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**Join Us In Orinda On The Fourth of July!**

**JULY 4 2017** ORINDA

8:00 AM Haley's Run for a Reason  
 10:00 AM Parade with a variety of marching bands, music and lots of festive floats.  
 11:30 AM Park Celebration with more music, food and fun for all ages

More information at [www.OrindaParade.com](http://www.OrindaParade.com)  
 Presented by The Orinda Association for 34 years



The crowd was light on a hot day, but that didn't stop the fun at the opening summer concert at the Moraga Commons.

Photo Andy Scheck

## Heat doesn't stop the hot music at the Commons

By B. B. Kaye

**T**hursday Evening, June 22. The blistering heat of the day rolled off the land, replaced by a perfect Lamorinda summer evening. Families settled comfortably into lawn chairs on the lush green slope of Moraga Commons, enjoying the cool, scented air as the sun headed west over the Berkeley Hills. In courts adjacent to the lawns, teenagers played volleyball and basketball on one side, while adults enjoyed a game of bocce on

the other. Smoke from the Moraga Park Foundation grills curled prettily over the bandshell, and 2017's Free Summer Concert Series' opening act, The Floorshakers, took the stage.

The crowd on this evening was relatively sparse, perhaps because many people expected evening temperatures as brutal as the day's had been, but those tenacious enough to come enjoyed as perfect an evening as anyone, any-

where, can hope for. Bathed in golden light contrasting the lengthening shadows, children rolled in the grass and played, and couples of every age danced to a tight, high-energy performance of some of the best party music written in the last 50 years. The band, a 10-piece ensemble with three-piece horn section, three vocalists, and rhythm section, plays funk, soul, R&B, rock 'n' roll, and top Billboard Chart numbers.

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## Orinda hosts 3/4 Century Lunch, the celebration for 75s and better

By Sora O'Doherty



Lilly and Raim Regelson were the longest married couple at the luncheon.

Photo Sora O'Doherty

**I**n the year 2000 John Fazel introduced to Orinda an idea from his native Perry Iowa: an annual luncheon for residents who had achieved their three-quarter century. In his little town of 5,000,

Fazel grew up with his mother taking her mother and stepfather to the annual event, which started in Perry around 1930.

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## Contaminants creep up but water still safe in Lafayette

By Pippa Fisher



Photo Pippa Fisher

**F**ollowing a flurry of media reports and alarm on social media about increased contaminants in local water, should Lafayette residents be worried their drinking water might cause cancer?

East Bay Municipal Utility District says no. In correspondence with the city of Lafayette, EBMUD Community Affairs Representative Kathryn Horn says, "I want to clarify that EBMUD drinking water quality remains in full compliance with all state and federal regulations, and the district is confi-

dent we will remain in full compliance."

At issue are higher than usual levels of trihalomethanes (THMs)— disinfection by-products formed when chlorine reacts with naturally-occurring organic matter in water — that have been found in Orinda and Berkeley at two testing locations where individual samples indicated THMs above 80 parts per billion (ppb).

EBMUD says that the system average is currently at 58ppb, exceeding its own internal goal of 40ppb but that it continues to be under the state and federal limit of 80ppb.

People with long-term exposure to drinking water containing THMs in excess of state and federal limits may be at increased risk of getting cancer.

A two-step process protects public health. Filtration through sand, gravel and charcoal removes dissolved particles like dust, parasites, bacteria, viruses and chemicals. Then, chlorine or chloramine is added to disinfect and kill any remaining parasites, bacteria and viruses.

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