

THE BOOMERS' JOURNEY TO 100 YEARS YOUNG

A workshop to empower and prepare Boomers so they can "chill" in their "far out" years.

Thursday, March 20, 2014 • 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Lafayette Library, Art and Science Center • 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette

Speakers:



Everybody Plays the Fool: Common Estate Planning Pitfalls with Richard Littorno, Estate Planning Attorney, Littorno Law Group



Summer Breeze: Create Life-Long Financial Strategies for Any Scenario with Mary Hanson, Certified Financial Planner™, Horizon Wealth Solutions



What's Going On? Navigating the Care Continuum - Levels of Care Covering Hospital to Home and all those in-between with Molly Jones, Administrator, Grace Healthcare of Moraga



The Long and Winding Road: Aging Families - Dilemmas, Knowledge and Strategies with Sylvia Gandolfo, MSW, CMC, Certified Professional Care Manager, Eldercare Services

Wine and Hors d'oeuvres Provided

Be there or be square! Registration Required by Tuesday, March 18 to Lori Luckenbach at LoriL@EldercareAnswers.com or 925.324.5985.

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Moraga's Citizen of the Year Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for Moraga's Citizen of the Year. The designated outstanding citizen will be honored with a banquet event on Friday, May 2 at the Soda Center of Saint Mary's College.

Nominations with detailed information concerning the individual's community activity are to be addressed to Sam Richards, editor, Lamorinda Sun, at 175 Lennon Lane, Suite 100, Walnut Creek 94598, or by email to srichards@bayareanewsgroup.com.

Sponsors for Moraga's Citizen of the Year event are Lamorinda Weekly, Lamorinda Sun, Saint Mary's College, Moraga Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis of Moraga Valley.

Method of School Funding Overhauled

Parent, public input requested; second forum tonight at Campolindo

By Cathy Tyson

Funding for kindergarten through high school will soon see a dramatic change. For the coming fiscal year control of where money is spent will be handled locally instead of spelled out by the state in over 80 restrictive categories that had been in place for decades. Superintendent of the Acalanes Union High School District, John Nickerson described how the new and improved Local Control Funding Formula "radically changed the state K-12 funding allocation method." He explained that priorities regarding how much and where to spend funds will now be in the hands of stakeholders and will have limited restrictions.

There are some strings attached to the Local Control Funding Formula to encourage transparency and accountability. According to the California Department of Education, school districts are required to develop and annually update a three year Local Control and Accountability Plan beginning on July 1; part of that plan requires obtaining parent and public input to continuously improve budget development. To guide the process, the State Board of Education has created a template that will identify goals and measure students' progress.

The old system of general purpose funding from the state, called Revenue Limits, earmarked funds for certain items like textbooks, counseling, maintenance, GATE programs. Starting with the 2014-15 budget year, the new method of funding will allow broad discretion over base

"This is an ongoing process that will continue year after year as we shape and prioritize," said Nickerson. The district is looking for input regarding priorities and at forums held at the district's four high schools. No RSVP is necessary and the public is encouraged to attend. The first event was March 11 at Acalanes.

Forums Coming Soon

- March 12: Campolindo High School Library, 7-9 p.m.
- March 18: Las Lomas High School Library, 7-9 p.m.
- March 26: Miramonte High School Library, 7-9 p.m.

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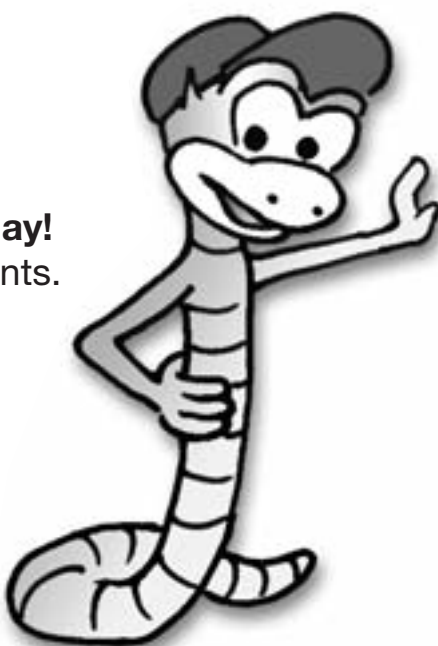
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Last day to register: March 28th

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Editor:

I read your article on the development proposed by Lenox Homes. I think your reporter missed the point. After the first session, it should have been clear that the objections were that the development was simply too large for the site. It put everything from border to border. As a result, it would impose a super large structure on a quiet residential neighborhood. After the second session, nothing had changed. Yes, there were some superficial changes, but the fact that this development is significantly too large for the site and for the neighborhood. Eight almost 2000 sq.ft. units are too much. The three story building destroys the privacy and reduces the value of the houses along Bickerstaff. It would certainly add significantly to the parking problems in the neighborhood. By have two bedrooms and a den, they minimize the parking they need when essentially this is a 3 bedroom unit. The project is ill conceived and after hearing all the specific comments at the meeting, I would hope that the developer would make some real changes. I am not anti-development, but I am for responsible development. I do not believe that any developer should make a profit at the cost to someone else.

Leonard Dorin
Lafayette

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