Flag Brigade to Mark 15th Anniversary of 9/11

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The Flag Brigade will mark 15 years since 9/11.

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will mark this year's 15th anniversary with a remembrance and Highway 24.

This is a family oriented, edu- and defines us as Americans. cational and nonpolitical event. This year particularly its emphasis will begin. Since it is the 15th anis on educating those younger than niversary, the organizers are hoping 20 years old who would have been too young to remember the events of 9/11. The bridge will feature educational displays, including a Sept. 11 and Sept. 12, 2001, newspaper headlines display booth. Free commemorative flags will be available for children.

The largest overpass flag display in the state is fully sanctioned or 'remember the Alamo' were by the California Highway Patrol calls to arms," he says. as it has been for many years.

p.m. and includes local Blue Star and this year is no exception. If you Moms, a special patriotic musical program and Lafayette Boy Scouts O'Day at 925-209-5250. Troop 243, who will be presenting the colors. Local speakers will reflect on 9/11 and how it personally

s it has done unfailingly since affected them. This will include an A the tragic events of Sept. 11, open mic for those in attendance 2001, the Lafayette Flag Brigade wishing to speak. As before, residents are encouraged to join in and to bring their special flag to discandlelight vigil on the El Curtola play. The participants fly the flags Bridge overcrossing, high above in honor of those who died but also rally around the flag that unites all

> At dusk the candlelight vigil to "pack the bridge." They anticipate this will be the largest candlelight vigil to date.

> Jim Minder is the Lafayette Flag Brigade founder. "The words, 'never forget' are a reminder that history repeats itself, but they also represent a battle cry, much the same as 'remember Pearl Harbor'

He says that over the years they The remembrance starts at 4 have relied on volunteers to help would like to help, contact Patty

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Local Dads Helping Others

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The board meets on a monthly basis, with the mission to provide social outreach around Lamorinda.

board, which consists of 14 mem- ter Inc., a local nonprofit focusing bers who come from a variety of on housing. Future philanthropic backgrounds, from high-tech to events are in the planning stages. law enforcement. This variety of background and talent is key to said board member Ryan Harley. the huge potential for success of He made the point that the group the new group. As Britton reflected has plenty of manpower available on their first meetings he said they and are prepared to give time also, realized that, "Collectively, we can for example painting, fixing and do more."

tified the three main veins for their focus: education, battered women and children, and the under-priviown mascot – a llama that named leged. While not governed by city LAMA (derived from "Lamorinlimits, LGB benefits organizations mostly located in Contra Costa County. It is not affiliated with just terest in Lamorinda Gives Back, one single charity and members have a direct influence on where resources are focused.

One of its first philanthropic activities was a clothing drive, collecting professional clothes to donate to Wardrobe for Opportunity, a nonprofit dedicated to assisting low-income individuals in their efforts to find employment. Lamorinda Gives Back collected over 250 articles of clothing from the ning a holiday event, which will be one drive, providing clothing for 25 low-income people for job interviews.

Most recently in July LGB held its First Annual Summer doing. Field Party with the fun theme of

"Bluegrass. Barbecue. Bourbon." Attended by 160 people and sponsored by several local businesses, Brian Britton is president of the they raised over \$20,000 for Shel-

"The need is not just financial," generally helping where needed. Britton said the board had iden- He said that there is a wealth of talent among the 75 members.

> The organization even has its da").

> There has been significant inespecially since it opened up a "suggestions" section on its website giving people the opportunity to suggest recommendations on where to focus efforts.

> Residents can sign up for its newsletter and find out more about upcoming activities and events on its website at www.lamorindagivesback.org.

Meanwhile, the group is planan opportunity to get together with friends and the community while benefitting a good cause.

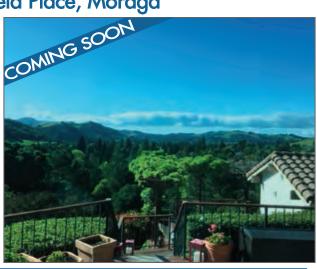
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