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Local community bands together

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She says regular customers donated, along with many businesses in Lafayette.

For several in attendance there were personal connections to the fire. Johnson said that one of the former Roundup bartenders came in. "She lost everything in the fire. She told me about her experience," Johnson explained. "It was very emotional."

Johnson said the benefit proved so successful that they are planning to hold a second such event after the New Year.

The event was one of several being held around Lamorinda to benefit fire victims, includ-

ing a Nov. 30 benefit concert at Lamorinda Music, organized by Mighty Fine Guitars owner Stevie Coyle (see story on Page B3), the Blind Date with a Book program at Orinda Books (see story Page B5), and a fundraising drive organized by Rheem Elementary School students on behalf of their second grade teacher (see story Page A4).

To donate online, residents can go to the North Valley Community Foundation's website <https://www.nvcf.org/?fbclid=IwAR1NVLvgdyd2LF9KyCamwo2ENKxNVcvX9YUKgy6muv-2TCRYhPc0JFkcNA> or can simply drop off a check at the Roundup.

Second right-hand turn on Moraga Road at Mt. Diablo Boulevard trial period underway

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Orange barricades with fencing and signage have been placed to direct pedestrians to use alternate crosswalks. Overhead pedestrian "walk" lights have been covered and are turned off.

Additionally, signal technology upgrades are being installed at both this junction and at Mt. Diablo Boulevard and First Street that will enable data collection. This technology will include updated

signal controllers to run the signal timing plans. The upgrades are the first steps toward implementing another Downtown Congestion Reduction Plan strategy to achieve better signal coordination and traffic management on downtown roads.

Following the 90-day trial period, data gathered will be brought back for council consideration early next year.



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