

Not to be missed

adult participation; Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd, (925) 376-6852.

Wee Wednesday Summer Classes- (10:00am-10:50am) Each Wednesday brings a different topic to discover with your preschooler or toddler. Wee Wednesday classes are a combination of instructor-led lessons and self-guided, hands-on experimentation and exploration. Parents must attend the entire class with their children. \$12 for first child / \$10 each additional child. Members: \$6 for first child / \$5 each additional child. Call the Box Office at (510) 336-7373 to register. Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Blvd, just off Highway 13 in the Oakland hills. For more information, visit www.chabot-space.org.

Safety Fair & Bicycle Rodeo, Sat August 1st, 10 am to 2 pm at Stanley School, 3455 School Street in Lafayette. Proudly Presented by: The Lafayette Police Department, The Lafayette Emergency Preparedness Commission and The Lafayette Crime Prevention Commission. Free Kids DNA Kits, Emergency Vehicles, Bicycle Safety Course & Bicycle Inspection. See article page 2.

Other

The 40th Reunion for the Campolindo High School Class of 1969 will be held at Terzetto Cuisine 6pm-11pm, September 19, 2009. The cost is \$35 p/p and reservations are needed by September 1. Contact Rhonda at (925) 253-9043 or rlpd51@aol.com for more information.

Summer Wine Festival - Sunday, August 16, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. 21 and over please. Saint Mary's College of California invites the public to an afternoon of socializing, a silent auction and wine tasting from more than two dozen California wineries at the College's 5th Annual Summer Wine Festival. Enjoy an affordable afternoon of fun, delicious appetizers and micro brews from area breweries, while supporting the College's scholarship fund. Where: Saint Mary's College of California, Soda Activity Center, 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Cost: Tickets: \$25 until July 31, \$30 after. For more information call (925) 631-4200 or visit stmarys-ca.edu/wine/. Free on campus parking is available.

Please join the many citizens who are involved and support EFO, as we honor education with our "PEARLS of WISDOM" Benefit Celebration on Sat, August 29th, 5:30 pm at the Orinda Country Club's Poolside Venue. The Foundation

welcomes attendance from the community the last Saturday in August. No-host cocktails, buffet dinner, a couple of games and dancing to the 13 piece Bob Claire Orchestra will make for one hot August night! Enjoy an evening amongst friends, who make a difference for our children, and perhaps come away from the event with some new ones. \$55 per person, for information or online ticket purchase: www.orindaefo.org.

National Championship, Lamorinda Petanque Field, 480 Saint Marys' Rd, Lafayette, Saturday and Sunday July 25th & 26th. Registration 8:00-8:30 am, competition begins 9:00 am. For more information see www.Lamorindapetanque.com or call 925-283-2682. See article page 7.

Moraga Community Pear Picking on Sat, August 1 and 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Orchard next to J.M. School - corner of Canyon Road & Camino Pablo. These trees are part of Moraga's history - planted in abundance in the 1920's and 1930's. In fact, the Moraga Ranch Company had 38 orchards in pears, and "conducted the largest pear production operation under one management in the world" (from Moraga's Pride). Come to help pick the pears from these remaining Moraga trees. The fruit will be donated to the Solano/Contra Costa County Food Bank. If you fill a box, you can take some pears home with you! Wear protective clothing, i.e. long sleeves, sturdy footwear - ground is very uneven. Bring fruit pickers, if you have one and a bag for taking some pears home.

Orinda resident Rachael Frank is interviewing families interested in participating in a cultural exchange by hosting an international high school student for the coming academic year. Program for Academic Exchange (PAX) is a non-profit foundation; their students are between 15 and 18, speak English, have full insurance coverage and spending money. PAX families are asked to provide students with meals, a place to sleep/study, and a warm supportive environment. Private rooms are not required and single parents, young couples and retirees are welcome to apply. For information call Rachael Frank at (925) 285-0449, or (925) 254-1876, or email her at rachaelfrank@gmail.com.

Fall sessions of Tai Chi through the Moraga Parks and Recreation Dept-Registration will begin during the first week in August. Call (925) 888-7045 or go to: www.moraga.ca.us.

The Lafayette American Legion Open House & Breakfast will be held Saturday, July 25 at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Breakfast will be served from 8:00am - 11:00am and includes pancakes, eggs, sausages, coffee and orange juice for \$5.00/per person. Everyone is welcome and proceeds go the Boys' & Girls' State Oratorical Contest and the Palo Alto Veterans' Polytrauma Center.

It's a Luau!! Join Beachcomber Singles

for a Fundraiser for Juvenile Hall Kids. Saturday, August 22 in Hercules in the afternoon through to the night. Authentic Polynesian food including a Kaluha Pig and over 30 authentic Polynesian dancers. Many door prizes to win, drawing starting at 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing by "Now Playing" from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Reservations are \$30; call Jerry at (510) 799-2207 EARLY for a space. Bring your favorite beverage and a gift for the girls suitable for ages 10 to 18. Dress Hawaiian and bring your swim suit.

The Lafayette Library will host its first ever Chess Tournament! On Saturday, July 25, join players of all ages and abilities in a non-rated test of skills. The tournament starts at 10am and will last until the winners in each level are determined. Then be sure to stick around to play more games, meet new friends, and learn new strategies. Call (925) 283-3872 for more information. And don't forget, the Lafayette Library Chess Club meets from 4 pm to 5 pm every third Saturday of the month. That means you can stop in on July 18 to play some games, learn more about the tournament, and get signed up! Lafayette Library, 952 Moraga Road.

On Saturday, September 19th from 10am - 2pm the town of Orinda will host the 5th Annual Classic Car Show. This free event, presented by Orinda Motors, continues to benefit the Seniors Around Town transportation service. In addition to American and European classic and modern exotic cars, this year's event will feature special exhibits of classic and custom motorcycles as well as vintage race cars. If you are interested in entering a car or motorcycle, please email Chip Herman: ChipHerman@hotmail.com. The car entry fee is \$50 for cars and \$35 for motorcycles. Entry fees are a tax-deductible donation. The Show will be held in Orinda Village at Orinda Motors, located at 63 Orinda Way.

Working the Night Shift: Bat Monitoring on Thursday, July 30, 7-10pm (East Bay Regional Park District) Leader: Naturalist "Outdoor Ed" 510-544-2768, ewillis@ebparks.org. MP #42 Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve - Somersville Townsite, end of Somersville Rd., south of Antioch from Highway 4. We'll hike up a chaparral-clothed canyon at dusk to see which flying furry friends live in the Hazel-Atlas Mine; quietly, we'll count and record their numbers using detection equipment. Registration Required: 1-888-EBPARKS option 2, 3; course #22001 (7/30); course #22002 (8/20)

Political Gatherings

Sen. Mark DeSaulnier's staff will be at the Orinda Farmer's Market, off of Railroad and Prospect, on August 1, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to answer questions about state services and provide informational materials. For more information, please call (925) 942-6082.

Please submit events to: calendar@lamorindaweekly.com

Lafayette Hosts National Pétanque Tournament

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Usually such a tournament would attract players from all over the country, but with the recession Albright believes that the players from Florida and New York might stay home. She awaits some champion players from Portland and Palm Springs, as well as the greater Bay Area.

The FPUSA national mixed doubles teams will compete on Saturday the 25th, and men's and women's teams of two players will compete on the 26th. "The competition starts at 9 a.m.," explains Albright, "I encourage the public to come in the afternoon to see the fiercest competition." She anticipates the day to end around 5 p.m. "We will have players that compete at the international level," said Albright, "the afternoon will be an exhibition of great pétanque."

The Lafayette Pétanque Field was designed by pétanque player and landscape architect Greg Arthur along Saint Mary's Road, just south of the Community Center, with the support of the Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department. It has the reputation on the US circuit as one of the most beautiful fields, as close to a natural setting as can be. "The July weekend will be an opportunity for the public to see world class pétanque," says Albright, "the rest of the year, we encourage people to come anytime we are here and we can show them how to start having fun with the game."

Lamorinda Petanque Club members gather every Wednesday and Friday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday afternoons, starting around 1 p.m. until dark (this schedule may vary - please call the contacts referenced below to confirm). Many bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the friendly atmosphere around the tables under the trees as much as on the sand, playing more or less competitively, depending on their style.

Pétanque being a French game, the French Consul in San Francisco was invited to come to the competition. Pierre-François Mourier will unfortunately be on vacation in France at the time of the tournament, but Jacques de Noray, Vice Consul in charge of press and communication, has promised he will be there to support the Lamorindans.

For more information and to confirm the regular game schedule, call either Mary Albright at 283-2682 or Brian Murphy at 689-0293. Also check out www.lamorindapetanque.com.

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www.onodart.com
Contact hdonner@stmarys-ca.edu to register

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www.hearstartgallery.org 925.631.4379

Wed-Sun 11 am - 4:30 pm, \$3 adult admission, kids free, members free

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