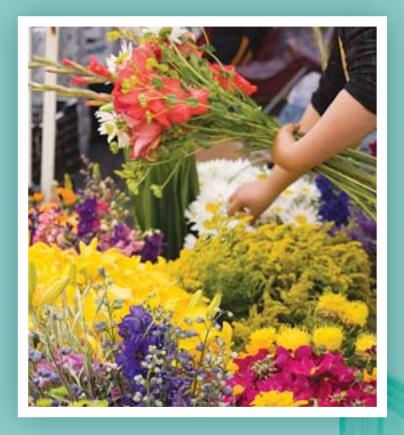
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Civic News Lafayette

Reservoir Parking Lot Update Mostly Complete

By Cathy Tyson



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Plame it on the rain. While the new and improved parking lot at the Lafayette Reservoir is almost complete, there have been some delays due to inclement weather. The East Bay Municipal Utility District is upgrading the main parking lot to help improve traffic flow and provide more short-term parking spaces. The old parking meters are still there, though noticeably wobbly— the new updated solarpowered meters slated to be installed will accept plastic as well as quarters for payment. A parallel row of additional short term to \$120. Seniors can get a disparking is awaiting striping. Included in the workplan is construction of new ADA-compliant of spring-like weather didn't sidewalks, guardrails, curbs and benches.

Pedestrians may not notice the new bio-retention system that will the reservoir.

There's still a bit of work to be done that is temperature-dependent. said spokesperson Nora Harlow referring to stamping the asphalt and a slurry seal that requires a minimum temperature to cure. She estimates it should all be complete in the next month or so.

Bring some extra quarters, starting in January of this year the hourly rate has gone up from \$1 to \$1.50, the hourly fee was last increased in 2002. In addition, there has been an increase in the price of an annual pass from \$100 counted annual pass for \$80.

On a recent gray day the lack deter a substantial number of young moms with strollers or happy dog walkers, and folks just looking for a good workout. The filter parking lot storm water Lafayette Reservoir is as busy as runoff before it's discharged into ever – just mind the orange cones.

New Eatery at Old Petar's Location

By Cathy Tyson

oodbye Petar's, hello The casual menu with mainstream fa-Cormick and Schmick's fame, exrestaurant tentatively slated to open in the late summer. The chain now has more than 80 restaurants nationwide, from Oregon to Rhode Island, with their closest location right in Berkeley Spenger's Fresh Fish Grotto. Lafayette resident McCormick used to run the City Tavern on more than a dozen years.

with a family friendly, but upscale making.

Cooperage – an American vorites including steak, seafood, bar and grill, in Petar's former lo- chicken and pork coming from cation on Lafayette Circle. With the open kitchen with large rotis-Andrew McCormick at the helm, serie grill. But before the oysters the son of Bill McCormick of Rockefeller hits tables, a substanseafood restaurant chain Mc- tial remodel will be in the works.

What's a Cooperage? It's the pectations are high for the new bar where McCormick's parents first met, according to Diablo Magazine. Although the word was new to this reporter, cooperage also refers to the facility in which a "cooper" -someone who makes wooden staved vessels such as casks, barrels and the always handy butter churnworks. Surely head chef Eric bustling Fillmore Street in San Hopfinger, who has had stints at Francisco's Marina district for Jake's on Market, Circa, and Long Bar and as a contestant on Petar's former patrons can "Top Chef" will be putting his look forward to a welcoming bar culinary chops to work grilling with flat screen televisions, along the perfect steak and not barrel-

