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gest that those who are plantrick-or-treating should wear a face mask or keep their distance from others to help reduce risk of getting COVID-19. hand sanitizer frequently and washing hands before eating any treats as well as keeping gatherings, both indoors and

One Halloween tradition which would see hundreds of house to house on Halloween. This year, however, those

At the Oct. 12 Lafayette City Council meeting, several

cussion, noting that people who have come to expect certain roads to be closed on Halloween may be unpleasantly surprised.

Lafayette resident Meghan Mitman, who was one of several residents who championed the street closure in the past, said neighbors withdrew the request for street closure due to "concerns about the need to take personal liability to provide for a safe facility on the city's right-of-way." She realizes it will be "less of a block party feel if we just close the shoulders to parking."

Burton Valley parent Abigail Fateman described previous Halloweens on Merriewood when there was no street closure as a very scary experience. "It's a great place to be, but there can be hundreds of thousands of people that descend on the Merriewood/Silverado loop in front of the elementary school. It's the place the neighborhood goes. It's fun, it's a great place to be ... but if

Jessica Lordan was planning on taking her kids to Moraga Boulevard for Halloween, but was surprised to hear that closing streets needed to be brought to the city by residents. "This year, Fauci did say, 'Go out; go trick-or-treating!" she said. "And parents are taking it to

near Moraga Boulevard said she'd like to see the city close one side of the street to parking, since there are no sidewalks on that street. She said she gives away about four bags of Costco candy to trickor-treaters each year, and she loves seeing all the kids. "It's one of the best things all year!" she exclaimed.

The Lafayette City Council planned to bring the topic of street parking closures on Halloween back for discussion at its Oct. 25 meeting, after Lamorinda Weekly went

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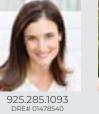














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ning on traditional outdoor They also recommend using outdoors, small.

in Lafayette involved closing streets on Moraga Boulevard and Merriewood Drive, costumed kids running from streets will be open to street traffic with potential parking restrictions erected for that evening. According to Engineering and Public Works Director Mike Moran, both neighborhoods had initially asked for the streets to be closed, but later withdrew their requests.

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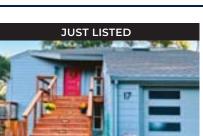
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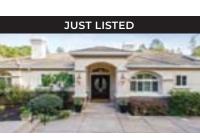


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