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## **Need Electronic Device Help?**

ful, smart students who are volunteering at the new Teen Tech Help at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center every Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Homework Center.

Smart phones, laptops, e-readers, MP3 players, you name it, these generally older, not surprising since teenagers can answer almost any question and solve technology challenges, all for a price that can't be homes, but the program is open to beat: free.

along with the other teen helpers offer pointment needed. C. Tyson.

ook no further than the thought- friendly one-on-one instruction and assistance, according to Patrick Brogran, teen services library assistant. He adds that the program is modeled after the one at the Concord library, which has seen a lot of success.

Alexander says customers are Brogan spread news of the complimentary service to local retirement anyone who needs technology help. Talented teens like brothers From the front entrance on Mt. Diablo Alexander and John Chen, who are Boulevard, the Homework Center is going to be a freshman and junior re- on the right hand side of the building. spectively at Miramonte High School, Just drop in with your device, no ap-

## **Deer Hill**

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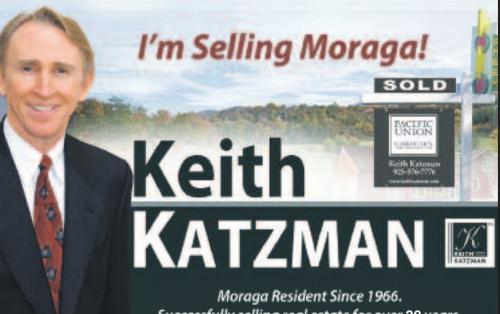


Aerial view of existing The Homes At Deer Hill site

Council members sympathized with parents who had been diligently working on fundraising for improvethe Parks, Trails and Recreation study, concluding the biggest citywide need was an additional sports site are few and far between.

alternative project with adequate parking," said Council Member Don

Two of the most surprising conditions respond to citizens' concerns and Bay Area Air Quality ments at Leigh, but explained that Management District threshold levels to reduce cancer risk and to Commission did an exhaustive mitigate the impact to sensitive receptors to a level that is "less than significant," because the project is field, and that opportunities for a flat not far from Highway 24 and Pleasant Hill Road. The developer "I don't see that we could find an will be providing Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value filters with a rating or 10 or higher for home-Tatzin, suggesting that if someone owner's ventilation systems apknows a way to acquire and develop proximately once every two to a park for the same price that they three months, per manufacturers



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are sharing with the developer, he'd be happy to consider it.

Parks, Trails and Recreation Commissioner Carol Singer explained that it's important to consider serving the greatest number of residents. "It's a value judgement of where we should spend that money," she said.

opportunity that we really can't pass up," said Council Member Mike Anderson. "Right now we need to jump on what's in front of us."

A group of young people representing the San Francisco Bay Area Renters Federation voiced opposition to the smaller project, supporting the prior 315-unit apartment complex that would add more affordable housing stock to the area. Various speakers from the group complained of spiraling rent costs in the Bay Area, calling the need for moderately priced housing "acute."

The amount of paperwork associated with a project of this magnitude is astounding: Resolution 2015 - 50 adopts environmental reports Reporting Plan, Resolution 2015 – 51, approves a General Plan amendagreement between the city, the de- Highway 24 and from the sports veloper, and the landowner.

Specific conditions of approval must agree to in order to build the project, from underground utilities to gravity flow sewers to solar panels, which will offset a minimum of 80 percent of each home's projected electrical needs.

requirement, in perpetuity. MERV is a measurement of how well the filter removes small particles from the air – the higher the MERV, the smaller the particles that can be trapped.

O'Brien is also required to submit a Dust Control and Air Quality Monitoring Plan which shall have "Suddenly we've been given an real time monitoring of air quality during the grading operations on the site, as well as a dozen items to reduce particulate matter in the air during construction that are identified in the environmental impact report, to comply with BAAOMD.

> One of the more unusual requirements specified that a bat biologist be hired to "avoid possible loss of bats during project construction." This will be accomplished by limiting demolition of existing buildings on the property to two months in the spring and two months in the fall to "minimize the likelihood of removal during the winter roosting period ... and the critical pupping period."

While the bats will presumably and the Mitigations Monitoring and be protected, and a new bike lane will be installed to protect cyclists, drivers will likely face some added ment. Ordinance 641 approves a congestion on already busy Pleasant zoning amendment and includes a Hill Road. Only two things fell into land use permit, hillside develop- the "potentially significant effects ment permit and conditions of ap- that cannot be mitigated below a proval, along with a development level of significance": noise from field, and more traffic.

It's worth considering which is spell out 80 items that the developer worse, traffic from 44 homes, or traffic from 315 homes?

> All of the relevant documents are included in the staff report and as attachments from the Aug. 10 city council meeting, which are available online at www.lovelafayette.com.



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