

# Lamorinda communities participate in virtual evacuation drill

By Jennifer Wake

Lamorinda residents began receiving text messages and phone calls from the Contra Costa County Community Warning System the morning of July 31 during a virtual evacuation exercise conducted by the Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda police departments, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, and the East Bay Municipal Utility District. The drill allowed local residents and first responders an opportunity to practice evacuation procedures that would be utilized during an actual wildfire emergency.

Evacuating in one vehicle helps avoid congestion on arterials, according to MOFD Fire Chief Dave Winnacker, who spoke at a June 14 Lamorinda CERT meeting about fire safety. Preparing for evacua-

tions in advance is vital, he said, since any delays can mean you are likely to run into downstream traffic on the few arterials leading to safety. "We do not have surface street capacity for everyone to get on the roads at the same time."

Each municipality has an evacuation plan that includes specific geographical evacuation zones, according to an email sent by Lamorinda CERT Registrar Julie Sparks. "In an actual emergency, evacuation messages will be issued for these zones when there is extreme danger to an area. When a real evacuation order is issued, residents should evacuate immediately."

Residents were advised to pack their "go bags" in one car and knock on neighbors' doors as part of the drill.

If you have signed up for the Community Warning System and did not receive an

alert, you can go to www.cococws.us and click the 'Sign In' link at the top right of the page. (Remember, your username is your email address and if you do not

know your password, click the 'Forgot Password' link to reset your password. You can review your existing account information by clicking on the "My Profile" button at the

top of the page. You can also call CWS directly at (925) 655-0111 or email cws-staff@so.cccounty.us.

## What to include in a 'go bag'

As noted in the May 26 Lamorinda Weekly article, "Packing an emergency 'Go Bag'" by Cynthia Brian, go bag essentials include:



Photo Cynthia Brian

First Aid kit  
Duplicate chargers for phones, tablets, and computers  
Copies of important documents including

passport, drivers license, vaccination card, credit cards, insurance  
Work gloves  
Warm gloves  
Towelettes  
Small towel  
Bottled water (1 gallon per person per day)  
Thick blanket  
Walking shoes  
Socks  
Warm jacket  
Peanut butter  
Honey  
Protein bars  
Personal hygiene kit with a

toothbrush, soap, medications  
Matches  
Candle  
Flashlight and headlamp with extra batteries  
Eating utensils and plates  
Breathing masks (Niosh-N95)  
Clothing change  
Reading glasses  
Extra set of keys to home, office, etc.  
Pet necessities: food, leash, medications  
Cash  
Toilet Paper

# MOFD board votes to maintain equal Moraga/Orinda six cent Fire Flow Tax rate

By Vera Kochan

Currently the Fire Flow Tax in both Moraga and Orinda zones are assessed at \$0.06 per fire flow unit. That rate was originally capped in Moraga's FFT zone, which also includes portions of Orinda and unincorporated Contra Costa County. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District's July 21 board meeting agenda included an item involving the possibility of raising Moraga's FFT.

MOFD Chief Dave Winnacker briefly addressed the board with a staff report that mentioned various reasons why the FFT rate for Moraga should remain at \$0.06, most notably that it would be too difficult to untangle and keep separate accounting documentation regarding Moraga

and Orinda for transparency purposes. There were no questions or comments from the board members after Winnacker's presentation.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, it was noted that former MOFD board member Dick Olsen provided an in-depth historical overview of the FFT to the board several hours before the evening's meeting. Additionally, Moraga Mayor Mike McCluer read a rate hike opposition letter crafted by the town council during its July 14 meeting (see details in Lamorinda Weekly's July 21 issue).

Former MOFD board president and Moraga mayor, Frank Sperling stated, "Directors, please do your homework. Please remember that questions and comments you

make in the public view are taken very seriously and oftentimes with the public filling in the blanks with a negative scenario. Whether those statements revolve around merging into the ConFire organization, or gee, I wonder why we don't increase the Fire Flow Tax rate in Moraga. You can see the ramifications of such statements." Sperling stressed the importance of board members asking questions of staff before meetings in order to ensure that they come to the table with a complete knowledge of the topic at hand.

Another former Moraga mayor, Dave Trotter, complimented Winnacker's informative staff report and added, "This issue keeps coming back. I think it's time to put a stake in the heart of

this particular subject." He also reminded the MOFD board members that "three out of the five of you depend on one form or another for votes from Moraga residents to have your seats, and understand that we're watching; we're paying very close attention. I would ask you to consider that in the actions

that you're being asked to take tonight and to approve what Chief Winnacker has proposed as the right path forward for the Moraga-Orinda Fire District."

Without any debate, the board voted unanimously for the continuation of the \$0.06 FFT rate in both the Moraga and Orinda service zones.

## Fire District Public Meetings

### Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors  
Wednesday, Aug. 18, 6 p.m.  
For meeting times and agendas, visit [www.mofd.org](http://www.mofd.org)

### ConFire

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 10, 1 p.m.

For meeting times and agendas, visit [www.cccfpd.org](http://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](http://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  
Chief of Police, David M. Cook 925-254-6820  
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org

**Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report July 11 - July 24**

Alarms	35
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	11
Traffic	71
Suspicious Circumstances	14
Suspicious Subject	12
Suspicious Vehicle	15
Service to Citizen	26
Patrol Req./Security Check	63
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	20
Vacation House Check	30
Welfare Check	20
Ordinance Violation	0

**Vehicle violations**

Auto Burglary	3100 Block Sandalwood Ct.
	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	3600 Block Lincoln Way
Hit And Run Felony	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Reckless Driving	3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Moraga Rd./Hamlin Rd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Olympic Blvd.  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Stanley Blvd.  
Tc - No Details  
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.  
Tc - Property Damage  
Deer Hill Rd./Brown Ave.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
4000 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Vehicle Theft  
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
10 Block Drollis Park Rd.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Computer Fraud  
800 Block Avalon Ave.  
Fraud False Pretenses  
Police Department  
Identity Theft  
600 Block Lucas Dr.  
Panhandling  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)  
Petty Theft  
700 Block Las Trampas Rd.  
900 Block 3Rd St.  
Petty Theft Veh Parts  
3200 Block Marlene Dr.  
Shoplift  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (5)  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
Pleasant Hill Rd./Acalanes Ave.  
Disturbance-fight  
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Loud Noise  
4000 Block Mario Way  
No House Number  
1100 Block Glen Rd.  
100 Block Peaceful Ln. (2)  
Mt. Diablo Ct./Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
700 Block Solana Dr.  
900 Block Hough Ave.  
Loud Party  
3600 Block Brook St.  
No House Number  
3300 Block Beechwood Dr.  
3000 Block Rohrer Dr.  
Martino Rd./Springhill Rd. (2)  
Public Nuisance  
Happy Valley Rd./Deer Hill Rd.  
1000 Block 2Nd St.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
3700 Block Highland Rd.  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Vandalism  
900 Block Acalanes Rd.  
100 Block Greenbank Dr.  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
1000 Block N Thompson Rd.

**Other**  
Animal Cruelty  
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Fireworks  
3400 Block School St.  
El Curtola Blvd./Old Tunnel Rd.  
Threats  
1300 Block Sunset Lp  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
1200 Block El Curtola Blvd.  
Unwanted Guest  
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)  
3200 Block Old Tunnel Rd.  
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
Violation Custody Order  
1200 Block Warner Ct.  
Violation Restraining Order  
1200 Block Panorama Dr.

## Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report July 13 - July 19

Alarms	9
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	2
Traffic	26
Suspicious Circumstances	1
Suspicious Subject	1
Suspicious Vehicle	6
Service to Citizen	14
Patrol Req./Security Check	10
Supplemental Report	8
Vacation House Check	9
Welfare Check	3
Public/School Assembly Check	3
Ordinance Violation	0

**Vehicle violations**

Excessive Speed	100 Block Block Rheem Blvd., Ori Moraga Way/Hardie Dr.
	Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd. (4)
	Camino Ricardo/Moraga Way
Reckless Driving	Seven Elven
Police Department	Draeger Dr./Moraga Rd.
	St Marys Rd./Rheem Blvd.
	Tharp Dr./Camino Pablo
	Seven Elven
Tc - Property Damage	100 Block Eileen Ct.
Vehicle Theft	School St./Moraga Way

**Other criminal activity**

Fraud Credit Card	Not Available
Shoplift	Moraga Way/St Andrews Dr.



**Nuisance to the Community**

Disturbance-domestic	1900 Block Ascot Dr.
Drunk In Public	1400 Block Moraga Rd.
Loud Music	Canyon Club Brewery
	Devin Dr./Moraga Rd.
	Hacienda (2)
Vandalism	200 Block Sonora Rd.

**Other**

Corporal Injury Spouse	20 Block Harrington Rd.
Fire/Ems Response Info	Police Department
	200 Block Sonora Rd.
Fireworks	CVS
	Homegoods
	Mentally Ill Commit
	200 Block N Sandringham



## Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report July 11 - July 24

Alarms	57
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic	23
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subject	4
Suspicious Vehicle	8
Service to Citizen	80
Patrol Req./Security Check	95
Supplemental Report	8
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	11
Public/School Assembly Check	6
Ordinance Violation	0

**Vehicle violations**

Accident Injury	Dos Osos/Los Norrabos Rd.
Accident Property	80 Block La Encinal
	Brookwood/Camino Pablo
	20 Block Orinda Way
	Moraga Way/Monte Veda Dr.
Auto Burglary	Camino Sobrante
	Hit And Run Misdemeanor
	El Toyonal/Camino Pablo
	20 Block Irwin Way
Reckless Driving	

St Stephens Dr./Eb Sr 24  
Moraga Way  
100 Block Tappan Ln.  
Calvin Dr./Rheem Blvd.  
Shoplift  
Sobrante  
Camino Sobrante  
Tc - Property Damage  
20 Block Orinda Way  
Camino Pablo/Bevmo  
Vehicle Theft  
200 Block Village Sq.  
60 Block Sunnyside Ln.  
**Other criminal activity**  
Grand Theft  
10 Block Northwood Ct.  
60 Block California Ave.  
Grand Theft Veh Parts  
Wilder Rd./Eb Sr 24  
10 Block Donna Maria Way  
Misc Burglary  
300 Block Camino Pablo (2)  
Panhandling  
Brookwood Rd.  
Prowler Heard  
40 Block Las Cascadas Rd.  
Warrant Arrest  
10 Block S Point Rd.  
Moraga Way/Brookside Rd.  
**Nuisance to the Community**  
Disturbance-domestic  
Wilder Blvd./Gateway Blvd.  
Loud Music  
20 Block Heather Ln.  
Heather Ln./Glorietta Blvd.  
Loud Noise  
70 Block El Toyonal  
70 Block La Cuesta Rd.  
50 Block Rheem Blvd.  
Public Nuisance  
Camino Sobrante (2)  
Theatre Square  
Vandalism  
El Toyonal/Vallecito Ln.  
300 Block Camino Pablo  
Orinda Way  
**Other**  
Failure To Obey  
10 Block Francisco Ct.  
Fireworks  
Ivy Dr.  
Hailed By Citizen  
Police Department  
Other Non Criminal  
20 Block Acacia Dr.  
Unwanted Guest  
10 Block Theatre Sq 106 (2)  
Violation Restraining Order  
500 Block Moraga Way



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