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Whole Foods Welcomes Shoppers Soon

By Cathy Tyson

Mark your calendars, on May 18 at 10:00 a.m. Lafayette's Whole Foods Market will be officially open for business. Lamorinda Weekly staff got a special sneak preview while the store was still nearing completion. This will be the fifth East Bay location for the Austin, Texas based natural and organic food retailer.

"Whole Foods Market is so excited to be a part of the Lam-

orinda community," said Gary Ramirez, Store Team Leader for Lafayette. "We look forward to being a trusted neighborhood resource where folks can learn about healthy eating, pick up nutritious and delicious foods for their families, take a break from cycling and enjoy lunch on our gorgeous outdoor patio and really feel at home."

A special celebration is planned for Lamorinda residents on

Sunday, May 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot featuring local vendors sampling their delicious products, arts and crafts, even sneak-peek store tours. Hungry carnivores can nosh on a variety of locally sourced barbecued meat at the parking lot party: Field to Family air chilled chicken, Diestel turkey, Panorama 100 percent grass-fed organic beef and Pozzi grass-fed lamb.

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Quote of the Week:

"At the end of the day, it is our students who are the true beneficiaries of your commitment to their educational program."

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Why We Love Lamorinda – On Film

By Sophie Braccini



From left: Jason Alexander, Grant Stubblefield, Derek Zemrak, Police Chief Robert Priebe, Beau Behan, Dorian MacNeil, Fire Chief Darrell Lee, Christian Knox, Edy Schwartz. In front, Orinda winner Will Knox. Not pictured, Lafayette winners Ted Fuller and Norma Lent. Photo Doug Kohen

Once a year, Lamorinda's three Chambers of Commerce meet to share perspectives and mingle. Recently it was Moraga's turn to host the meeting; the location was the New Rheem Theatre – in such a venue, the screening of first-run cinematic masterpieces seemed only

natural.

So a contest was launched, with precise parameters: Residents were asked to submit a three-minute video exploring why they love to live, work, and play in their town or city. A diverse set of about a dozen entries was received, from a simple slide show to an elaborate movie with a script and sound track; from a goofy inspiration to a conventional community presentation. There was one winner per community.

Ted Fuller and Norma Lent took the prize for Lafayette with a charming interpretation of a song from My Fair Lady, "On the Street Where You Live." The Moraga Police Department's winning entry disproved the notion that cops don't have a sense of humor.

Orinda had only one entry but Will Knox, a 6th grader at Orinda Intermediate School, truly deserved the reward that came with first place.

Jay Lifson, the Executive Director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, surely had a hard time choosing the winning film for Lafayette. Fuller and Lent, two senior Lafayette residents, created a piece that was attentively produced, matching every word of their remix with images of Lafayette. "I took a class on videotaping at De La Salle," explained Fuller, "The movie was a class project to be taken to the City Council for presentation or for taking action." His wife rewrote the lyrics of the famous show tune, which they sang together.

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We Knew it All Along

GreatSchools.org ranks Lamorinda schools among the best



By Sophie Braccini
 Did you hear that Lamorinda has the best schools around? A recent Forbes magazine article has been all the buzz of late, and generated national attention to results compiled by a non-profit organization, GreatSchools.org, ...
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NASA Photos from Space Make an Impact on Students



By Cathy Tyson
 "The universe is a big puzzle, we are figuring it out one piece at a time," said Dr. Margaret Race at a special program, "From the Earth to the Universe," for students in grades five through twelve. With a fabulous PowerPoint ...
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Lafayette Artist Delivers Funky Custom Mailboxes



By Cathy Tyson
 It all started a number of years ago when teenagers came through a quiet Lafayette neighborhood and smashed mailboxes. Structural engineer and homeowner Ken Hughes looked for an artistic solution and voila, the mailbox dog was born.
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