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Photo Jeff Heyman

End of Summer at San Pablo Reservoir

By Jeff Heyman

Summer has to come to an end eventually. And the unofficial end of summer is, of course, Labor Day, which this year at the San Pablo Reservoir was a picture perfect day to say goodbye to summer fun. Families gathered on the grassy slopes of the San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area's shoreline park to enjoy a traditional Labor Day barbecue, while others practiced the tried and true summer pastime of fishing the waters of the well-stocked – trout and catfish! – reservoir.

The San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area, just

north of Orinda, is a perfect leisure spot for all ages. It offers a range of outdoor activities including fishing, boating, picnicking, kayaking, and hiking throughout the year. Boat rentals include the family favorite "patio boats," although kayaks, row boats, and aluminum fishing boats are also available – or bring your own boat to the boat launch facility just south of the recreation area.

Be ready for some of the best flat water kayaking and canoeing in the East Bay. Paddle along the 14 miles of shoreline and discover sandy beaches,

great fishing spots, and spectacular wildlife viewing. Not a water person? Enjoy the picturesque picnic areas, playground, or the trails that weave throughout the wooded hillsides and along the shores of the reservoir.

Summer may be officially gone, but you can still have a wonderful time all year around at the San Pablo Reservoir. The entrance to the reservoir's recreation area is located at 7301 San Pablo Dam Road between Orinda and El Sobrante. It's another fantastic reason life is so good here in Lamorinda.

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15th Annual Senior Symposium: Empowering Senior & Caregivers

Saturday, September 28th 8:30 am - Noon

Lafayette Veterans Memorial Center

Register for the FREE event at <https://bit.ly/ss24lafayette>

Attendance is FREE

Moraga Town Council amends Moraga Center Specific Plan zoning

By Vera Kochan

During the town council's Aug. 28 meeting, an ordinance was approved to waive the first reading and introduce by title only an amendment to Chapter 8.32 of the Moraga Municipal Code implementing Program 4(b) in the 2023-2031 Moraga Housing Element and amending the development standards in the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) Six Dwelling Units Per Acre Multifamily Residential District to facilitate housing production.

The MCSP was adopted in 2010, with the idea of making the Moraga Center's 187-acres into an area containing new residential, commercial, and mixed-use development, in addition to recreational and civic uses for a vibrant downtown.

The area was divided into 17 numbered sub-areas each with its own specific land-use designation. The 6-acre area (small pear orchard) at the



Photo courtesy Moraga Planning Department

Yellow arrow points to Area 15

intersection of Moraga Way and Moraga Road was labeled "Area 15", and would allow for medium density housing such as townhouses, duplexes, etc. It was designated for residential use of up to six dwelling units per acre. ... continued on Page 7

Talent and potential in Lamorinda football

By Jon Kingdon

With Acalanes coming off a state championship, Miramonte hiring a new coach, and Campolindo being historically successful, there is a great deal of optimism with the football teams.

ACALANES
Acalanes lost a number of key player to graduation but with a large number of returning seniors and juniors, confidence still reigns supreme in Lafayette outscoring Lowell and Mt. Diablo by a combined score of 97-28.

Head Coach Floyd Burnsted makes it a point to use the season's opening games to keep learn-



Photo Ann Murphy

Miramonte QB Carson Blair scoring TD vs. Oak. Tech

ing about his team. "We played over 50 players in our opener to try and get the right match on the field with our best players and then go from there," Burnsted said. ... continued on Page 16

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