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# Creek Clean Up Day a Big Success

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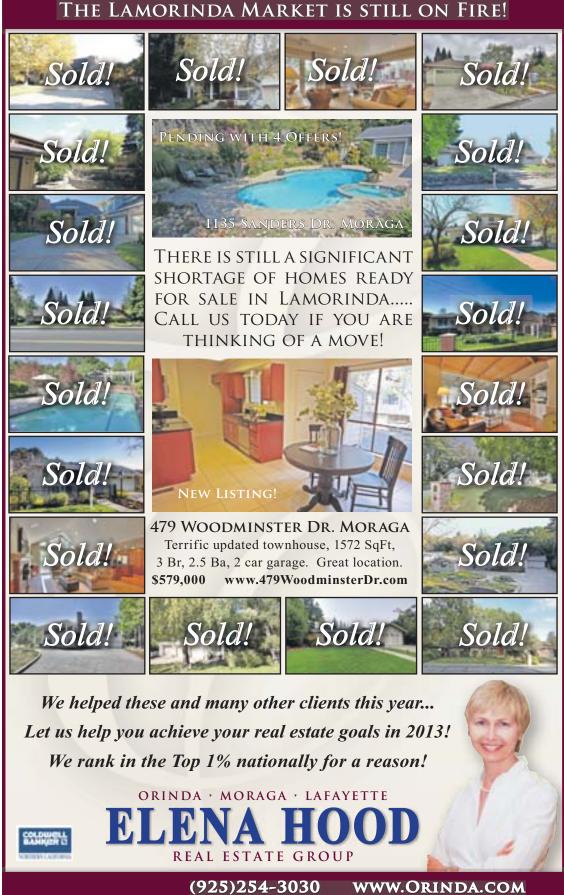
From left, Addison Naton, Rachel Lin and Sarah Chu racking up some community service hours for Mr. Kauzer's environmental science class at Campolindo. Photo Cathy Tyson

actually an energetic crew of volunteers, who got together with Lafayette Creeks Committee members on a sparkling Sunday morning to clean up Las Trampas Creek at Leigh Creekside Park on Moraga Boulevard. The event, now in its second year, leveraged donated labor to make a huge improvement in the riparian habitat. No taco truck this year, but lovely complimentary water bottles and a mention valuable class extra credit for students.

pitched in.

After last year's culvert failure

Be gone, invasive vegetation! It and expensive repair, due to a number took more than a magic wand, of factors including torrential rain, but also debris that was washed downstream from creek-side homes, city staffers point out it's more important than ever to keep Lafayette's creeks clean and running smoothly. Homeowners take note, the city is stepping up inspections of creek frontage properties; it's up to residents to maintain their property. Officially the rainy season begins in October, so grass clippings, tree limbs and trash need to porta potty for worker bees, not to be dealt with promptly, allowing only storm water to enter Lafayette's creeks. For more information, home-"We had a great day," said Donna owners can check out the Creek Feehan, administrative analyst for Guide to Maintenance, Repair and Lafayette's Public Works Depart- Planting, conveniently available at the ment, "and got a lot done." More than city offices or online, go to 50 students from Campolindo High www.lovelafayette.org, click on City School and Stanley Middle School Hall, then City Departments, then Public Works, last click Creeks.





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