

Police warn residents of three phone scams

Phone scams can cost you money and mental anguish, and three specific scams are on the rise in Lamorinda. According to the Moraga Police Department, the first scam involves someone calling to say that you owe money to PG&E and your power will be turned off unless you go to Safeway and

send money or buy some type of gift card. PG&E representatives do not call and demand money or threaten to turn off power. The second scam being perpetrated involves callers saying that a purchase has been made on an Amazon.com account, and asking the victim to call "support."

This is a way to obtain account or credit card information. If you are concerned about an Amazon.com purchase log into your account directly. Finally, residents are reporting receiving calls saying there is a problem with their bank account which is being investigated by the "Depart-

ment of the Federal Reserve law enforcement branch" and a warrant is being issued for their arrest. The scammers ask for personal and banking information to clean out accounts. If you have questions, hang up and contact the involved group using information that you obtain (i.e.

PG&E's number from your bill or their website). Lastly, if you receive a call from a number you do not recognize, let it go to voicemail. If it is important, they will leave a message. - J. Wake

Letters to the editor

Dissolving MOFD and merging into the County Fire District proposal

At the request of MOFD Director Baitx, the MOFD Board on May 19th at 7 p.m. Zoom meeting will discuss the process for dissolving our local fire district and merging Moraga and Orinda into the County fire district (ConFire).

Merging MOFD into the county fire department is bad for Moraga and Orinda:

1. The Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) is one of the highest performing, top-ranked, efficient, effective and innovative fire districts in the State of California. This community cares deeply about its locally-controlled fire district.
2. Our fire district was established in 1997 to provide high quality paramedic and fire protection services to Orinda and Moraga that are tailored to local needs and that surpass the services provided elsewhere in the County.
3. Should our fire district dissolve and merge, the citizens of Orinda and Moraga will lose the following: Im-

proved critical response times for paramedic and fire suppression services that are provided by our district; Local control over decisions about fire-fighting and paramedic service priorities and programs (for example, fire breaks, neighborhood chipping, and Firewise); The locally-elected, locally-focused MOFD Board, which would be replaced by the County Board of Supervisors that looks out for the County as a whole; The deep understanding that our local district has about fire and evacuation risk posed by our terrain, network of narrow roads, vegetation, and abundant open space; The local control over all tax dollars that currently fund our fire district; Extensive volunteer and community efforts (such as Firewise Councils, CERT, Rescue 1 Foundation) that support our local fire district; and Innovative and proactive approaches to fire protection, paramedic services, and emergency evacuation preparedness.

4. Much of our area has been designated by the State of California as a high fire hazard

severity zone. It is therefore imperative that our community not lose its high-performing, nimble, well-funded, innovative, efficient, and locally-controlled fire district.

5. The public portion of the May 19th MOFD Board meeting (held using Zoom links available at www.mofd.org) where this will be discussed is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sue Severson Orinda

Proposed MOFD merger with ConFire

As a retired veteran firefighter from ConFire, I can assure you that giving up our invaluable local control of our great MOFD would be a huge mistake!

ConFire does a good job of Fire/Rescue/Medical issues, but it is totally subject to the whims and budget constraints of the county board of supes. They do not give a damn about our special needs and would close stations and reduce manpower as needed to balance the county budget! They

have done this many times in years past!

We need to maintain local control of our specific safety and fire issues that our MOFD provides to our citizens. This year is probably going to be a critical fire year yet again, due to our ongoing drought and many dead trees and brush that have not been addressed by Orinda City, EBMUD, & PG&E! It makes no sense to drop our local control.

Who is behind this attempt to rob our citizens of local control? Don Moresi Orinda

Wagner Ranch Nature Area

What an extraordinary resource we have in Orinda - and it would not be possible without the dedication and determination of Toris Jaeger and

the Friends of Wagner Ranch Nature Area. The OUSD almost closed the Nature Area some years back, but thanks to the resolve and talents of Reg and Kathy Barrett, Bill Hudson and Steve Gentry (to name a few long standing volunteers) WRNA was saved and flourished. Volunteers, including Jane Voll, Arman Marchiel and the BOD, have created an exceptional outdoor education experience for children, which shows the power of volunteers in a community. Importantly, their example has inspired young people to donate their time and energy to environmental projects as well. It takes a village and we applaud you. Cinda MacKinnon Orinda

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Local leaders gather to raise awareness of wildfire danger

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Ghilarducci urged residents to practice evacuation routes both in the daytime and at night, when they look different. Other things he recommends include having battery backups for all devices, keeping your car's gas tank filled at all times, having supplies ready to go, and don't wait to evacuate.

That theme was echoed by Assistant Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, Rich Stewart. "Don't wait, don't put first responders in danger," he urged. He talked about how frightening and dangerous wildfires are, how fast they move. It is the job of law enforcement to go in and rescue people, he said. If you

are trapped by a wildfire, he advised calling 911.

Robert Baird, Director, Fire and Aviation, Pacific Southwest Region at U.S. Forest Service, said that this year is set up to be another destructive year. One area of concern is tree mortality. He urged residents to be extra vigilant in recreational areas.

Last year fires were set by lightning. He also talked about mutual assistance. "We can draw from across the United States, Canada and Mexico," he said. In addition, the U.S. Marines and Army provide assistance, including night flying helicopters to fight killer wildfires after dark. "We need you to help, to

reduce fuels and to create defensible spaces," he said. "It used to be, 'Ready, Set, Go!'" he said, but not anymore. Now it is just "Go!"

Also in attendance at the event were Marguerite Young, director of the East Bay Municipal Utility District,

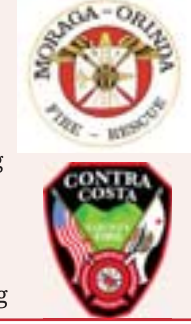
Lafayette Mayor Susan Candel, Orinda Mayor Amy Worth, Moraga Mayor Mike McCluer, MOFD Chief Winnacker, MOFD Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Dennis Rein, and Fire Marshal Jeff Isaacs.

Share your thoughts, insights and opinions with your community. Send a letter to the editor: letters@lamorindaweekly.com

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 19, 6 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.mofd.org

ConFire
Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 18, 1 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.org



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 Alldrith 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
Chief of Police, David M. Cook 925-254-6820
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org

Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report
April 18 - May 1

Alarms	41
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	13
Traffic	74
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subject	17
Suspicious Vehicle	23
Service to Citizen	42
Patrol Req./Security Check	35
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	13
Vacation House Check	6
Welfare Check	35
Ordinance Violation	2
Vehicle violations	
Auto Burglary	
3500 Block Terrace Way	
1000 Block Carol Ln. (3)	
DUI Misd	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
Happy Valley Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Golden Gate Way/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Happy Valley Rd./Panorama Dr.	



3600 Block Boyer Cir.	
Reckless Driving	
3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
Springbrook Pool	
Moraga Rd./Old Jonas Hill Rd.	
Moraga Rd./Scenic Ln.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.	
Tc - No Details	
Old Tunnel Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Tc - Property Damage	
Camino Colorados/St. Marys Rd. (2)	
900 Block Carol Ln.	
E Lowell Ln./Silverado Dr.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	
Other criminal activity	
Commercial Burglary	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Fraud False Pretenses	
3300 Block S Lucille Ln.	
3600 Block Brook St.	
3100 Block Camino Diablo	
1000 Block Dolores Dr.	
1200 Block Warner Ct.	
Grand Theft	
10 Block Eleven	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
1000 Block Leland Dr.	
Identity Theft	
10 Block Toledo Ct.	
3600 Block Mosswood Dr.	
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
Misc Burglary	
800 Block Avalon Ave.	
Panhandling	
2Nd St./Golden Gate Way	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24	
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Petty Theft	
3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
3600 Block Hastings Ct.	
3200 Block Marlene Dr.	
Shoplift	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (6)	
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Nuisance to the Community	
Disturbance-domestic	
900 Block Hawthorn Dr.	
900 Block Risa Rd.	
Deer Hill Rd./Brown Ave.	
Loud Music	
1000 Block Los Arabis Ln.	
Loud Noise	
20 Block Chapel Dr.	
700 Block Solana Dr.	
Loud Party	
900 Block Hough Ave.	
3100 Block Somerset Dr.	
Powell Dr./Old Jonas Hill Rd.	
Rowe Pl./Moraga Rd.	

3300 Block Springhill Rd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3Rd St./Moraga Blvd.	
Public Nuisance	
St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.	
St Marys Rd./S Lucille Ln.	
Oak Hill Rd./Terrace Way	
1St St/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Carol Ln./Moraga Blvd.	
Vandalism	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. (2)	
Other	
Fire/Ems Response Info	
3100 Block Somerset Dr.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Trespass	
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Unwanted Guest	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3400 Block School St.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Violation Custody Order	
Police Department	
Violation Restraining Order	
3400 Block Golden Gate Way	

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report
April 20 - May 3

Alarms	4
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	11
Traffic	21
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subject	2
Suspicious Vehicle	4
Service to Citizen	35
Patrol Req./Security Check	15
Supplemental Report	8
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	6
Public/School Assembly Check	4
Vehicle violations	
Accident Property	
Moraga Rd./Moraga Way	
Excessive Speed	
Moraga Rd./Delores Ct.	
Rheem Valley Shopping Center	
Moraga Way/School St.	
Moraga Rd./Corliis Dr.	
Moraga Rd./Camino Ricardo	
Moraga Rd./Donald Dr. (2)	
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (2)	
Canyon Rd./Country Club Dr.	
Rheem Blvd./Stuart Ct.	
Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.	



Reckless Driving	
Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.	
Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd.	
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.	
Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr.	
Vehicle Theft	
30 Block Arroyo Dr.	
Alta Mesa Dr./Paseo Bernal	
Other criminal activity	
Fraud False Pretenses	
800 Block Crossbrook Dr.	
1100 Block Sanders Dr.	
Identity Theft	
1400 Block Camino Peral	
Residential Burglary	
50 Block Fieldbrook Pl.	
Shoplift	
CVS	
Ace Hardware	
Nuisance to the Community	
Disturbing The Peace	
Police Department	
St. Marys Rd./Rheem Blvd.	
Loud Music	
10 Block Francisca Dr.	
Donald Dr./Carroll Dr.	
1400 Block Camino Peral	
1700 Block School St.	
Loud Noise	
1900 Block Ascot Dr.	
Alta Mesa Dr./Moraga Rd.	
300 Block Rheem Blvd.	
Loud Party	
80 Block Miramonte Dr.	
Bollinger Canyon Rd./Joseph Dr. (2)	
Not Available	
Other	
Vandalism	
Not Available	
Dependent Adult Abuse	
200 Block N Sandringham	
Mentally Ill Commit	
Camino Ricardo/Moraga Way	
Possession Of Burg Tools	
1000 Block Sanders Dr.	

Alarms	10
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	3
Traffic	8
Suspicious Circumstances	0
Suspicious Subject	8
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Service to Citizen	49
Patrol Req./Security Check	39
Supplemental Report	8
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	5
Public/School Assembly Check	7
Vehicle violations	
Accident Injury	
Camino Pablo/Wb Sr 24	
Accident Property	
Overhill Rd./Moraga Way	
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way	
Auto Burglary	
Orinda Way	
Reckless Driving	
Big Leaf Rd./Wilder Rd.	
Vehicle Theft	
20 Block Watchwood Ct.	
90 Block Via Floreado	
Other criminal activity	
Commercial Burglary	
70 Block Moraga Way (2)	
60 Block Moraga Way	
200 Block Brookwood Rd.	
Forgery	
30 Block Tara Rd.	
Grand Theft From Vehicle	
10 Block De Soto Ct.	
Grand Theft Veh Parts	
40 Block Hillcrest Dr.	
40 Block Hillcrest Dr.	
Petty Theft	
10 Block Evergreen Dr.	
30 Block Haciendas Rd.	
Petty Theft From Vehicle	
100 Block Ravenhill Rd. (2)	
300 Block Glorietta Blvd.	
20 Block Watchwood Ct.	
Nuisance to the Community	
Loud Music	
Monkeyflower Ln./Windy Creek	
Public Nuisance	
Moraga Way/Estabueno	
Other	
Drunk In Public	
Theatre Square	
Fireworks	
80 Block Ivy Dr.	
Vandalism	
80 Block Hillcrest Dr.	

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Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report
April 25 - May 1