

Lamorinda OUR HOMES

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Lamorinda Home Sales

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Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way



Photo Cynthia Brian

For a burst of bright color and wildlife resistance, the spring flowering freesia is fantastic.

By Cynthia Brian

"It was Easter Sunday. The full-blossomed trees filled all the air with fragrance and with joy." ~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Spanish Student

Blossoming fruit trees, poppies adorning hillsides, and daffodils illuminating walking paths ... the sirens of the start of spring have sprung. As seedlings pop through the soft soil and new green growth emerges on hedges, trees and vines, uninvited wildlife visitors tend to hop, fly, scamper, and trot into our landscapes.

Here comes Peter Cottontail, hopping down the bunny trail, followed by the families of Bambi, Tom Turkey, and Squiggly Squirrel. A buffet feast awaits their arrival in our rose beds, perennial gardens, and

vegetable patches.

What is a human to do to protect our precious landscapes from invaders?

Although repellents promise perimeter patrolling, I have not found any that completely protect my premises. As much as I admire these furry, feathered and fluffy "friends," I don't want them munching my flowers, foliage, sprouts and shrubs. How can we find a way for the realms of nature to co-exist?

Here are few suggestions:

1. Fencing is the most effective deterrent for deer and rabbits. Although the bunnies can't jump over a 6-foot fence, to keep deer out of our gardens, we need to erect 9-foot enclosures. Sadly, squirrels scurry from trees to fence rails. Turkeys fly over fences.
2. Drive around your neighborhood to see what kinds of plants are thriving. Consider using what grows well in your area.
3. During dry months, some sprays may be effective, including Liquid Fence which, according to the company, is natural, biodegradable, non-toxic, and safe for the environment with rotten eggs being the main ingredient. Supposedly wildlife can smell the stink up to two weeks after humans can no longer smell the stench.
4. Sprinkle blood meal on flowers and foliage. The problem I have experienced with this method, however, is that it attracts raccoons and skunks! Not a winning suggestion.
5. Unless you have fencing and/or containment, avoid using plants that are known to be delicacies such as roses, fruit, and leafy greens. If you plant tasty treats, the hungry nomads will find them.
6. Before buying large quantities of a plant, test the nibbling desire by buying a small container and placing it for two weeks in an area where the wildlife wander. Watch and wait.
7. Buy more mature plants in larger containers. Plants that have abundant leaves can tolerate the nipping and gnawing better than smaller specimens. Taller plants are less susceptible to damage when lower leaves are eaten. They recover more swiftly.
8. Don't over water. The lusher the specimen, the more attractive it is for dinner. Drought-resistant vegetation is less likely to be gobbled.
9. Place pungent plants bordering areas that may be enticing. Mints, lantana, alyssum, marigolds, geraniums, catnip, strawflower, salvia, and scented geraniums may deter the diners.

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Lamorinda home sales recorded

City	Last reported	Lowest amount	Highest amount
LAFAYETTE	10	\$900,000	\$2,918,500
MORAGA	9	\$494,000	\$2,600,000
ORINDA	7	\$420,000	\$3,100,000

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LAFAYETTE

- 3315 Beechwood Drive, \$1,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 2202 SqFt, 1942 YrBlt, 02-12-21
1 Foothill Park Terrace, \$1,370,000, 6 Bdrms, 2806 SqFt, 1958 YrBlt, 02-05-21
101 Greenbank Drive, \$2,918,500, 6 Bdrms, 7066 SqFt, 1969 YrBlt, 02-01-21,
Previous Sale: \$710,000, 03-30-98
3293 Helen Lane, \$1,410,000, 3 Bdrms, 1291 SqFt, 1951 YrBlt, 02-10-21,
Previous Sale: \$763,000, 02-08-05
3316 Las Huertas Road, \$2,250,000, 4 Bdrms, 2444 SqFt, 1977 YrBlt, 02-08-21,
Previous Sale: \$1,749,000, 09-05-14
3 Lincolnshire Court, \$900,000, 5 Bdrms, 3022 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 02-10-21
3878 Los Arabis Drive, \$2,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 3626 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 02-03-21,
Previous Sale: \$1,700,000, 08-06-09
3477 Monroe Avenue, \$2,800,000, 4 Bdrms, 3351 SqFt, 1906 YrBlt, 02-03-21
3310 Moraga Boulevard, \$1,445,000, 2 Bdrms, 1329 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 02-10-21,
Previous Sale: \$1,230,000, 08-16-17
1470 Sunset Loop, \$1,500,000, 5 Bdrms, 2523 SqFt, 1949 YrBlt, 02-01-21,
Previous Sale: \$265,000, 03-01-92

MORAGA

- 2051 Ascot Drive #104, \$494,000, 2 Bdrms, 1180 SqFt, 1971 YrBlt, 02-04-21
50 Buckingham Drive, \$1,670,000, 4 Bdrms, 1980 SqFt, 1973 YrBlt, 02-11-21,
Previous Sale: \$265,000, 06-01-88
793 Country Club Drive, \$1,172,000, 3 Bdrms, 1953 SqFt, 2019 YrBlt, 02-02-21
27 Indian Wells Street, \$1,450,000, 3 Bdrms, 2828 SqFt, 1988 YrBlt, 02-01-21,
Previous Sale: \$419,000, 08-01-88
231 Los Santos Court, \$2,600,000, 4 Bdrms, 3318 SqFt, 2018 YrBlt, 02-03-21,
Previous Sale: \$2,110,000, 11-12-19
12 Mayfield Place, \$1,600,000, 3 Bdrms, 2069 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 02-12-21
176 Miramonte Drive, \$851,000, 3 Bdrms, 1525 SqFt, 1965 YrBlt, 02-10-21,
Previous Sale: \$805,000, 07-12-18
651 Moraga Road #29, \$525,000, 2 Bdrms, 1144 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 02-11-21,
Previous Sale: \$440,000, 07-11-05
110 Wallace Circle, \$1,135,500, 3 Bdrms, 1998 SqFt, 2019 YrBlt, 02-10-21

ORINDA

- 73 Brookwood Road #28, \$420,000, 1 Bdrms, 673 SqFt, 1962 YrBlt, 02-10-21
128 Catherine Court, \$3,100,000, 4 Bdrms, 4501 SqFt, 1985 YrBlt, 02-05-21
33 Charles Hill Circle, \$1,650,000, 4 Bdrms, 2201 SqFt, 1954 YrBlt, 02-08-21
25 Fern Way, \$2,000,000, 5 Bdrms, 4171 SqFt, 1987 YrBlt, 02-10-21
32 Heather Lane, \$1,575,000, 6 Bdrms, 4048 SqFt, 1980 YrBlt, 02-01-21
253 Manzanita Drive, \$1,862,000, 4 Bdrms, 2591 SqFt, 1952 YrBlt, 02-09-21,
Previous Sale: \$1,450,000, 12-26-14
3 Mira Loma Road, \$1,850,000, 2 Bdrms, 3041 SqFt, 1926 YrBlt, 02-08-21,
Previous Sale: \$1,750,000, 10-11-19

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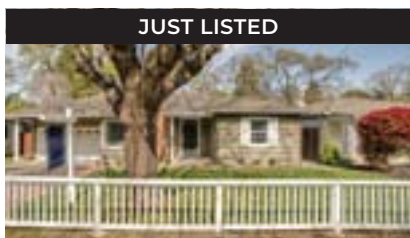


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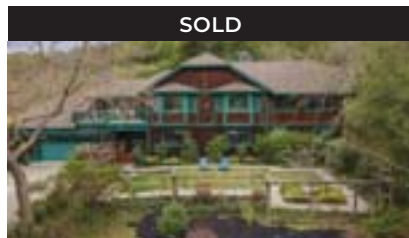
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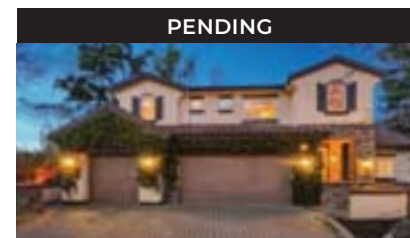
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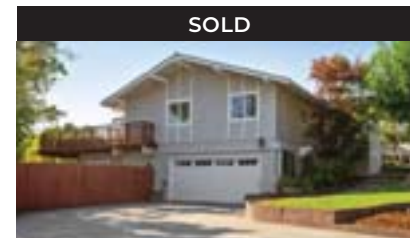
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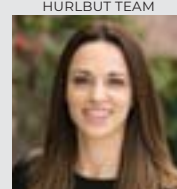
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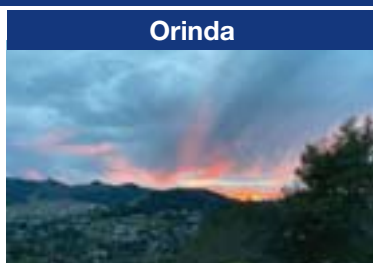


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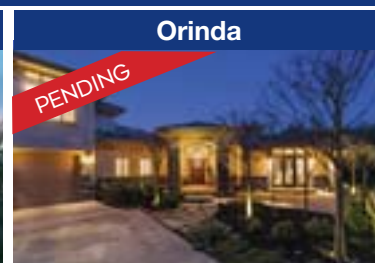
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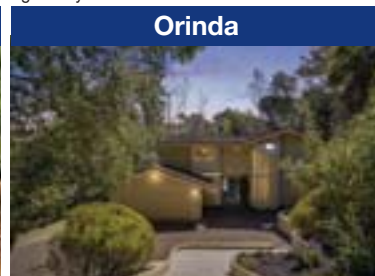
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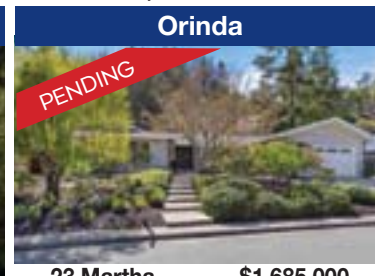
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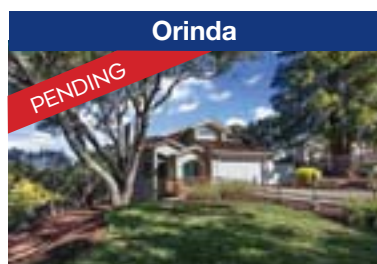
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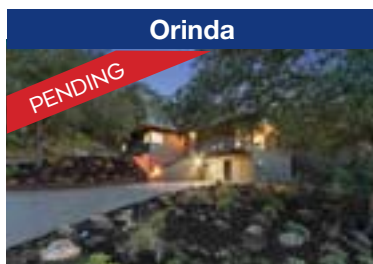
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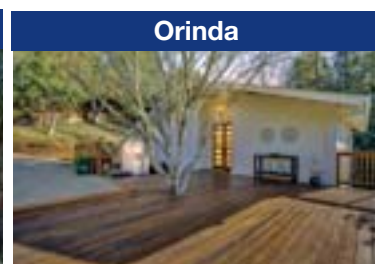
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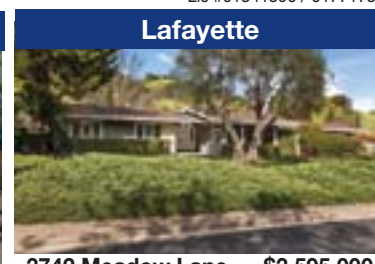
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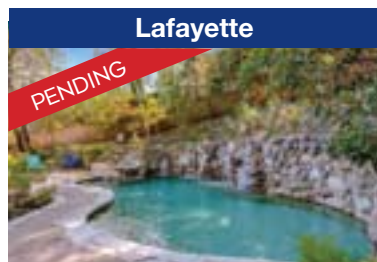
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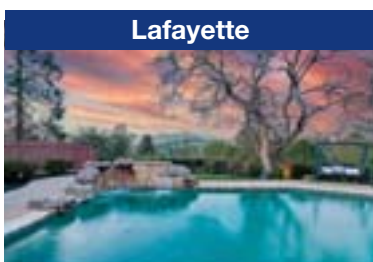
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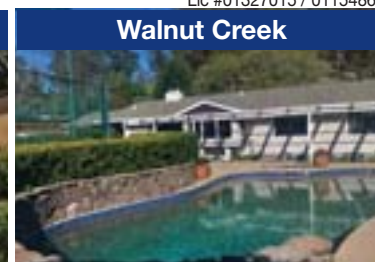
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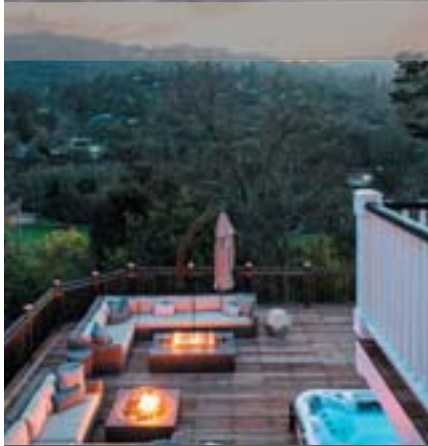


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Blue star grass and mint are not appetizing to bunnies.



Viburnum is tolerant, tough, and boasts fragrant flowers.



The fragrant flowers of the crabapple tree.



Deer-resistant calendula surrounds the flowering arugula. Flowers are edible.

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10. Employ the use of motion detector outdoor lights and motion sensor sprinklers to scare the thieves away.

11. Build raised beds with removable wire tops.

12. Yell and scream and chase the trespassers away to let them know they are not welcome. (But sometimes they are so adorable you'll want to snap some photos first!)

13. Don't intentionally feed the nature critters.

14. When all else fails and you need help to trap the marauders, contact trapper Chris Davies of Full Boar Depradation, LLC at 925-698-1845, www.fullboar-llc.com. The insured company is licensed by the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife to hunt and trap offending wildlife.

Stems and leaves that are scratchy, thorny, hairy, fuzzy, bitter, spicy, sappy, stiff, leathery or toxic will keep the predators away as they hunt for their next meal. Most varieties of gray or silver-hued plants are usually not appreciated by the hungry hunters, either.

Although there is no such thing as wildlife-proof plants, here is a list of probable safe bets to introduce into your landscape.

Remember that no plants or trees are 100% animal-proof, but many are resistant. Do your homework to find the right plants for the correct place. Be diligent. Be watchful. Experiment.

The fragrance of spring fills the air and egg-citing Easter is nigh. I'm hoping that

Peter Cottontail comes hopping down the bunny trail bringing baskets full of joy to every girl and boy. And mostly chocolate bunnies!

Happy Gardening. Happy Growing.
Happy Easter and Passover.

- Foxglove
- Lavender
- Peony
- Sage
- Society Garlic
- Artemis
- New Zealand Flax
- Portulaca
- Boxwood
- Forsythia
- Begonia
- Calla Lily
- Four O'Clock
- Yarrow
- Star Jasmine
- Muscari
- Ferns
- Naked Ladies
- Bearded Iris
- Birds of Paradise
- Hellebore
- Columbine
- Gazania
- Primrose
- Chinese Fringe Flower
- Honeysuckle
- Viburnum
- Barberry
- Butterfly bush
- Silky Dogwood
- Elderberry
- Weigela
- Spirea
- Pink Bower Vine
- Allium
- Privet
- Abelia
- Cleome
- Freesia
- Iris
- Blue star
- Oregano
- Fennel
- Sunflower
- Marigold
- Calendula
- Gladiola
- Ornamental Grasses



Bunnies are adorable and for Easter; we prefer the chocolate ones.

Save the Date The Orinda Garden Club is holding a plant sale on April 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orinda Library Plaza with members propagated plants plus over 30+ varieties of tomato seeds, a Firewise demonstration table, and a garden marketplace. The event will be socially distanced and well-spaced outdoors throughout the Orinda Library Plaza. Look for your special seedlings at this local plant sale. Proceeds will benefit educational projects.



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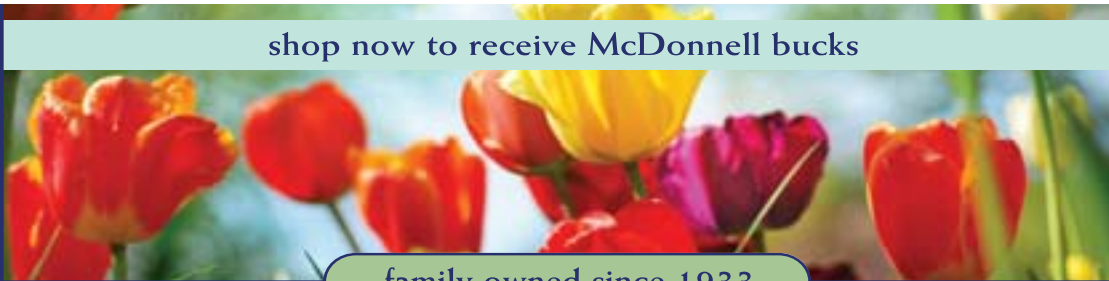
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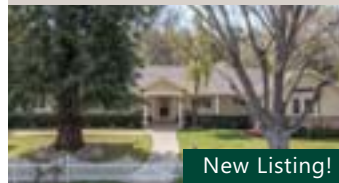


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