

Nominations are open for the 2019 Lafayette Citizen of the Year

Do you have a person in mind for this year's nomination? Criteria are as follows:

- Must be a current Lafayette resident;
- Must be someone who has given of their time, money or energy to help make Lafayette a healthy community, where people will want to live, work and shop;
- Must be someone who models excellence in everything they do;
- Must be someone who brings this community together and/or makes us proud to be a member of the community.

A celebration dinner will be held on Friday, March 22 at the Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa to honor the winner! The deadline for submitting nominations is at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

Nominations can be sent to nominations@lamorindaweekly.com or jay@lafayettechamber.org.

The hunt is on – an update

By Pippa Fisher

Now that the city council is complete and up and running, talk is turning again to recruiting a new city manager. At the Jan. 14 meeting the council's discussion moved them slightly closer to such a hiring with the appointment of an ad hoc committee comprising Vice Mayor Mike Anderson and Council Member Teresa Gerringer.

The council heard from city staff that four requests for proposals have been received from recruitment agencies.

The question now is how to move forward. All city council members want the

process to be as open as possible but recognize that there is a need to explore how best to proceed, possibly engaging focus groups and reaching out to residents, businesses, and the chamber of commerce.

After some discussion the council appointed Anderson and Gerringer to work with city staff, to come up with questions exploring how each of the four firms would suggest conducting an open process, to shortlist the firms and to bring the top one or two firms back before the entire council in an open meeting.

Stay tuned.

Lafayette's mayor takes it to the streets



Photo provided

Mayor Cam Burks (left) with Terry and John Kiskaddon of Harper Greer in La Fiesta Square.

By Pippa Fisher

Lafayette Mayor Cam Burks is becoming quite a familiar face around town. In fact, he spent the weekend of Jan. 12-13 walking the entire downtown area and stopping in on more than 70 businesses along Mt. Diablo Boulevard. Additionally he held his usual weekend mayor's coffee on

Sunday at the Starbucks in the East End.

Burks is taking on a very visible role this year, including maintaining an active presence on social media. His plan is to introduce himself and to discuss ideas for making the downtown even more vibrant.

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Terry Ring honored for behind the scenes work



Terry Ring Photo Andy Scheck

By Pippa Fisher

This year's Business Person of the Year has been named – Terry Ring of Ring Construction. He will be honored with a dinner celebrating his many contributions to Lafayette at the Lafayette Park Hotel and Spa on Friday, Feb. 1. Mayor Cam Burks will also give the State of the City address.

Ring is very involved with both the Lafayette Rotary Club and with the Chamber of Commerce. As the head of Ring Construction, a soft story expert company specializing in

seismic upgrades and foundation replacements, he has a decades-old history in Lafayette. Ring and his wife, Iris, have two grown children, Elizabeth and Conner.

Ring was born in San Francisco but was raised from a young age in Lafayette, attending local schools. After a few years of traveling in Latin America he attended UC Berkeley and graduated with a teaching credential. He worked at oil refineries and shipyards to pay for college. "After being unceremoniously fired for the last time, I decided to start my own company," says Ring, and so after getting his general contractor license, he started Ring Construction.

But even beyond his successful business, he is known around town for his boundless volunteering.

Among the many community projects for which Ring has offered his construction expertise are the stage at the reservoir and most recently, the memorial honoring local fallen service men and women at the Veterans Memorial Center.

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