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Rising Loafer Wins Environmental Awards
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Rising Loafer Café and Bakery recently received a Cool California Small Business Climate Leader award for 2013. It is the only restaurant in the state to earn a spot on this year's list of small business climate leaders. The award was announced in January and presented during a February ceremony in Sacramento. The recognition follows on the heels of Rising Loafer's receipt of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's Pollution Prevention Award last September. Rising Loafer is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday-Monday (closed Tuesday).



Ahmed Shibli Photo provided

Grace Health Care Open House and New 5-Star Rating
348 Rheem Blvd., Moraga
(925) 376-5995

Grace Healthcare of Moraga (formerly Rheem Valley Convalescent Hospital and Rehabilitation) specializes in post-acute rehabilitation and skilled nursing care. Its facility, located at 348 Rheem Blvd., was recently remodeled and the rooms and common spaces were upgraded. The community is invited to tour the facility from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17 and meet the team while enjoying refreshments and entertainment. The facility, which accepts Medicare/Medicaid patients, received a 5-star overall rating for 2014 by U.S. News.

Senior Helpers of Contra Costa Wins Award
1550 Viader Dr., Suite D, Moraga
(925) 376-8000

www.seniorhelpers.com/contracosta

Senior Helpers of Contra Costa has been awarded the 2014 Best of Home Care Provider of Choice Award by Home Care Pulse. This award is given to home care providers who receive the highest satisfaction scores from their current clients. Senior Helpers of Contra Costa is honored to have received the award for the second year in a row. Based in Moraga, Senior Helpers connects professional caregivers with seniors who wish to live at home as opposed to a nursing or assisted living facility.

Business Anniversary

Tot Drop Turns 20!

480 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette
(925) 284-3999



Tot Drop celebrates its 20th anniversary.

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Ruth Kaiser had the idea for Tot Drop 20 years ago when she had to have a root canal on a day her son was not going to preschool and she had to take him with her. "Not a fun experience with a stressed toddler," she recalls. She had run a preschool herself, but, "I wanted to create a preschool that was completely geared to the needs of the children, so I contacted the City of Lafayette and we agreed on using a space in the Community Center," at 480 St. Mary's Rd. Kaiser says it was an immediate success and pretty soon other East Bay cities contacted her to open other Tot Drops. "At one point there were Tot Drops in San Ramon, Danville, Walnut Creek, Livermore, Hercules, Concord, and Benicia," she remembers. "But with the economic down-turn, even though parents pay only for the hours the kids are there, the attendance dropped dramatically." Today there are only two Tot Drops; one that's been in Livermore for nine years and the original Lafayette Tot Drop that's still going strong after 20 years. "People often ask me about our curriculum," says Kaiser. "I say it is to learn independence and kindness." Tot Drop accepts children from 1-5 years of age for as little as an hour or as many as 12 hours per week – no fixed schedule required. "We place the happiness of kids first," says Kaiser. The anniversary celebration was held March 27.

New from the three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

Monthly Mixer at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 at Byron Park, 1700 Tice Valley Blvd. in Walnut Creek.

Entrepreneur's Club at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 17, in the Chamber conference room.

Green Committee Open Meeting at noon Tuesday, April 22 in the Chamber conference room.

Business Forum/Government Affairs meeting at 8 a.m. Friday, April 25 in the Chamber conference room.

Earth Day festivities begin at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 27 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Moraga

Membership meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 2 at the Hacienda de las Flores. Dr. and Mrs. Donahue from Saint Mary's College will be the guest speakers.

Orinda

The Orinda Trivia Bee, sponsored by the Chamber and the Orinda Rotary Club, begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 25 at the Orinda Masonic Lodge, 9 Altarinda Rd., Orinda. \$360 per team – dinner included (up to six people per team). For more information call Candy Kattenburg at (925) 254-3909. To reserve and pay your team entry fee online go to the Chamber website at Orindachamber.org.

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