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Orinda Parade 2012



Moraga Fireworks 2012

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## Festivities, Flags and Fireworks!

By Cathy Dausman

The entire Lamorinda community is pulling together this year to make the Fourth of July festivities the most exciting ever! The fourth of July parade in Orinda is now 30 years old, and like a good grownup, it has become more inclusive – calling itself the Lamorinda Fourth of July Parade.

Orinda Association president and event co-chair Bill Waterman said the name change came about two years ago when the city began soliciting more collaboration among the area nonprofit groups that traditionally assist at the red, white and blue celebration.


To broaden the outreach, the association sought input from Kathe Nelson of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Jay Ingram of Moraga Parks & Recreation and Jay Lifson, executive director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

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### Quote of the Week:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Happy Independence Day!


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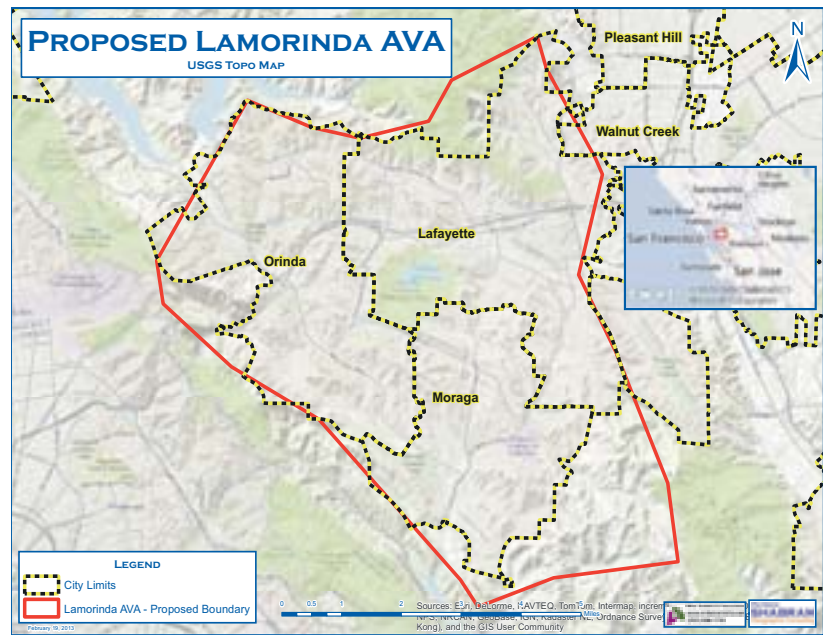
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## Lamorinda Gets Closer to Official Wine Region Designation

By Sophie Braccini



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At its regular Libation Party at the Moraga Barn June 19, the Lamorinda Wine Growers Association celebrated the acceptance of its application for Lamorinda to become an official grape growing region. Once the decision is ratified and published, which can take up to two years, local growers will be able to include the official appellation "Lamorinda Wine" on their bottle labels.

Working with experts as the group developed their application, they discovered that Lamorinda is even more unique than they thought.

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## Bradley Headed Home

By Nick Marnell

When Moraga-Orinda Fire District Fire Chief Randall Bradley announced June 28 that he will take a similar position with the Modesto Regional Fire Authority, he vaulted himself into a public entity serving six times the population of MOFD with nearly double the annual budget, as well as being four times closer to his home in Manteca.

"It's a dream job for me," said Bradley.

Bradley took over MOFD in November 2009, a district reeling from the negative fallout over its handling of the previous fire chief's \$240,000 annual pension. But the one-time pro basketball hopeful said he welcomed the challenge.

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