Not to be missed



OTHER ... continued

Join Friends of Orinda Creeks in the annual beach and inland watershed cleanup right here in Orinda at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 in the parking lot next to Vintage House, 25 Orinda Way. Bring sunscreen, gloves, and wear long pants and sturdy shoes. All other equipment will be provided. For further information, contact Jim Luini at (925) 254-6208.

Toast to Moraga - 40th Anniversary Celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Moraga Commons Park. Pre-registration required; deadline is Sept. 12. Join the community for a picnic-style (bring your own), dinner in the park to celebrate the Town of Moraga's 40th anniversary of incorporation. Celebrate by sharing a meal with friends, family and neighbors. Reserve your table early; each 6-foot table comes with six chairs and a bottle of sparkling juice for \$35. (You can reserve as many tables as you like). Register Online or download the application form. For more info and to register, visit www.moraga.ca.us/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=224022.

Stephen Ministry Workshop at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. The Stephen Ministry provides one-on-one Christian care for those who are experiencing difficulties with life's challenges. For more info and to register, visit

www.stephenministry.org/workshop or call Stephen Ministries at (314) 428-2600. Admission: \$15 for individuals/ \$50 for groups of four or more.

Grab your running or walking shoes, your family and friends and join Las Trampas for the 5th Annual Walk n' Roll on Saturday, Sept. 27. This family-friendly event is a 1 mile or 5K run, stroll or roll along the Lafayette Moraga Trail that runs behind Las Trampas. Registration is \$25/person and children under 8 are free. This is a very special day for Las Trampas clients so if you're not able to attend, please consider sponsoring one or more clients' \$25 registration fee. Entry fee includes an event Tshirt, refreshments, light brunch, carnival games, free raffle with prizes, and live entertainment.

Calling All Armed Forces Veterans. **Interested in Learning** More about the American Legion and Lafayette Post 517? In Celebration of Oktoberfest please join there will be a dinner Oct. 1: social at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. For reservations, call (925) 284-2201.

Women Unleashed from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 at ARF in Walnut Creek. You deserve a "girls night in" at ARF surrounded by precious pups and cute cats! Enjoy complimentary wine, martinis, and appetizers while you browse and shop for bling, purses, scarves, clothing, beauty products, and other items especially for women. Cost: \$20 per

person. Childcare for ages 3-12 available for \$5 per child.

Lafayette Juniors 21st Annual Rummage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Informational meeting regarding a Saturday, Oct. 4. Special early bird entrance fee: \$3 per adult from 7 to 8 a.m. Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive in Lafayette. Pre-loved designer clothes, baby and kid clothes, toys, and gear, furniture, household goods, and much more. For info, visit www.lafayettejuniors.org.

Serbian Food Festival from noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 1700 School St. Moraga. Live Serbian music, delicious home-made pastries, Sarma, Kobasice, Cevapcici, Raznici, pork and lamb and barbecued ox.

Contra Costa County AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to become members of a team providing free tax preparation for individuals of all ages. Tax-Aide volunteer positions include tax counselors who are trained by Tax-Aide and certified by the IRS and client facilitators who schedule appointments and assist clients at tax sites. Orientation is in November and classes for tax counselors start January, 2015. If interested, call LaVerne Gordon at (925) 726-3199 for information and to apply.

POLITICAL GATHERINGS

Local Democratic Candidate Information Night Hosted by the Lamorinda Democratic Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11. Come and meet many of the Democratic candidates for local city councils, school boards and regional districts in the Lamorinda area.

Lamorinda Republican Women Federated welcomes Pleasant Hill City Council member Jack Weir as the luncheon speaker at noon Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Orinda Country Club. Social at 11:15 a.m.; lunch at noon. Cost: \$25 per/person. For reservations and info, phone Elsie Euing at (925) 254-8617 or email reservations@lamorindarepublicanwomen.org. online

www.LaMorindaRepublican-Women.org.

Moraga Candidates Night at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Hear the Town Council candidates: Dave Trotter, Ken Chew, and Teresa Onoda. Bring your ques

SENIORS

Sons In Retirement Las Trampas Branch 116 luncheon meeting at Walnut Creek Elks Lodge, 1475 Creekside Dr. will feature speaker Bill Andrew, manager, Marine Transportation, Chevron Shipping LLC at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15. He will discuss a history of Somali piracy and tactics, and maritime and military response and current piracy threats. For reservations, call (925) 322-1160 by Wednesday, Sept. 10. Lunch is \$15.

For info about SIR activities for retired men, please www.Branch116.org.

new Men's Slow Pitch Softball League, for seniors ages 68 years and up in Lamorinda is scheduled at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 at Buckeye Fields Meeting Room, 711 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette. This new Lamorinda team for players with varying levels of experience focuses on fun, camaraderie and safety. Games in this recreational league will be Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., with practices Mondays, 9 to 10:30 a.m. Teams played will be Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill and Concord. For more information, please contact Alan Cupples at alkanije@aol.com or (925) 876-9974. Please write "Softball" in subject line of email.

GARDEN

Lafayette Garden Club, Thursday, Sept. 11 meeting and program: "Urban Farmgirls," a SF garden design firm will present a special program on vertical gardening and succulent wreaths. "Urban Farmgirls" is a creative, full-service gardening company that specializes in earthfriendly alternative garden solutions. Guests welcome! Coffee starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by the meeting from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. For info, cpoetzsch@gmail.com.

Moraga Garden Club meets the third Thursday of each month September to May at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School St., Moraga. Social hour at 9:30 a.m., meeting at 10 a.m. The Sept. 18 meeting will feature speaker, Jolene Adams, President of the American Rose Society. Her topic is "Feeding your roses – when and what. Rose diseases – prevention and cure." Guests are welcome.

Montelindo Garden Club meeting (third Friday, September thru May) will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephens Drive, Orinda, Visitors welcome. Topic: "Roots Demystified, Change Your Garden Habits to Help Roots Thrive" with speaker Robert Kourik. For info, visit www.robertkourik.com www.montelindogarden.com.

Service Clubs Announcement



September 12:

John Coleman, Director,

'Water Usage and its

Challenges'

EBMUD Board will discuss

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