



Fire Districts

Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board of Directors
 Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m.
 Moraga Library Community Room
 1500 St. Mary's Road
 Moraga, CA 94556
 For meeting times and agendas, visit www.mofd.org

ConFire Board of Directors
 Tuesday, June 14, 1:30 p.m.
 Board Chamber room 107,
 Administration Building,
 651 Pine St., Martinez
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Fire Chief Snags a Bargain on a Temporary Firehouse

By Sora O'Doherty

Moraga-Orinda Fire District firefighters will be sitting pretty in a \$120,000 temporary building Fire Chief Stephen Healy obtained from Carmel Valley Fire Department for only \$3,000.

The temporary building will be installed in the northern parking lot of St. Stephens Episcopal Church, around the corner from MOFD fire station 43, which will be demolished and rebuilt. The application for the work was approved by the Planning Commission on May 10.

The temporary structure should be in place by the end of June, and the new fire station is expected to be completed in one year, reopening in October of 2017, according to Healy. The

temporary structure is 1,080 square feet, and has a detached, unenclosed apparatus bay for one fire truck. Although during the year that it takes to build the replacement permanent fire station, there will not be an ambulance on site. Healy pointed out that in the past two years, the ambulance from station 43 has only been called out once.

Plans for replacing station station 43 were approved by the planning commission first in September 2012, but the approval expired. The new permanent fire station is the same as was approved in 2012, but the temporary structure is now bigger, and located off site, only 450 feet away from the station.

Lafayette

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According to Broschard, the original Station 16 was constructed in the 1950s, way before Lafayette was even incorporated, and was originally designed for only two people. That station eventually was rolled into ConFire in the late 1960s and was in use until the Loma Prieta earthquake. At that point, there was so much damage, a double-wide mobile home to accommodate three people was installed at the site, although the original garage remained. As that mobile unit was nearing the end of its useful life

in 2011, capital reserves were set aside and architectural plans were made to replace it. Less than a year later, in 2012, came the rodent infestation and mold; however plans were already in the works to replace the station. Then the really bad news came, as voters rejected Measure Q that would have helped fund the station rebuild. Firefighters from Station 16 have been working from Station 15 on Mt. Diablo Boulevard ever since. It looks like they will be there for another couple of years, until at least 2018.

Sandingham Drive Home Damaged in Recent Blaze



Photo provided

Firefighters from the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District responded May 5 to a house fire at 235 Sandingham Drive North in Moraga. Three people were displaced from the

home and no firefighters were injured. The fire resulted in \$100,000 damage and was caused by discarded smoking materials, according to Dennis Rein, MOFD public information officer. — N Marnell

Rescue One Foundation Donates AED to Commons

By Cathy Dausman



Showing off the new AED are, from left MOFD Battalion Chief Jerry Lee, Steve Strand of Rescue One, Gene Gottfried, Rescue One President, Mayor Mike Metcalf, Interim Town Manager Robert Priebe and Gordon Nathan of Rescue One.

Moraga now has another Automated External Defibrillator thanks to a donation from Moraga-Orinda Fire District's Rescue One Foundation.

The latest unit was installed inside the kitchen adjacent the band shell at Moraga Commons Park. The portable device is used to treat victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Last fall Rescue One donated an AED to the Moraga and Orinda police departments in 2014.

Hacienda de las Flores and the SODA Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School also have AEDs, although those were not Rescue One purchases.

"Knowing now that the town will have a dedicated AED for large community events at The Commons is extremely important," said Moraga Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram. "On behalf of the town, thank you for continuing to make Moraga a safe place to live, work, play and rescue," he said.

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