

A cut above at RnR Barber and Salon



Photo provided

Robin, Daniel, Lafayette Council Member Cameron Burks, Roya and Samuel at the store's grand opening.

By Jon Kingdon

There are many reasons to come and visit Lafayette – the proliferation of so many restaurants, walking around the reservoir and it is starting to become known as a place for tonsorial excellence. In other words, it's become a great place to get your hair cut or styled.

Since last September, located between Gel Nail Spa and the Lafayette Pack and Ship Print Store on Mt. Diablo Boulevard, the RnR Barber and Salon has been run by Robin Graham and Roya Bayat: "We opened the shop together," says Robin. "We are both business partners and in a relationship." Robin and Roya, whose sons Daniel and Samuel both attend Stanley Middle School, have as divergent backgrounds as one can imagine.

Robin grew up in a difficult environment in Sacramento, got married and had his first child in high school, and then got hurt playing football while attending Sacramento State. "I realized I needed a backup plan to pay my way through college and support my family," Robin said. "That's when I went to barber college and I've been cutting hair for the last 25 years. The barber industry has been very good to me."

Roya was born and grew up in Iran where she graduated from art school, but her work was not appreciated there and the government shut down her exhibition. In 1998 Roya's mother sent

Roya, a feminist, out of the country to avoid being killed. "People like me were simply disappearing," Roya said.

Once out of the country Roya was free to pursue her craft and started the Art Center in Dubai and did exhibitions in San Francisco. As their clients walk into RnR, they are first met with one of Roya's sculptures.

Robin has been at the forefront of the evolution of hair cutting: "For a while, barbering had two go-to styles – short and shorter. Now we have more products and equipment. We take care of their hair and skin. I have my clients tell me what they want and I will consult with them about their individual features like their bone structure and hair type to create the best look for them. That's how we have evolved – we stay one step ahead."

In the back is a salon for women to get their hair done by Roya, who studied under Vidal Sassoon in Santa Monica. "We believe that we have merged the two seamlessly," says Roya. "We're part barbershop, part salon and all you. RnR is not only our names (Robert and Roya) but we also want it to stand for rest and relaxation."

Besides hair cutting and styling, Robin is also accomplished with a razor: "To use the blade efficiently is an art form. There is a certain way to do it. When I shave my customers, I use hot towels and essential oils."

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Fond farewell to Nifty Thrift



Photo Pippa Fisher

Managers Shabboo Navaii, left, and Sheila Renfro at the July 11 Nifty Thrift Farewell Bash, attended by customers, participants and families marking the end of an era in Lafayette. The store closed on July 15. – P. Fisher

Correction:

Comments attributed to Susan Callister in the July 10 story, "PG&E work to close St. Mary's Road," were in fact made by Michael Dawson.



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1234 Warner Ct	\$895,000	\$1,135,000	1791	3	2	LAFAYETTE
1042 Sunnybrook Dr	\$1,075,000	\$1,125,000	1505	4	3.5	LAFAYETTE
1536 Pleasant Hill Road	\$1,100,000	\$1,220,000	2815	4	2	LAFAYETTE
3394 Orchard Valley Ln	\$1,149,000	\$1,260,000	1460	3	2	LAFAYETTE
4 Gilmore Court	\$1,150,000	\$1,155,000	1546	3	2	LAFAYETTE
962 Janet Ln	\$1,150,000	\$1,250,000	1900	3	2	LAFAYETTE
996 Hawthorne Dr	\$1,195,000	\$1,300,000	1500	3	2	LAFAYETTE
3140 Old Tunnel Road	\$1,250,000	\$1,298,000	1510	4	2	LAFAYETTE
3210 Sharon Court	\$1,350,000	\$1,375,000	1640	3	2	LAFAYETTE
4060 Fiera Pl	\$1,350,000	\$1,470,000	1916	3	2	LAFAYETTE
1322 Martino Rd	\$1,385,000	\$1,507,000	1713	4	2	LAFAYETTE
3028 W Lowell Lane	\$1,395,000	\$1,579,428	2974	4	3	LAFAYETTE
412 Corte Rinaldo	\$1,399,000	\$1,370,000	3847	4	3	LAFAYETTE
3620 Cerrito Ct	\$1,489,000	\$1,500,000	2609	4	2.5	LAFAYETTE
1013 Wandae	\$1,495,000	\$1,500,000	2294	4	3	LAFAYETTE
1020 Timothy Lane	\$1,500,000	\$1,480,000	2351	4	2.5	LAFAYETTE
3024 Bradbury Drive	\$1,549,000	\$1,505,000	2570	3	2	LAFAYETTE
881 Solano Drive	\$1,565,000	\$1,655,000	2063	5	3	LAFAYETTE
627 Lucas Drive	\$1,590,000	\$1,755,000	2497	4	3.5	LAFAYETTE
3465 S Silver Springs Rd	\$1,750,000	\$2,285,000	2880	5	2	LAFAYETTE
3469 S Silver Springs Rd	\$1,775,000	\$1,990,000	2204	5	5	LAFAYETTE
26 Withers Court	\$1,799,000	\$1,799,000	4350	5	3.5	LAFAYETTE
952 Stow Ln	\$2,295,000	\$2,200,000	3441	4	3	LAFAYETTE
3320 Johnson Rd	\$2,295,000	\$2,250,000	4463	5	4.5	LAFAYETTE
1611 Shangri La Ct	\$2,383,300	\$2,315,000	3765	5	4.5	LAFAYETTE
216 Seclusion Valley Way	\$2,395,000	\$2,342,271	3604	5	4.5	LAFAYETTE
4 Townsend Pl	\$2,495,000	\$2,350,000	3849	5	3+	LAFAYETTE
191 Camino Vallecito	\$2,795,000	\$2,951,240	3821	3	2	LAFAYETTE
1828 Saint Andrews Drive	\$3,050,000	\$3,040,000	1962	2	2	MORAGA
192 Cypress Point Way	\$3,095,000	\$3,040,000	1644	3	2	MORAGA
1040 Bollinger Cyn	\$3,150,000	\$3,170,000	1515	4	2	MORAGA
100 Oxford Dr	\$3,195,000	\$3,170,000	2073	4	2.5	MORAGA
545 Augusta Dr	\$2,295,000	\$1,295,000	2828	4	2.5	MORAGA
144 Wulford Dr	\$1,325,000	\$1,360,000	2014	4	3	MORAGA
119 Calle La Mesa	\$1,375,000	\$1,400,000	2525	5	3	MORAGA
90 Broadfield Dr	\$1,495,000	\$1,490,000	2492	4	2	MORAGA
3917 Compalinda Dr	\$1,535,000	\$1,535,000	2128	5	2.5	MORAGA
478 Kingsford Dr	\$1,598,000	\$1,645,000	2609	4	2.5	MORAGA
700 Camino Ricardo	\$1,650,000	\$1,725,000	2429	4	2.5	MORAGA
39 Williams Drive	\$1,700,000	\$1,800,000	2826	4	2.5	MORAGA
1 Magee Ct	\$1,875,000	\$1,900,000	3304	4	3.5	MORAGA
75 Jean Court	\$2,289,000	\$1,975,000	4080	2	2	MORAGA
9 Birch Ct	\$2,790,000	\$2,660,000	660	3	2	ORINDA
64 Dolores Way	\$935,000	\$1,189,000	1984	3	2	ORINDA
32 Tarabrook Drive	\$1,095,000	\$1,075,000	1404	4	2	ORINDA
7 Carabrook Dr	\$1,150,000	\$1,260,000	1877	3	2	ORINDA
33 Camino Del Diablo	\$1,165,000	\$1,499,440	1508	3	2	ORINDA
5 Loma Linda Ct	\$1,165,000	\$1,280,000	1728	3	2	ORINDA
37 Undersell Rd	\$1,195,000	\$1,200,000	1826	5	3	ORINDA
3 Lucille Way	\$1,385,000	\$1,350,000	2628	4	3	ORINDA
104 Coral Dr	\$1,395,000	\$1,450,000	2041	4	2	ORINDA
88 Van Ripper Lane	\$1,395,000	\$1,475,000	2031	3	2	ORINDA
3 Norie Rd	\$1,395,000	\$1,600,000	2243	4	3	ORINDA
9 Parklane Dr	\$1,450,000	\$1,350,000	2583	5	2	ORINDA
111 Sleepy Hollow Lane	\$1,495,000	\$1,520,000	1932	5	3.5	ORINDA
23 Oak Rd	\$1,495,000	\$1,725,000	3483	4	3	ORINDA
141 LA CUESTA	\$1,640,000	\$1,625,000	2477	4	3	ORINDA
46 Zander Ct	\$1,649,000	\$1,700,000	2932	4	3	ORINDA
620 Kite Hill Rd	\$1,675,000	\$1,625,000	2782	4	2.5	ORINDA
37 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$1,695,000	\$1,785,000	2529	4	3.5	ORINDA
12 Cresta Blanca	\$1,750,000	\$1,770,000	2991	4	3.5	ORINDA
424 Camino Sobrante	\$1,849,000	\$1,750,000	3259	4	3	ORINDA
18 Ardor Dr	\$1,850,000	\$1,900,000	3285	6	4.5	ORINDA
9 La Senda	\$1,850,000	\$1,925,000	5744	4	3	ORINDA
17 El Cominito	\$1,850,000	\$1,940,025	3096	5	5	ORINDA
51 Charles Hill Rd	\$1,925,000	\$1,880,000	3430	4	4.5	ORINDA
26 Via Hermosa	\$1,995,000	\$2,075,000	4039	4	3.5	ORINDA
21 Sandy Ct	\$2,195,000	\$2,175,000	3507	4	3	ORINDA
573 Miner Rd	\$2,195,000	\$2,355,000	3007			ORINDA

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