of Orinda has lent a number

of pieces traditionally used in the celebration to the Orinda Library. The display will remain up through February. Red lanterns are also traditional at this time of the year, and can be seen decorating various homes around the area.

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