Danville resident Tyler Tsang brings his own electric motor for several hours of fishing at the Res.

Boaters lap up the last days of summer on the Res

By Pippa Fisher

Although the kids are back in school and Labor Day is over, summer fun doesn't have to be a distant memory. With some of the area's best weather still to come there is always fun to be enjoyed right here in Lamorinda, in Lafayette's jewel – the Res, as it's known. And what better way to relax on a sunny day, than on the water?

"For many visitors, boating provides a different perspective of the park and a great way to experience the natural, serene setting found at Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area," says Ranger Supervisor Matt Sporleder.

That's something that Danville resident Tyler Tsang certainly agrees with. On a recent Saturday he explained that he and his friend had been on the water since 6 a.m. for a half-day of fishing. "We caught seven large mouth bass, one blue gill and a

croppie," he said. "We released them though."

Tsang brings his own electric motor, allowed by the park for use in their row boat rental fleet. He explained that the small motor and power supply are affordable and provide enough power on one charge to get right around the reservoir. Tsang says he comes to Lafayette to fish a couple of times a month.

Sporleder says the park recently replaced their



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private roads should be bundled together with the future funding for repair work on the city's aging sewers and drains. The other is that the residents should conduct polling to test the appetite of the Orinda electorate for extending city responsibility for private roads.

The dispute over who should bear the responsibility for the maintenance of private roads has been appearing on the agendas of the Orinda City Council and the Citizens' Infrastructure

Oversight Commission for several years, with the residents of the private streets asking repeatedly for a forum where they could enter into a deeper discussion with the city – not limited to the three minutes allotted to speakers at city council meetings. The city provided such a forum on Aug. 27, in the shape of a private roads workshop, facilitated by Jim Bourgart, a former California's Deputy Secretary for Transportation and Infrastructure.

Private road residents were given 30 minutes to present their views. In attendance at the meeting in a listening capacity were the mayor and city council members. The Orinda Community Center Founders' Auditorium was packed to capacity for the workshop, and many residents had submitted their comments by email.

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