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Opiate antidote now in the hands of Lafayette police

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"When someone needs Narcan, they need it badly," said Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief Stephen Healy, who has worked with the drug for almost 30 years. "I'd advise that the police take universal precautions. Use gloves and eye-wear, as victims could vomit upon resuscitation." The police field overdose kit will contain a pair of exam gloves and a face shield along with the nasal spray.

Terence Carey, assistant chief of emergency medical services for the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, likened the police carrying a Narcan kit to their car-

rying an automated external defibrillator. "It's a good thing," Carey said. "In addition to officers having that tool, we'll be responding as well with trained advanced-life-support personnel."

Orinda Police Chief Mark Nagel confirmed that his officers will receive naloxone training in the coming months. Moraga has no immediate plans to begin the training, according to Town Manager Bob Priebe, though he said his police department would be interested in the program. "I don't see a downside, as long as there are precautions and proper training," he

said.

Gilmore's wife, Barbara, is in charge of membership services for the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. In memory of the Gilmores' son, the chamber agreed to fund the initial purchase of five field overdose kits for the police department.

"Approving this program is not supporting or condoning the abuse of illicit drugs," Christensen wrote in a letter to the council. "This program simply acknowledges that a problem exists and provides another opportunity to save lives through rapid assessment and reversal of the effects of opioid-related drugs."

Orchard Road, short-term rentals and marijuana

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The ordinance adds a section to the municipal code that creates an annual short-term registration system. Property owners will be required to fill out and sign a registration form including contact information and other key information about the rental. Short-term rentals will not be eligible for Temporary Event Permits. The maximum occupancy is let at two people per bedroom plus three additional people and only one short-term rental per property is allowed at any given time. Property owner must affirm that short-term rentals comply with

all applicable building, fire, health and zoning codes and operators of short-term rentals must register for and pay TOT.

Twelve months after passage of the ordinance, staff must prepare a report for the city council regarding implementation. Once there are 100 short-term rentals in Orinda, the planning commission will hold a public hearing to consider the effectiveness of the ordinance.

The council also approved an ordinance regulating marijuana cultivation in the city, since marijuana use and cultivation was ap-

proved by California voters in the last general election as Proposition 64, which gave localities limited powers to regulate the drug. The city council stuck with its intention to prohibit outdoor grows of any marijuana and to also prohibit any commercial marijuana-related activities within the city. However Council Member Inga Miller and Mayor Eve Phillips voted against the ordinance because they did not support the prohibition on outdoor grows. The two ordinances will be formally adopted on a future consent calendar.

Food trucks and Orinda restaurants

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Salomon acknowledged that parking is a problem in Orinda but pointed out that it is a good problem to have. Some places have plenty of parking but nobody shows up. Some solutions were identified in the Urban Land Institute report on

downtown development. In the short term, Salomon said, the city can work on those if that is what the community and the council want to have happen. One suggestion is to use Bryant Way for additional parking.

The weekly Street Feast food truck event will continue on Thursdays, from 5 to 9 p.m. through Oct. 19 in front of the Orinda Community Center.

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