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## business briefs

New Chef at Metro Lafayette

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Steve Jaramillo, a 20-year veteran of Bay Area kitchens, has joined Metro as executive chef. Jaramillo was formerly executive chef at Lalime's in Berkeley and the opening chef at Fonda, both SF Chronicle three-star, Top 100 restaurants. Jaramillo previously worked at such notable restaurants as Mark Miller's 4th Street Grill and Christopher's Cafe. Jaramillo's rustic cuisine reflects the seasons with an emphasis on the use of local, organic produce and sustainable, humanely-raised meats and fish. Jaramillo will oversee the kitchens of both Metro Lafayette and Metro Montclair, located in Montclair Village.

New Recycling Services, CCCSWA Wants your Input

The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, which manages garbage, recycling and green waste programs for Lafayette and other central county communities, is entering a new franchise period. New services and providers will be evaluated by the Agency during a period that will end with new services being contracted by the end of 2014. The agency is hosting a series of public workshops to get input from businesses and residents about current and potential future solid waste and recycling programs. For Lamorinda, the workshop is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. September 13 at the Orinda Community Center, 28, Orinda Way. To attend a workshop email [Authority@wastediversion.org](mailto:Authority@wastediversion.org).

News from the three Chambers of Commerce  
Lafayette

September Mixer from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 5 at Mechanics Bank, 3640 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Havana Restaurant will be bringing its Mojito Bar to make this mixer extra festive.

Shop Lafayette meeting at noon Tuesday, September 11 in the Lafayette Chamber Conference Room.

The 17th Annual Lafayette Art and Wine Festival (with music, too) will take over Downtown Lafayette on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16. It is still time to volunteer and have fun with your fellow Chamber members and neighbors. For more information, see article on page A10 or contact the Chamber.

Ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. September 13 for the new office grand opening of Pacific Union Real Estate, 201 Lafayette Circle #100.

Social Media Strategies Workshop Series by Robin Fox. Learn about Personal Branding in a LinkedIn World Wednesday, September 19 starting at 8 a.m. in the Lafayette Library Art and Science Classroom. Online registration at [bit.ly/LafayetteChamber](http://bit.ly/LafayetteChamber). Free for Moraga and Lafayette Chamber members.

Moraga

Chamber regular members' meeting starting at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and muffins, followed by the month's discussion topic from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, September 28 at the Hacienda de las Flores.

Orinda

Fifth Annual Orinda Restaurant Tour from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 18 in the Theatre District of downtown Orinda, conducted by the Orinda Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Educational Foundation of Orinda (EFO, a non-profit organization committed to providing financial support for quality educational and enrichment programs for Orinda's public schools). For more information, see article on pg. A10.

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