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business briefs



Helen Bentkowski in her new Orinda store, Sanvitalia Photo Sophie Braccini
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Following a rent hike at her former location next to Novina Fine Jewelry, Minoo Motlagh, owner of Lafayette Vogue Cleaners and Alterations, recently relocated to the store between GNC and Johnny's Donuts. "I've had this business for 12 years in Lafayette," said Motlagh. "Finally I (found) this location and I am very happy here." Motlagh says her customers are happy, too, and she has the best customers in the world.

Glamorous Boutique Celebrates Four Years in Lafayette
 1048 Brown Ave., Lafayette
 (925) 284-1217 - www.facebook.com/glamorouslafayette

Eliza Jamkochian will celebrate the fourth anniversary of Glamorous Boutique from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, where beverages and light appetizers will be served to clients. Glamorous Boutique's all new fall and winter inventory of special occasion and cocktail dresses has arrived, including something for that special night out. Corrine Christensen, a stylist with J. Hilburn, a men's clothing brand that offers custom shirts made to order and many ready-to-wear options such as cashmere sweaters, custom belts, cufflinks, ties, socks and pocket squares, will be at Glamorous Boutique for the celebration.

Cashmere 'Pop Up' Sale Continues in Lafayette
 3604 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette
thecashmeresale.com

The Cashmere Sale pop up store in Lafayette, two doors west of Pizza Antica, is continuing its sale of high quality cashmere sweaters, jumpers, cardigans, and scarfs in multiple sizes and colors

Sanvitalia Opens in Theatre Square
 2 Theater Square, 110, Orinda
 (925) 258-6900

Helen Bentkowski has several passions: food, interior decoration and plants. Her new Orinda store, Sanvitalia Home and Garden, located on the first floor of Theater Square, across from Sweet Dreams Toy Store, combines her love of plants and decorations. The store is currently filled with festive decorations, orchids and succulent arrangements. Inside, unique Christmas ornaments adorn trees, and tables are cheerfully dressed up. "I was a nursery manager for the longest time," says Bentkowski, who has a love for food as well as the plant world, "and several years ago I opened a gift store and cafe combo in Oakland, Terrace Gifts and Coffee." Sanvitalia offers high-end lotions and candles, jewelry and handbags, and even cookbooks. "I love cooking and growing vegetables and fruits," she says. Leelyi, who has been working for years with Bentkowski, will be managing the store when the owner is at her Oakland café.

Vogue Cleaners and Alterations Moves Near

offered at less than half the retail price. The boutique will be open every day until Dec. 5 featuring gift items such as one-size-fits-all styles, scarves and blankets, all made of two-ply cashmere yarn from China, according to boutique manager Julie Horton Peck, who is partnering with Nancy Katz, former owner of Diva in Walnut Creek. To be informed of boutique locations in 2016, register online at thecashmeresale.com.

News from the Three Chambers of Commerce

Lafayette

Save the date for the annual Holiday Mixer at U.S. Bank from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 3498 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. The party includes food, fun, beverages and a big holiday raffle. Cost: \$10 for members; free for those who bring at least three canned items for the Food Bank.

Moraga

Save the date for the Chamber Holiday Party from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 at Aegis of Moraga, 950 Country Club Drive, Moraga. Registration required at MoragaChamber.org. Cost: \$15 per person.

Orinda

Holiday Shop Orinda Kick-Off Mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday Nov. 19 at McDonnell Nursery, 196 Moraga Way, Orinda. Come do some early Christmas shopping!

Save the date for the Christmas Holiday Party at the Hilton House on Thursday at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 21 Orinda Way, Orinda.

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