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Big turnout at last year's Summer Concert Series Photo Andy Scheck Time to say goodbye to the May weather malaise and welcome June with sunshine and music. Don't miss Lafayette's best dance party every Friday night this month at Plaza Park at the corner of Moraga Road and Mt. Diablo Boulevard. These free family-friendly live concerts feature a host of bands new to Lafayette, bringing festive fun on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., enough time for happy hour with the neighbors, or a chance to picnic and let the kids embrace their inner dance moves.

Within easy walking distance are a number of establishments offering casual dining options from salad to burritos to frozen yogurt to grab-and-go chicken and pizza by the slice. Got plastic cups? Adult beverages are fine to enjoy responsibly, but you'll have to bring your own.

Kicking off the dance party June 5 is The 925 Band, which plays an array of cover songs from the

'70s and '80s to current tunes, so party people from grandma to the kids can rock out. The men of tone, also known as the Megatones, bring their suburban wall of sound to the park the following Friday, June 12. The Accents, featuring Raja Singh, the founder and owner of Red House Studios will play on June 19.

Wrapping up the series on Friday June 26, is a bevy of talented teens from Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda, also known as the Lamorinda Teen Idol Finalists. Next stop American idol?

Orinda's Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park also start this month, beginning with the rock 'n' roll sounds of DND Band June 9. The Orinda Concerts in the Park series, sponsored by the Orinda Parks and Recreation Foundation, supported by the Orinda Community Foundation, Rotary Club of Orinda and city of Orinda, features 10 concerts held Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. at the Orinda Community Park through Aug. 11 (a special Opera in the Park concert is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 26).

Movies in the Park will kick off this month, starting at dusk Thursday, June 25 with the showing of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" at the Orinda Community Park. For information, visit cityoforinda.org.

The annual free Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Moraga Park Foundation, starts Thursday, June 18 with local band Moonalice playing '60s music at the Moraga Commons Park. The concerts start at 6 p.m. every Thursday during the summer months. Families can bring their own picnic or enjoy dinner cooked for them on site. The second concert on June 25 will feature the group Forejour, a Foreigner Journey tribute band. The ADA path constructed by the town will be finished in time for the first concert. For information, visit www.moragaparks.org/concert.html.

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