

Handicapped Ramp Inaccessible to Disabled BART Patrons

By Cathy Tyson



Photo Cathy Tyson

What's wrong with this picture? The \$2 million ramp completed in April on the south side of the Lafayette BART station has no associated curb cuts anywhere in the adjacent parking lot to accommodate wheelchairs and no handicapped parking spots.

"The ramp was designed to provide access to the trail," said BART spokesperson Jim Allison. He explained that the handicapped parking requirement for the entire station is met with more than the required number of spots, 27, in the north parking lot which is closer to the station and has flatter access.

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These two new vehicles can be seen all over town. Rumor has it they have been amazingly successful in their mission to gently remind motorists to obey the law. Slow down or pay – it's a fairly simple concept. C. Tyson

What Local Trivia Group is Calling it Quits?

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The team was predominantly composed of city employees and spouses: Robin and Ben Townley, Sue Graves, Mark Robbins, Sarah Allen, and Therese Kain, along with Anderson. With categories like current events, first ladies, name that hat and movie musicals, trivia participants had to be keenly aware of the world outside of Lamorinda. Sometimes those factoids come from unusual sources. A vegetarian team member's mother was a

butcher, so she was the go-to gal for meaty questions.

Second place went to "Never Winter Nights" third went to the "Red Eagles." Petars Pub, which hosted the Thursday night get-togethers, donated the space, the sound system and prizes. While Michael Cass and Lindy Chan are stepping down, Petars will continue the fun. Contact Petars directly or Jeanette at jkermani@pacbell.net for more information.

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