## **Changes Afoot for the** Reservoir Run

By Cathy Tyson



Participants of all ages at the Lafayette Reservoir Run

In order to keep traffic flowing vard, and additional closures down while Lafayette's biggest footrace the boulevard starting at 7 a.m. By 11 a.m. the party will be over and the

all be migrating westward slightly. around the intersection of Oak Hill light for this year. Road and Mt. Diablo Boulevard, with balloons marking the start and finish lines at the Starbucks and Valero gas Up parking lot. Find all the details

is in motion, the start, finish, pan-

cakes, first aid station and booths will

station across the street. ganizer and executive director of the formation at the Lafayette Chamber Chamber of Commerce, Jay Lifson, of teraction with the runners."

Sunday, Oct. 25 at the intersection of BART, and bikes can rest easy at the Oak Hill Road and Mt. Diablo Boule- bike valet.

roadway should be clear for drivers.

Photo Andy Scheck

The popular family bike ride was The excitement will center canceled last year, but it has a green

Looking for pancakes? Visit the new location this year at the Round for the family-friendly two-mile, 5K "It will be fantastic," says race or- and 10K races, as well as sign-up in-Commerce race website "much more intimate, with more in- http://bit.ly/resrun2015. Sign-ups are still welcome on the day of the Street closure will start at 6 a.m. event, free parking is available at

# Get Married at City Hall **Next Friday**

bridesmaids and an expensive dinner? For the first time, couples who obtain a license to wed from the county can partnership than in the stylishly decorated Chapel of Love Lafayette?

Halloween and weddings at the same come. C. Tyson

oes true love need to bother time. Not one, but two employees with flowers, a gaggle of can officially marry people. Save a bundle (the candy is free) at the city of Lafayette offices in Desco Plaza, 3675 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 210, get hitched at the Lafayette city of- Friday, Oct. 30. Simply call to set fices. What better way to celebrate a up an appointment at (925) 284-1968. For those not willing to commit, it will be worth checking out This year, the annual creative the fantastic Vegas-inspired venue; transformation by city staffers rings in grown-up trick-or-treaters are wel-

## **District Grapples with** Old Schools, More Kids

By Cathy Tyson

facilities of the Lafayette grades. School District kicked off, appropriately, at Lafayette Elementary School, which first opened its doors to students in 1943.

The District faces a two-fold problem: schools are old and in need of significant repair, and the student population is gradually increasing. Architectural firm HKIT spent the summer analyzing exiting conditions and needs at Burton Valley, Happy Valley, Lafayette, and Springhill elementary schools, as well as at Stanley Middle School, the Lafayette School District offices and the White Pony School. HKIT staff also talked to principals and teachers to get a handle on exactly what was needed to modernize the facilities.

On average, four of the five schools that make up the district are 62 years old and are suffering from some of the maladies of old age. Springhill Elementary School was upgraded in 1999.

HKIT, Dara Youngdale, explained at ementary schools, but estimates projthe Oct. 15 meeting the firm's analysis of the physical conditions of the district's buildings, overall infrastructure needs, parking, fields and Middle School, which has a current play areas, current capacity and growth potential.

"This is a place where time has stood still," said Youngdale. "There has been a culture of accommodating deficiencies." She outlined examples at Lafayette Elementary School: site drainage and flooding, big problems with drop-off and parking, old energy-inefficient single-pane win-

he initial meeting to assess the dows, and a need for classroom up-

Parents and community members were happy to share concerns during the information-gathering component of the meeting and reported, table by table, their top priorities for the Lafayette Elementary School campus.

Keeping students safe, dry and warm was an overarching need that the consultant HKIT suggested. Building on that, almost every table of attendees commented that parking and drop off is, as one mom put it, "a nightmare."

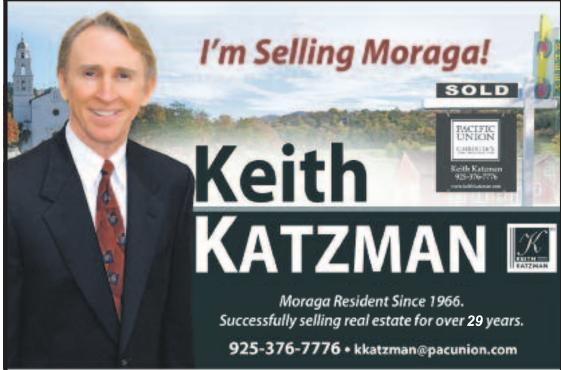
School board member David Gerson reported that the top priority for his table, after addressing years of deferred maintenance, is the learning environment, where kids spend most of their day.

Accommodating a growing number of future students is another important issue to consider when taking a comprehensive view of district facilities. There are currently Architect and consultant with 2,351 students enrolled at the four elect an additional 100 students expected by the 2019-20 school year.

> The trend is similar at Stanley enrollment of 1,181 students and is anticipating an increase of 155 students in the next five years.

> "Facilities haven't kept up with cutting-edge curriculum," Superintendent Rachel Zinn said, "and we are looking at incremental growth over the next five years of 100 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

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