

MOFD Volunteers reinstall weather station for the upcoming fire season



Three members of the Moraga Orinda Fire Districts' Communications-Support volunteer group recently helped reinstall a portable Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS). Charlie MacNulty (Moraga), Jason Matthews and Carol Bergren (Orinda) assisted MOFD Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Dennis Rein with the project. With fire season quickly approaching, collecting a good baseline of fuels and weather information is important, according to Rein.

The station collects data on relative humidity, air temperature, fuel moisture, fuel temperature, wind speed and direction, peak wind gust and direction, solar radiation, and rainfall hourly. The station can be queried by fire managers in the field via radio to provide real-time data during an emergency.

"The District is working on wild-fire preparedness projects year-round," Rein commented. "We need every homeowner's help to manage their property and keep our communities safer. Fire season will be here before we know it." - S. O'Doherty

The station, which was donated to the fire district by the Rescue One Foundation in 2019, was taken off line last fall for maintenance. When oper-

For more information on how to prepare for fire season visit: www.mofd.org/our-district/fuels-mitigation-fire-prevention.

The data from the station is available to the general public here: https://mesowest.utah.edu/cgi-bin/droman/meso_base_dyn.cgi?stn=TT612

Photo provided

The portable Remote Automated Weather Station.

Rheem Shopping Center businesses burglarized under puzzling circumstances

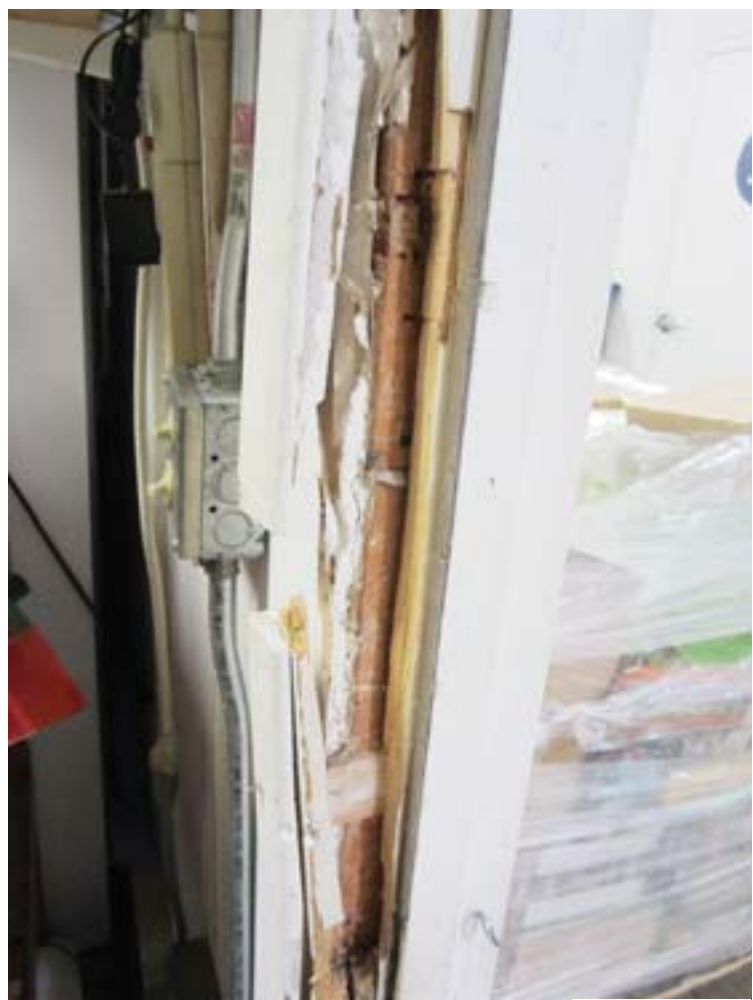


Photo Vera Kochan

By Vera Kochan

Seven offices or businesses situated along Rheem Boulevard in the Rheem Shopping Center experienced burglaries within moments of each other, either late evening on Feb. 17 or early morning Feb. 18. According to the Moraga Police Department, reports were received of the incidents on Feb. 18, and police responded to discover that while seven businesses were broken into, only three had items missing. MPD proceeded to notify other law enforcement agencies in the area.

Rheem Valley Pet Shoppe owner Jennifer Lenfestey seemingly had the most puzzling break-in of all seven businesses. "They somehow kicked or punched in the back door and stole my cash, checkbook and electric key fob that allows me to run the software."

That's not the odd part of the burglary. Lenfestey made

a unique discovery in the shop's recycle bin. The thief/thieves had placed into the bin stacks of mail and check registers from the other burgled businesses along with a brown manila envelope labeled "Sam" containing more than 10 black and white or color family photos. The pictures all had dates from between 1961-1970, along with handwritten captions on the back of each describing the photo's scenario. The name "Sam" was written on several of the pictures.

Stranger still, Lenfestey replied, "I got a call just days after the burglary telling me that two of my checks were found in a gutter in San Rafael."

The Moraga Chamber of Commerce was another office that was burgled. During the March 9 town council meeting, Council Member Mike McCluer reported, "I attended the Chamber of Commerce board meeting. They had a robbery in their office in

Rheem. Their office was ransacked. Their laptop was stolen; the checkbook was stolen, so they were scrambling to get the checks changed and stop orders and signature cards, so it's been difficult."

A few days following the burglaries, Lafayette Police served a search warrant in Concord related to burglaries that had occurred in Lafayette on Feb. 13, according to MPD Chief Jon King. "During the service of that search warrant, property from several burglaries, including the ones in Moraga on Feb. 18, were recovered.

"Additionally," King added, "a subject at the location was arrested for a burglary warrant that was obtained by Moraga Police for an incident that occurred on Jan. 28." All of the burglary cases from both Feb. 18 and Jan. 28 have been submitted to the Contra Costa County District Attorney's office for review and charging.

Thieves gained entry by forcing open Rheem Valley Pet Shoppe's rear door.

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Correction: In the March 2 Lamorinda Weekly article "MOFD chief discusses Shaded Fuel Break project and the coming fire season," information provided by MOFD Fire Chief Dave Winnacker regarding Republic Services' green bins and extra pickups required the following clarification: Republic Services customers can request up to four yard waste or recycle bin clean-ups per year (you must call to schedule one week prior to pickup and you must only use paper or BPI-certified compostable bags), and customers can upsize their 64-gallon green cart to a 96-gallon cart for free (as long as you don't already have the larger size), but second green cart is not free.

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors
Wednesday, March 16, 6 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.mofd.org



ConFire

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 1 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.org
(http://64.166.146.245/agenda_publish.cfm?id=&mt=ALL)



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
Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan
925-254-6820
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org
Lafayette Police Department Incident Report Summary Feb. 20 - March 5

Alarms	57
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	18
Traffic	172
Suspicious Circumstances	5
Suspicious Subject	22
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	33
Patrol Req./Security Check	16
Public/School Assembly Check	20
Supplemental Report	26
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	26
Ordinance Violation	1
Vehicle violations	
Auto Burglary	
1100 Block Oak Hill Rd.	
3200 Block Marlene Dr.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
900 Block Risa Rd.	
3400 Block St Marys Rd.	
900 Block Risa Rd.	

- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- El Nido Ranch Rd./Sunnyhill Rd.
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
- Reckless Driving
- Moraga Rd./Rowe Pl.
- Glenside Dr./Reliez Station Rd.
- Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24
- Deer Hill Rd./Oak Hill Rd.
- Pleasant Hill Rd./Taylor Blvd.
- Moraga Rd./Moraga Blvd.
- El Nido Ranch Rd./Eb Sr 24
- Stolen Vehicle Recovery
- 1100 Block Hillcrest Dr.
- Tc - Property Damage
- Mt. Diablo Blvd./Acalanes Rd.
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Other criminal activity**
- Computer Fraud
- 1000 Block Carol Ln.
- Fraud False Pretenses
- 3100 Block Somerset Dr.
- Identity Theft
- Police Department (2)
- Petty Theft
- 3200 Block Sweet Dr.
- 3500 Block Wildwood Ln.
- Legion Ct./Acalanes Rd.
- 4000 Block Legion Ct.
- Petty Theft Bicycle
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Petty Theft From Veh
- 3500 Block Terrace Way
- Residential Burglary
- 800 Block Topper Ln.
- Shoplift
- 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
- 500 Block St. Mary's Rd.
- Vehicle Theft
- 1100 Block Bacon Way
- 1000 Block Windsor Dr.
- Nuisance to the Community**
- Disturbance-domestic
- 3400 Block Golden Gate Way
- 1000 Block N Thompson Rd.
- 100 Block Lafayette Cir.
- Loud Music
- 800 Block Rosedale Ave.
- Loud Noise
- 3600 Block Mosswood Dr.
- Loud Party
- 3400 Block St Marys Rd.
- 700 Block Los Palos Dr.
- 3200 Block Park Ln.
- Public Nuisance
- 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
- Glenside Dr./Los Palos Dr.

- Oak Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
 - Foye Dr./Moraga Blvd.
 - 3600 Block Mosswood Dr.
 - Avalon Ave./St Marys Rd.
 - 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
 - Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.
 - El Curtola Blvd./Saranap Ave.
 - Vandalism
 - 1200 Block Quandt Rd.
 - 900 Block Moraga Rd.
 - Other**
 - K9 Outside Assist Request
 - 90 Block Montecello St., Bpo
 - Threats
 - 600 Block Doreen Way
 - 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
 - 1000 Block Lindsey Ct.
 - 1000 Block Laurel Dr.
 - Violation Custody Order
 - 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
 - Violation Restraining Order
 - 1000 Block Miller Dr.
 - 800 Block Acalanes Rd.
- Moraga Police Department Incident Report Summary Feb. 22 - March 6**
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| Alarms | 14 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 7 |
| Traffic | 41 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 2 |
| Suspicious Subject | 2 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 3 |
| Service to Citizen | 31 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 30 |
| Supplemental Report | 15 |
| Vacation House Check | 0 |
| Welfare Check | 3 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 9 |
| Ordinance Violation | 1 |
| Vehicle violations | |
| Accident Injury | |
| Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr. | |
| Excessive Speed | |
| St Marys Rd./Rheem Blvd. | |
| Rheem Blvd./Center St. | |
| Rheem Blvd./Chalda Way | |
| Rheem Blvd./Park St. | |
| Moraga Way/Coral Dr., Ori | |
| Moraga Rd./Moraga Way | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd. | |

- Moraga Way/Villa Ln.
- Campolindo High School
- Moraga Country Club
- Tc - Property Damage
- 20 Block Orinda Way, Ori
- Campolindo High School
- Other criminal activity**
- Commercial Burglary
- Not Available
- Fraud Credit Card
- 1500 Block Canyon Rd.
- Fraud False Pretenses
- 1500 Block Canyon Rd.
- Grand Theft
- 10 Block Hetfield Pl.
- 30 Block Sarah Ln.
- Grand Theft From Veh
- 30 Block Kazar Ct.
- 100 Block Shuey Dr.
- Grand Theft Veh Parts
- 400 Block Millfield Pl.
- Petty Theft
- Moraga Commons Park
- 300 Block Rheem Blvd.
- Theft Access Card
- Not Available
- Nuisance to the Community**
- Disturbance-domestic
- 200 Block Birchwood Dr.
- Ascot Ct./Ascot Dr.
- Disturbing The Peace
- 200 Block Donald Dr.
- Camino Pablo/Rimer Dr.
- Loud Music
- Not Available
- Canyon Club Brewery
- 2100 Block Ascot Dr.
- 700 Block Moraga Rd.
- Not Available
- 900 Block Augusta Dr.
- Loud Noise
- 2000 Block Ascot Dr.
- Loud Party
- Not Available
- Public Nuisance
- Safeway
- Vandalism
- Top Of Fayhill Rd
- Other**
- Harassment
- 1900 Block Ascot Dr.
- Mentally Ill Commit
- 100 Block Walford Dr.
- Unwanted Guest
- Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.
- Violation Custody Order
- 2100 Block Donald Dr.

Orinda Police Department Incident Report Summary Feb. 20 - Feb. 26

Alarms	19
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic	55
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subject	4
Suspicious Vehicle	1
Service to Citizen	25
Patrol Req./Security Check	17
Supplemental Report	0
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	5
Public/School Assembly Check	5
Ordinance Violation	2
Vehicle violations	
Accident Injury	
80 Block Loma Vista Dr. Ori	
Reckless Driving	
Miner Rd./Oak Arbor Rd.	
10 Block Via Farallon	
St Stephens Dr.	
Moraga Way/Valley View Dr.	
Glorietta Elementary School	
El Corte/Moraga Way	
Other criminal activity	
Fraud False Pretenses	
Police Department	
Grand Theft	
Southwood Dr.	
Identity Theft	
300 Block Overhill Rd.	
Residential Burglary	
20 Block Glorietta Ct.	
Shoplift	
Moraga Way	
Nuisance to the Community	
Vandalism	
Theatre Squar	
Other	
Battery	
10 Block Oak Arbor Rd.	
Impersonation	
100 Block Moraga Way	
Revocation Of Probation	
Wilder/Hwy 24	
Unwanted Guest	
Orinda Way	
Violation Restraining Order	
500 Block Moraga Way	