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Fall in love with beautiful kittens and cats from Community Concern for Cats. Meet them at this weekend's adoption event from 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 5 and 6. Locations are Pet Food Express in Lafayette, Petco in Walnut Creek, Pet Food Express in Pleasant Hill (Saturday), and Pet Food Express in Concord (Sunday). For more information, visit www.communityconcernforcats.org online.

The Diablo Valley Literacy Council fall workshop is scheduled. Adults interested in helping other ESL (English as a Second Language) adults in the community to learn the English language are encouraged to attend. No teaching experience is required. We will teach you to be a tutor! \$20 registration covers materials and training. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 5 and Oct. 12 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Concord. Attending both sessions is required.

Public Hearing of the OUSD Board of Trustees at 6 p.m. on Oct. 7 in the Orinda Union School District Conference Rooms A & B, 8 Altarinda Road Orinda. The purpose of this Public Hearing is for the Board of Trustees to obtain public input on whether each pupil in the District has sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in specific subjects that are aligned to the academic content standards.

Shred papers, hard drives and CDs on site: AAUW's 6th Annual October Shred Fest is from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 12, at 5A Rent-A-Space, 455 Moraga Road, Moraga. Rain or shine, securely shred pa-

pers on site. New services: Destroy computer hard drives (removed from computer) and metal CDs (up to 20). \$10 per bankers file box, computer hard drive, or CDs. This AAUW fundraiser helps send teacher-nominated Lamorinda girls to Tech Trek Science & Math Camp on campus at Stanford University. <https://oml-ca.aauw.net/tech-trek/>

Friends Corner Book Shop in Lafayette is having a Half-Price Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 12. Now that school has begun again, what a wonderful opportunity for family members to settle into new routines and learn something new from an interesting book! Proceeds benefit the Lafayette Library. <https://www.lllcf.org/shop-for-a-used-book/>

The giant fall book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Moraga Library will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road. Books, CD's and DVDs in all categories will be sold at prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$3. Beginning at 1 p.m. a bag can be purchased for \$5 and filled with all the books it will hold. Proceeds from the sale go to fund library materials and programs in addition to paying for staffing of the library's Sunday hours.

The Saint Mary's College Guild presents "A Night in Italy" from 5 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 in the Saint Mary's College Soda Center featuring Delizioso Cuisine - Bella Musica by the Joe Simoni Duo featuring opportunities for dinner, wine, entertainment and more! Proceeds benefiting stu-

dent financial aid scholarships. \$49/per person, including parking. Make check payable to: SMC Guild and mail to: Karen Cain, 1835 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.

Practical Advice for Those with Osteoporosis & Osteopenia at 7 p.m. on Oct. 22 with Valerie Watase, PT, Co-Owner and Ambassador of Lafayette Physical Therapy at 3468 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Suite B110 in Lafayette. This is a free event, but space is limited, so please sign up at lafayettept.com/events or call (925) 284-6150.

Pivotal Twist Presents - Improv Your Intro: A Fun Way to Craft Your Personal Introduction from 7 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 23 at JPG@The Bank, 3525 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Expect good energy, a fun group, and a non-judgmental playground where you can try new ideas. Led by Sean Perlmutter and Henry Caplan of Pivotal Twist, Improv Your Intro is built on their background as actor/writer/directors, speaker coaches, and brand consultants. Limited to 30 participants. \$45 registration includes light snacks and soft drinks. <https://improvyourintro.eventbrite.com>.

Women's Spiral Dance - A Multicultural Celebration of Our Beloved Ancestors and Crones from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Orinda Masonic Temple, 9 Altarinda Road, Orinda. \$23 in advance by Oct. 23/\$29 at the door. During this multi-cultural and intergenerational ritual, led by Kahuna Leilani, and accompanied by spiritual elders of different traditions, we come to-

gether to honor and celebrate our loved ones who have passed away. Tickets and questions: Leilani@DaughtersoftheGoddess.com. www.DaughtersoftheGoddess.com

Many Faces of Brain Cancer from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at Cancer Support Community, 3276 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek. Join an engaging panel of medical experts as they explore key advances in neuro-oncology. The panel will offer insight into latest treatments including magnetic resonance thermography, laser tumor ablation, brain mapping, immunotherapy, tradition radiotherapy and stereotactic radiosurgery. Speakers include: Maxwell Merkow, MD - James Rembert, MD - Gigi Chen, MD. RSVP to sjung@dvothmg.com or (925) 677-5041 x272.

GARDEN

The Lafayette Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. Oct. 10 in Lafayette Veteran's Bldg, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette. October's speaker is Pamela Berstler, who co-founded and continues to manage G3, Green Gardens Group, and is also currently the executive director of Pacific Horticulture Society. She focuses on gardens that promote biodiversity, sequester carbon, cool the atmosphere, build water reserves, and are gorgeous as well! For more information please contact twalklet@comcast.net

Lafayette Community Garden presents Wind Chime Workshop from noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Lafayette Community Garden, 3932 Mt. Diablo Blvd. This will be a fun class involving assembling

a wind chime which you will make out of various objects and equipment provided by the teacher. You are also encouraged to bring your own "found" objects which can be attached to the mobile. Registration for this class is required on the website at www.lafayettecommunitygarden.org.

The Walnut Creek Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 14 at the Gardens at Heather Farm, 1540 Marchbanks Drive, in Walnut Creek. The featured speaker will be Dr. John Fike, who is a master gardener and retired biomedical researcher. His presentation titled "Those Darn Pests" will introduce Integrated Pest Management (IPM), an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term control using biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and resistant varieties.

The Montelindo Garden Club October meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 18 at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center's Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Everyone is welcome. Presentation: Bulbs, Bulbs, and More Bulbs! Speaker: William Welch, a.k.a. Bill the Bulb Baron. Bill has been growing and hybridizing bulbs his entire life and has bred and named several new varieties. He grows all of his bulbs organically, and will be bringing with him a wide selection of bulbs for sale after the talk. www.montelindogarden.com

10th Annual Orinda Olive Festival, Oct. 6

Submitted by Kathy Barrett

The first Sunday in October, families will be gathering in the olive grove and around the frog pond to enjoy nature, music, crafts and the bounty from local olive growers. The beautiful historic Wagner Ranch Nature Area is open to the public just twice a year. Learn about (and taste) a variety of olive oils from local producers, including award-winning Grumpy Goats Farm Extra Virgin Olive Oil, local East Bay favorite Amphora Nueva, McEvoy Ranch Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Olive Drop from Lodi, Calif., and also featuring olives from the region to taste during the 10th annual Orinda Olive Festival from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 at the historic Wagner Ranch Nature Area.



John Helms and Reg Barrett will lead tours of the meadows, woodland, ponds and streams, and the 135-year-old olive grove. Play family-friendly games such as the "Olive Pit Spit Contest," and try your hand at Pioneer Chemistry, and solar cooking while wearing nature tattoos and olive crowns. Visit a local beekeeper's display, and explore for turtles and tadpoles in the pond. Toddlers are invited to a treasure hunt in the garden for toy bugs to take home.

Visitors may bring their own picnic to enjoy at the many picnic tables or visit the several

Food Trucks onsite. The historic olive grove will feature a ukulele concert for your enjoyment, and nearby is nature story telling for kids. Student music recitals presented by ALMA are ongoing near the main garden. A silent auction and eco-friendly raffle support the outdoor education programs in the Nature Area.

The weather can be very warm in October. Participants should wear sunglasses and hats and bring your refillable water bottles (many water stations on site). Comfortable shoes will provide stability on uneven/gravel surfaces. Pets are not allowed in the Nature Area, due to school district policy. Admission is free.

Mixologists create cocktail creations at annual competition

An anticipated crowd of 300 is expected at this year's Art of Mixology event from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at Orinda's Theatre Square. The event, which is a competition among up to 18 bartenders who will vie for prizes for their craft cocktail creations as well as their table decorations, is the Lamorinda Arts Council's largest fundraiser of the year.

Participants, who will cast their votes for their favorite drink, can sample over 20 cocktails as well as finger foods, and will receive a souvenir shot glass. Bartenders will compete for the coveted Mixologist of the Year award as well as several other awards and cash prizes. Tickets are \$55 in advance, \$65 at the door.



For information, visit <https://lamorindaarts.org/mixology/> - J. Wake

Live At the Orinda: Nicolas King



Submitted by Michael Williams

Award-winning jazz singer Nicolas King will swing into the historic Orinda Theatre along with Emmy Award-winning jazz legend Mike Renzi at 5 p.m. Oct. 13 for his Bay Area concert debut.

King is the 2019 Legends

Award-winning jazz vocalist and former child star who grew up working on Broadway and television with Carol Burnett, Liza Minnelli, Jerry Lewis, and Jay Leno.

Now 27, he's a multi-award-winning jazz crooner often compared to Mel Tormé and Bobby Darin.

King will be accompanied by seven-time Emmy Award-winning musical director and jazz legend Mike Renzi, who has worked with Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne, Tony Bennett and Natalie Cole and was musical director, arranger and producer for both Peggy Lee and Mel Tormé for over 25 years.

The Live At the Orinda concert series brings world-class, award-winning Broadway, jazz and cabaret artists to the intimate Orinda Theatre. Subscribers receive substantial ticket discounts, first choice at reserved seating for the season, complimentary drinks and more. This new season also includes Tony Award winners Faith Prince and John Lloyd Young. Previous artists include Rita Moreno, Maureen McGovern, Lorena Luft and Franc D'Ambrosio.

Information and tickets are available at www.OrindaMovies.com or (925) 254-9065.

Service Clubs Announcements

OCTOBER WEEKLY MEETINGS
4: James Bouquin, Cancer Support Center
11: Tina Akins, Rotary District Governor
18: Dr. Robert Weiner, The Life of Leonardo Da Vinci
25: Frank Dunne, Club Member Presentation
Breakfast, Friday 7:00 a.m.
The Lafayette Park Hotel & Spa, 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA
www.lamorindasunrise.com

Lafayette Rotary Club
Step in on a Thursday and join us for our lunch meeting.
 Thursday at noon Oakwood Athletic Club, 4000 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.
October 3:
Julie has been in the fitness field for over 40 years. Tips on the benefits of a little exercise and much music, singing and entertaining.
Julie Hughes
October 10:
We will receive an update from the 16th Assembly District
Assembly Member, Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
www.rotarylafayette.org
www.facebook.com/Rotary-Club-of-Lafayette-CA

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