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MOFD releases draft of Community Wildfire Protection Plan

By Nick Marnell

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District presented a draft of its Community Wildfire Protection Plan, a guide to help district residents develop an understanding of wildfire and wildfire management. The plan identifies and prioritizes areas within the district for fuel mitigation efforts, and recommends ways to reduce the fire risk in those high-risk communities.

At the Dec. 16 district

meeting, Fire Chief Dave Winnacker explained that the problem of accumulated fuels in the district has taken a long time to develop – more than 100 years in the making. Building homes in areas that had been grazed or allowed to burn, and then surrounding those homes with non-native vegetation, exacerbated the problem.

“It’s going to take years to address this,” Winnacker said. “The work required places a demand on resources

that will outstrip availability.”

The chief said the mitigation efforts will be prioritized starting with the most serious areas and where the community as a whole will achieve the greatest return on investment. “The Community Wildfire Protection Plan will guide that work,” Winnacker said.

The 65-page document covers the wildfire risk in the district, strategies for reducing that risk, district priorities and the district action plan to

tackle those priorities. “The purpose of the Moraga-Orinda Community Wildfire Protection Plan is to protect human life and reduce the loss of property, critical infrastructure, and natural resources due to wildfire,” states the introduction to the document.

In order to address the subtleties and complexities of each district community, MOFD will hold three public workshops to go over the plan details and take public feed-

back. The first meeting is scheduled for Orinda Jan. 21, followed by Canyon Jan. 28 and Moraga Feb. 4. Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. as online teleconferences.

Having a Community Wildfire Protection Plan also qualifies the district for priority funding for hazardous fuels reduction projects carried out under the Healthy Forests Initiative, a federal initiative established in 2003 to help reduce the risk of catastrophic wildland fires.

Changes in the MOFD executive and management ranks



Craig Jorgens Photo provided

By Nick Marnell

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District reshuffled its executive team in December and also announced the elevation of a fire captain to battalion chief.

After serving an unprecedented two consecutive years as district president, Stephen Danziger stepped aside for Craig Jorgens, who was elected to the post for the first time. The board of directors chose Jorgens by a 4-1 margin, with director Greg Baitx casting the lone vote against. Baitx declined to comment on the reason for his negative vote, though the two directors have sparred at previous meetings over full-time staffing of the Fire Station 45 ambulance, which Baitx favored and Jorgens opposed.

Jorgens takes over one of the most high-profile independent special districts in Contra Costa County. Accord-

ing to the county auditor-controller, MOFD is apportioned 21.22% of a district resident’s taxpayer dollars, and the district’s \$29.8 million budget for this fiscal year is larger than the operating budgets of Moraga and Orinda combined.

“As the MOFD board president this term, I’m looking forward to working with our community, firefighters, and fire prevention personnel to allocate this money to support the fire suppression, fire prevention, and the emergency services that keep our community safe,” Jorgens said.

In district operations, Fire Chief Dave Winnacker promoted 11-year MOFD vet-

eran Lucas Lambert from captain to battalion chief.

“Lucas is a tremendously talented member whose engagement on a number of internal and external projects and programs stands out amidst an organization full of hard working high achievers. We look forward to seeing

this same enthusiasm and capability applied on a larger scale in his new position,” Winnacker said.

Lambert will supervise the district operations division. Battalion chiefs Steve Gehling and Jerry Lee, along with Lambert, report directly to the fire chief.

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, Jan. 20, 6 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.mofd.org



ConFire
Board of Directors
Tuesday, Jan., 19, 1:00 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.org



Coyote crime wave subsides over the holidays

By Nick Marnell

After three high-profile attacks on humans by a renegade coyote this year, reported coyote sightings diminished over the holiday season. One local resident caught sight of a coyote Jan. 3

running in downtown Lafayette, but no further attacks were reported.

A bloodthirsty coyote was determined through DNA evidence to have bitten three individuals in Lamorinda since July, with two of the victims reporting various wounds, but none considered ex-

remely serious. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife continues to search for the coyote, and the animal will be killed when captured.

Capt. Patrick Foy of the department’s law enforcement division offered tips if you encounter an aggressive coyote.

“No. 1, if you have small children or small pets, pick them up. Shout as loudly as you can, and stomp at the animal if it continues to approach. If it does bite, hit it as hard as you can with whatever you can find nearby,” Foy said.

CDFW says that coyotes

are by nature fearful of humans, but if the animals have access to human food or garbage, they lose their caution and fear.

“Wild animals don’t need your handouts. They need your respect,” reads a banner atop a page on the department website.

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Public Safety

Emergency response:
Emergency: 24 Hours 911
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours
925-284-5010
Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to www.nixle.com
Lafayette Police Department:
3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 925-283-3680
Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt
925-299-3221
Police Department Tip Line
94549Tip@gmail.com
Police Department Traffic Issues
94549Traffic@gmail.com
Moraga Police Department:
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049
Orinda Police Department:
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820
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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report Dec. 13 - Dec. 19



Alarms	18
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	7
Traffic	30
Suspicious Circumstances	6
Suspicious Subject	10
Suspicious Vehicle	8
Service to Citizen	32
Patrol Req./Security Check	35
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	8

Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	6
Vehicle violations	
Auto Burglary	3100 Block Camino Diablo
Reckless Driving	Campolindo Dr./Moraga Rd., Mor
	3300 Block Mildred Ln.
	Oak Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24
	Deer Hill Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Tc - Property Damage	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Other criminal activity	
Computer Fraud	700 Block Los Palos Dr.
Fraud Credit Card	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Grand Theft	3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Grand Theft Bicycle	1000 Block Dewing Ave.
Identity Theft	3300 Block Carlyle Terrace (2)
Petty Theft	1100 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.
	3300 Block N Lucille Ln.
	3300 Block Moraga Blvd.
Shoplift	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
Nuisance to the Community	
Disturbance-domestic	1000 Block Carol Ln.
	Sierra Vista Way/Deer Hill Rd.
Disturbing The Peace	Saranap Ave./El Curtola Blvd.
Loud Noise	1000 Block Buchan Dr.
	1000 Block Glen Rd.
Loud Party	Oliver Ct./Moraga Rd.
Public Nuisance	3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.
Other	
Animal Services Call	Bart Lafayette Station

Covid19 Violation	
Harassment	Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd.
K9 Outside Assist Request	4500 Block Appian Way, Eso
Ordinance Violation	1000 Block Windsor Dr.
	3300 Block Mildred Ln. (2)
Threats	3300 Block Ameno Dr.
	10 Block White Oak Dr.
	900 Block Anita Ct.
Unwanted Guest	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Violation Custody Order	Police Department
Violation Restraining Ord	1000 Block Carol Ln.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report Dec. 15 - Dec. 28



Alarms	4
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic	24
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subject	5
Suspicious Vehicle	1
Service to Citizen	48
Patrol Req./Security Check	27
Supplemental Report	5
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	2
Public/School Assembly Check	1
Vehicle violations	
Accident Property	Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.
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Dui Misd	Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.
Excessive Speed	Bank of America (2)
	Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
	Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.
	Moraga Way/Villa Ln.
	Ivy Dr./Moraga Way
Reckless Driving	Rimer Dr./Camino Pablo
	Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.
	Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.
	Canyon Rd./Larch Ave.
	Rheem Theater
Other criminal activity	
Commercial Burglary	1400 Block St. Marys Rd.
Fraud Credit Card	50 Block Ashbrook Pl.
Petty Theft	Safeway
Residential Burglary	200 Block N Sandringham
Nuisance to the Community	
Loud Music	10 Block Kimberly Dr.
	100 Block Draeger Dr.
Loud Noise	10 Block Wimpole St.
Public Nuisance	20 Block Reynolds Ct.
Vandalism	1000 Block Sanders Dr.
Other criminal activity	
Covid19 Violation	Moraga Commons Park
Drunk In Public	Taco Bell
Fireworks	100 Block Miramonte Dr.
Harassment	St. Andrews Dr./Moraga Way
Ordinance Violation	Moraga Commons Park
Threats	St. Marys College



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report will be back next time