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July 4th in Orinda!

JULY 4th 2019

7:30 Pancake Breakfast
 7:55 a.m. Flag Raising
 8 a.m. Fun Run for a Reason
 10 a.m. **PARADE BEGINS!**
 11:30 Party in the Park

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Many families came out to celebrate dressed in red, white and blue at last year's parade.

Photo Sora O'Doherty

Family-friendly activities planned for Fourth of July

By Sora O'Doherty

For the past 35 years, community members have gathered along the parade route in downtown Orinda to cheer as marching bands, bagpipers, martial arts demonstrations, floats, stilt walkers, singers, dancers, and local clubs pass by, starting in Theatre District on Moraga Way and winding through the Village District on Orinda Way. This year's festivities promise to be equally fun, with

Grand Marshals Bobbie Landers and Ann Christofferson, "Pioneers of the Parade," kicking off the 36th annual Fourth of July "Best Hometown Parade" at 10 a.m. Seniors who wish to view the parade in comfort can sit in covered bleacher seating provided by the Orinda Association's Seniors Around Town program in front of the Community Center on Orinda Way.

Landers said that she started the parade the year before Orinda incorporated in order to give a community feeling to Orinda. "That's why we have

the parade on both sides of town, so that we are all together, Orindans, celebrating and having a good time." Christofferson, in 1976, did the first Orinda parade. At the time she was the director of the community center. That parade started at the community center and went north to the old bridge. "In 1984," Landers said, "I remembered that there was once a parade, and we just made the parade bigger and included both sides of town in order to bring everyone in the community together."

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Unincorporated Reliez Valley Road residents want influence in Lafayette

By Pippa Fisher

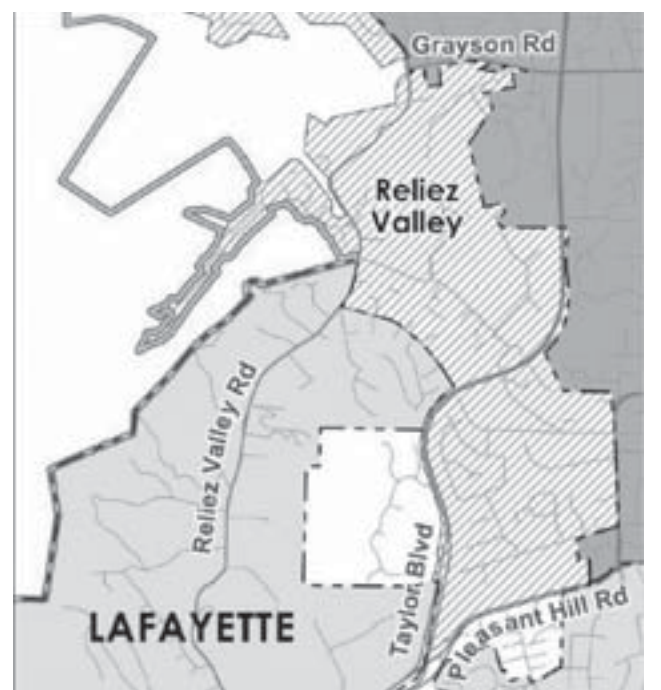
Despite a 4-1 vote from the Lafayette City Council at its May 28 meeting – with Council Member Susan Candell the only one opposing – to notify the Local Agency Formation Commission of its opposition to any change in sphere of influence for unincorporated Reliez Valley area residents, the issue is not necessarily over quite yet. LAFCO, while not approving any changes to SOI, subsequently decided to form a subcommittee to further discuss the topic.

Kristen Altbaum and Roger Chelemedos, representing an area of roughly 300 homes in unincorporated Contra Costa County along Reliez Valley Road between Grayson and Withers that share the Lafayette zip code, have Lafayette addresses and

sent their children to Lafayette schools and had requested that LAFCO remove them from the Pleasant Hill SOI and that they be placed in the Lafayette SOI.

Residents of this area say they want to simplify jurisdictional boundaries. They want school districts and city boundaries to align. They say they identify with Lafayette and that their area is home to coaches and involved community members. They point out they patronize Lafayette restaurants and businesses, spend their time in activities and sports with their Lafayette school-attending children in Lafayette and as such should be under the Lafayette SOI enabling them to vote in elections on Lafayette matters that affect them, such as traffic and safety along the RVR corridor.

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