

Lamorinda CERT steps up to help stop pandemic



Photo Sora O'Doherty

Lamorinda CERT Registrar Julie Luckenbach hands information to someone who just received a COVID-19 vaccination at the Hercules vaccination site.

By Sora O'Doherty

Not limited to helping in disasters within Lamorinda, volunteers from Lamorinda CERT, the Citizens' Emergency Response Team, have been stepping up to help run a vaccination clinic in Hercules. The drive-through clinic, located at the Valley Bible Church in Hercules, started out administering 500 vaccinations per day, according to

Lamorinda CERT Registrar Julie Luckenbach, but quickly discovered that they could do more, and the rate rose to 1,000 per day.

The well-organized operation, hosted by the fire service, is one of three being held in west county (Hercules), east county (Brentwood) and south county (San Ramon) covering the entire county fire district. The sites are being staffed by a wide

variety of fire and Sheriff's personnel, as well as volunteer groups such as CERT, County Search and Rescue and the Medical Reserve Corps. According to ConFire Public Information Officer Steve Hill, fire department staff are volunteering to serve on their own time but are being paid overtime for their service. Lamorinda CERT provided volunteers for well over half the shifts in Hercules, along with other volunteers from Richmond, El Cerrito/Kensington, Martinez, Hercules and Walnut Creek.

People with appointments drive up to the site and are directed to vaccination tents. After receiving their vaccinations, they are then directed to one of two waiting areas. The largest area is for people with no history of adverse reactions who need to wait 15 minutes to check for any complications. A smaller area was set aside for those who need to wait 30 minutes before leaving because they had a greater chance of experiencing a reaction. CERT volunteers direct drivers to the correct area and hand out printed information including

a list of common side effects, and how to register with CDC for the V-safe program which sends vaccine recipients texts to check how they are feeling and reminds them to get their second shot.

In the event of an adverse reaction, CERT personnel are instructed to phone 911. Although she has not seen any adverse reactions, Luckenbach said that they have seen some cases of anxiety and have heard of a wide variety of reactions from recipients.

Luckenbach has been working at the clinic each week. "Having all these people work together is so amazing," she said, "because we're getting practice for an unplanned emergency." She explained that by working with other emergency personnel, "you get to know them, and in a disaster, you'll know how to work with them." Luckenbach is not a stranger to emergencies, however, having been awoken in the past to deal with the problem of feeding firefighters in the

middle of the night during the 2019 Sander's Ranch fire in Moraga.

Lamorinda CERT Public Information Officer Virginia Merrifield added that although Lamorinda CERT is not currently conducting in-person classes due to the COVID pandemic, they plan to resume classes as soon as it is safe and have been working on a new, revised curriculum. "In the meantime," she said, "we encourage all Lamorinda residents to visit our website at <https://lamorindacert.org> as a resource for emergency preparation and fire safety updates, as well as attend our virtual monthly meetings. These meetings cover a variety of safety topics delivered by experts. If interested in attending, please contact the registrar at registrar@lamorindacert.org. You will learn everything from what to pack in your 'go bag' to preparing your home to be more wild-fire safe. We think you'll agree these meetings will be time well spent."

Information on the CDC's V-Safe after vaccination health checker can be found at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html

Coyote responsible for multiple Lafayette and Moraga attacks captured

By Vera Kochan

The coyote linked to five attacks on humans within the Lafayette and Moraga area, according to a DNA match, has been trapped and euthanized.

The announcement was made by Captain Patrick Foy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife: "The coyote walked into a trap on Thursday March 11, set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services, off of Calle La Montana in Moraga," he stated during a phone interview. "It was an adult male."

The capture ends an eight-month spree of attacks upon adults and children alike that took place within two miles of each other. A concerted effort to trap the offender was conducted not only by CDFW and USDA-WS, but with the help of Contra Costa County Animal Services, as well as Lafayette and Moraga police departments.

"It was an excellent example of a unified multi-agency effort," confirmed MPD Lt. Brian South, "and we are very appreciative of the CDFW team and the experts from the USDA-Wildlife Services for

their hard work to remove the offending animal. We also appreciate the community support and their help by reporting sightings and communicating with us. We plan to continue working with CDFW to bring a wildlife awareness program to the community moving forward."

While the coyote in question "showed no outward signs of rabies," according to Foy, the UC Davis veterinary staff will perform the test. "Because of the severity of the disease, it is standard operating procedure in an animal attack investigation such as this one. Rabies tests can only be done post-mortem."

Foy noted that California is home to a healthy coyote population. As such, sightings will continue to be a common occurrence. "Only report a

coyote if it exhibits aggressive behavior. It is the sincere hope of the agencies that locals can recreate outdoors in the area again with significantly reduced anxiety and that the community knows that outdoor recreation is still very safe."

He also stated, "I have a great respect for the cooperation of the local community. I have never seen this much citizen involvement."

For more information about coyotes and other animals that share our environment visit: www.keepmewild.org. Additional questions may be directed to Moraga Police at (925) 888-7055, ext 0, or the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at (916) 508-7095. As of press time on March 15, the rabies test results were not available.



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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



Feb. 21 - March 6

Alarms	36
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	11
Traffic	80
Suspicious Circumstances	5
Suspicious Subject	20
Suspicious Vehicle	26
Service to Citizen	56
Patrol Req./Security Check	78
Public/School Assembly Check	1
Supplemental Report	21
Vacation House Check	5
Welfare Check	21
Ordinance Violation	2
Vehicle violations	
Auto Burglary	
3200 Block Marlene Dr.	
600 Block Augustine Ln.	
1600 Block Springbrook Rd.	
700 Block Glenside Cir.	
Reliez Station Rd./Olympic Blvd.	
Reckless Driving	
Burton Dr./Glenside Dr.	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.	
3300 Block Betty Ln.	
Moraga Rd./Old Jonas Hill Rd.	

Wb Sr 24 At Pleasant Hill Rd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.
Stolen Vehicle Recovery
3600 Block Boyer Cir.
Blackwood Ln./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Wb Sr 24 Central Lafayette/

Moraga
Tc - Property Damage
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.
Traffic Pursuit
Deer Hill Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Vehicle Theft
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3200 Block Marlene Dr.

Other criminal activity
Commercial Burglary
50 Block Lafayette Cir.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Computer Fraud
300 Block St Marys Rd.
Fraud False Pretenses
1000 Block Cavallero Ln.
1400 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
10 Block Rimrock Rd. (2)
1300 Block El Curtola Blvd.
20 Block Cosso Ct.

Grand Theft
1000 Block Dewing Ave.
Identity Theft
1100 Block N Thompson Rd.
3300 Block N Lucille Ln. (2)
Police Department (2)

Panhandling
3400 Block Golden Gate Way
Petty Theft
3600 Block Bickerstaff St.
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Petty Theft Bicycle
1000 Block Dewing Ave. (2)
Petty Theft From Vehicle
Police Department

Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
1000 Block Oak Hill Rd.
4000 Block Tilden Ln.
1000 Block 2Nd St.

Disturbing The Peace
El Nido Ranch Rd./Sunnyhill Rd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Loud Music
3500 Block Plaza Way (2)
1100 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.
Loud Noise
700 Block St. Marys Rd.
Marsha Pl./Silverado Dr.
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

1300 Block San Reliez Ct.
Loud Party
3300 Block Walnut Ln.
Public Nuisance
Old Tunnel Rd./El Curtola Blvd.
Woodview Dr./St Marys Rd.
El Nido Ranch Rd./Eb Sr 24
600 Block Murray Ln.
500 Block St. Mary's Rd.
El Nido Ranch Rd./Lizann Dr.
Silver Springs Rd./Moraga Rd.
Los Palos Dr./Glenside Dr.

Vandalism
700 Block Moraga Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Mt. Diablo Blvd./1St St.
3200 Block Marlene Dr.

Other
Animal Cruelty
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Animal Services Info
20 Block Northridge Ln.
Lucas Dr./Lucas Cir.
Brandishing Weapon
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Fireworks
Little Ln./Foye Dr.
Threats
3500 Block Brook St.
Trespass
3600 Block Deer Hill Rd.
Unwanted Guest
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Violation Custody Order
Police Department
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.
Violation Restraining Order
Police Department
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./1St St.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report
Feb. 23 - March 8

Alarms	14
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	9
Traffic	30
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subject	3
Suspicious Vehicle	4
Service to Citizen	43
Patrol Req./Security Check	16
Supplemental Report	28
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	7
Public/School Assembly Check	2

Vehicle violations
Accident Property
800 Block Augusta Dr.
400 Block Moraga Rd.
Excessive Speed
Moraga Rd./Lucas Dr.
St. Andrew Rd./Moraga Way
Moraga Rd./School St., Laf
Moraga Way/Villa Ln. (3)
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (4)
Canyon Ifo Staging Area
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.
St. Andrews Dr./Country Club Dr.

Tc - Property Damage
Wells Fargo
Starbucks
Other criminal activity
Burglary
Ace Hardware
Grand Theft
1200 Block Larch Ave.
10 Block Inverleith Terrace
Petty Theft
Tj Maxx
Rimer Dr.

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
70 Block Miramonte Dr. (2)
Disturbing The Peace
Rancho Laguna Park
Drunk In Public
Safeway
Loud Noise
Sanders Dr./Canyon Rd.

Loud Party
Not Available
Vandalism
1300 Block School St.
Joaquin Moraga Int. School
Other
Mentally Ill Commit
600 Block August Dr.
Unwanted Guest
500 Block Moraga Rd.

Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report
Feb. 21 - March 6

Alarms	29
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	17
Traffic	37
Suspicious Circumstances	4
Suspicious Subject	4

Suspicious Vehicle 8
Service to Citizen 68
Patrol Req./Security Check 119
Supplemental Report 4
Vacation House Check 0
Welfare Check 7
Public/School Assembly Check 2

Vehicle violations
Accident Property
30 Block Carisbrook Dr.
Chevron
Manzanita Dr./Camino Pablo
60 Block Moraga Way
Moraga Way/Oak Dr.
Brookside Rd./Moraga Way
Moraga Way/Camino Encinas

Auto Burglary
Wilder Sports Fields
Vehicle Theft
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way
10 Block Mira Monte Rd. (2)

Other criminal activity
Grand Theft
10 Block Donald Dr.
Grand Theft From Veh
Starbucks
Identity Theft
10 Block Bates Blvd.
Panhandling
Moraga Way/Camino Pablo
Petty Theft
10 Block Paintbrush Ln.
Robbery Armed
40 Block Don Gabriel Way
Shoplift
Beverages And More
Warrant Arrest
10 Block La Madronal
Wilder Rd./Eb Sr 24

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
10 Block Scenic Dr.
60 Block Brookwood Rd.
Loud Music
20 Block Bryant Way
Brookbank Rd./Miner Rd.
Public Nuisance
10 Block Theatre Sq.
Vandalism
20 Block Miner Rd.

Other
Threaten Exec Officer
Rite Aid
Unwanted Guest
10 Block Bates Blvd.
Chevron
Violation Restraining Order
500 Block Moraga Way (3)

