

MOFD providing free wood chipping for Moraga and Orinda residents



Photo courtesy MOFD

By Vera Kochan

As the fire season fast approaches, and by all accounts sooner this year due to the lack of substantial rainfall during winter months, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District has resumed its free-of-charge Community Wood Chipping Program.

This year the program will run through June 1 and be available to any residents within the MOFD area. According to its website, MOFD will “assist residents in reducing vegetation by facilitating the chipping of material produced in quantities too large for green bins and too small for commercial chipping providers.” Only Orinda residents will retain the wood chipping services through the summer thanks to Measure R.

Beginning in June, the MOFD Fire Prevention team will begin defensible space fire code inspections and doesn't expect to resume the community chipping program until November or December.

Anyone taking advantage of the chipping service is expected to lay the vegetation parallel to the roadway with the cut stems facing in the same direction so that chipping crews don't need to untangle the materials. Falling under the category of chippable vegetation are limbs, shrubs, brush, and small trees up to 6 inches in diameter. Items that are not allowed include grass, leaves, hay, vines, poison oak, fencing of any kind, scrap wood, lattice, tree stakes, dimensional lumber, or individual pieces weighing more than 80 pounds. Make sure there are no staples, barbed wire or nails as they may

damage the chipping machine and can be dangerous to crews.

MOFD asks that there be a minimum of three homeowners requesting the service in a neighborhood in order to reduce travel time between sites. Priority scheduling will be given to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA neighborhoods.

Residents who use a professional tree service to cut down large trees cannot use the chipping program (which is meant to handle smaller vegetation). Similarly, MOFD will not cut any vegetation. It is the homeowner's responsibility.

Vegetation meant for the chipper should be placed within 10 feet of the roadside and off the pavement. It must not interfere with vehicular traffic or visibility. It must not be located on steep hillsides or unsafe areas for the crew. The piles may not exceed 4 feet in height or be located more than 10 feet away from the chipper location.

For any resident wishing to take advantage of the program visit www.MOFD.org/chipper-program, and fill out the online Chipper Request Form. All requests must be submitted online.

MOFD rolls out wildfire safety message with ‘Golden Ticket’ mailing



Photo courtesy MOFD

Wildfire Safety Golden Ticket Crew, from left: Moraga Police Chief Jon King, Rescue 1 Foundation Board Members Maridel Moulton and Gordon Nathan, Moraga School District's Judy Silva, MOFD Clerk of the Board, Marcia Holbrook, and MOFD Fire Chief Dave Winnacker.

Submitted by Dennis Rein

season quickly approaching the Moraga-Orinda Fire District is sending out its annual wildfire safety postcard. The mailing goes out to over 14,000 prop-

erty owners and is designed to inform residents about the steps they can take to comply with the fire code and increase the probability their home will survive a wildfire.

The Fire District is always looking for new ways to engage the community and increase the effectiveness of communications to the residents, so this year it partnered with Miramonte High School's Digital Design Class to restyle the postcard. The class' artwork brings the safety information up to date, clarifies the message and makes the card more readable. The new twist this year is that several of the postcards will include a Willy Wonka inspired “Golden Ticket.” The first resident to present their Golden Ticket will win a ride in a fire engine during the Orinda Fourth of July Parade. Other lucky residents receiving

golden tickets will be able to redeem them for a special family ride in one of the District's fire engines. MOFD Fire Chief Dave Winnacker said, “We want to stress the importance of being prepared for wildfire season, encourage families to take protective measures early, and have some fun because who doesn't want to ride in a fire engine?”

Judy Silva from Camino Pablo Elementary School in

Moraga applied the official MOFD gold seal to seven postcards at the Minuteman Press offices in Lafayette on May 30. Rescue One Foundation board members Maridel Moulton and Gordon Nathan acted as official observers to certify the process. Jon King, the Chief of Police for the Town of Moraga and Winnacker were also on hand to witness the process and escort the Golden Tickets to the post office.

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors
Wednesday, April 20, 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?d=&t=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 Summary Report
March 20 - April 2



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| Alarms | 49 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 14 |
| Traffic | 123 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 15 |
| Suspicious Subject | 24 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 19 |
| Service to Citizen | 35 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 23 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 12 |
| Supplemental Report | 22 |
| Vacation House Check | 11 |
| Welfare Check | 15 |
| Ordinance Violation | 0 |
| Vehicle violations | |
| Auto Burglary | |
| 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2) | |
| 900 Block Hough Ave. | |
| Hit And Run Misdemeanor | |
| 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| 20 Block Billington Ct. | |
| Brown Ave./Mt. Diablo Blvd. | |
| Deer Hill Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd. | |
| Reckless Driving | |

Reliez Station Rd./Glenside Dr.
Moraga Rd./Brook St.
St Marys Rd./Glenside Dr.
Old Tunnel Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.
Stolen Vehicle Recovery
Canyon Rd./Camino Pablo, Mor
Happy Valley Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Tc - Property Damage
Glenside Dr./St Marys Rd.
Moraga Blvd./Moraga Rd.
Vehicle Theft
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

Other criminal activity
Commercial Burglary
100 Block Arthur Rd., Mar.
Computer Fraud
10 Block Diablo Cir.
Dependent Adult Abuse
3600 Block Mosswood Dr.
Forgery
1100 Block Via Media
Fraud False Pretenses
El Curtola Blvd./Wb Sr 24
2900 Block Windtree Ct.
600 Block Doreen Way
1000 Block Miller Dr.
Grand Theft From Veh
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Identity Theft
1000 Block Dewing Ave.
600 Block Doreen Way
Panhhandling
1st St/Wb Sr 24
Petty Theft
Police Department
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Plaza Way
Petty Theft From Veh
10 Block Northridge Ln.
700 Block St. Mary's Rd.
3100 Block Old Tunnel Rd.
900 Block Old Hawthorne Rd.
Petty Theft Other
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Residential Burglary
900 Block Reliez Station Ln.
1200 Block Sunset Loop
Shoplift
3200 Block Stanley Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
Warrant Arrest
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
3300 Block Johnson Rd.
Disturbing The Peace
Windsor Dr./Old Tunnel Rd.
Loud Music

Happy Valley Rd./Palo Alto Dr.
Happy Valley Rd No Rose Ln.
3800 Block Happy Valley Rd.
3500 Block Terrace Way
Public Nuisance
N Thompson Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24
N Thompson Rd./Glen Rd.
10 Block Blackberry Ct.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Vandalism
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
1000 Block 2Nd St.
1000 Block Leland Dr.
Michael Ln./Murray Ln.

Other
Animal Cruelty
4000 Block Happy Valley Rd.
1000 Block Carol Ln.
Dependent Child
Moraga Rd./E View Dr.
H&S Violation
900 Block Paulson Ct.
K9 Outside Assist Request
1200 Block Mustang Dr., Dan
San Pablo Dam Rd./D Avila Way, Eso
1400 Block N Main St., Wcr.
Trespass
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3200 Block Fairholm Ct.
Unwanted Guest
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
3400 Block School St.
Violation Restraining Ord
1000 Block Miller Dr.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

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| Alarms | 5 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 9 |
| Traffic | 32 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 8 |
| Suspicious Subject | 7 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 5 |
| Service to Citizen | 32 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 10 |
| Supplemental Report | 15 |
| Vacation House Check | 7 |
| Welfare Check | 7 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 2 |
| Ordinance Violation | 0 |



Vehicle violations
Accident Property
500 Block Rheem Blvd.
Excessive Speed
Canyon Rd./Larch Ave.
Seven Eleven
Donald Dr./ Moraga Rd.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
100 Block Ascot Ct.
Reckless Driving
Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd.
Other criminal activity
Other Felony
Moraga Way/Meadow Lanes Ct.
Robbery
1500 Block Moraga Way
Shoplift
Safeway
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbing The Peace
Not Available
Drunk In Public
100 Block Ascot Ct.
Loud Music
1900 Block Ascot Dr.
Hacienda
Not Available
Loud Noise
Not Available
Public Nuisance
Canyon Rd./Larch Ave.
Other
Mentally Ill Commit
Not Available
Unwanted Guest
Safeway
400 Block Woodminster Dr.



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

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|-------------------------------|----|
| Alarms | 32 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 8 |
| Traffic | 65 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 4 |
| Suspicious Subject | 5 |
| Suspicious Vehicle | 6 |
| Service to Citizen | 74 |
| Patrol Req./Security Check | 27 |
| Supplemental Report | 11 |
| Vacation House Check | 0 |
| Welfare Check | 7 |
| Public/School Assembly Check | 2 |
| Ordinance Violation | 1 |

Vehicle violations
Accident Injury
Orinda Way
Dui Misd
Camino Sobrante
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
20 Block Bryant Way
10 Block Muth Dr.
30 Block Charles Hill Rd.
Reckless Driving
100 Block Las Vegas Rd.
Tamper With Vehicle
St Stephens Episcopal Church
Other criminal activity
Assault W/ Deadly Weapon
Ivy Dr.
Auto Burglary
Camino Pablo
Fraud False Pretenses
10 Block Vianne Ct.
Grand Theft
Camino Sobrante
Identity Theft
100 Block Overhill Rd. (2)
50 Block Wanflete Ct.
60 Block Rheem Blvd.
Panhhandling
Orinda Way
Petty Theft
70 Block El Gavilan Rd.
Moraga Way
Residential Burglary
10 Block Oak Ct.
Nuisance to the Community
Disturbing The Peace
10 Block Lost Valley Dr.
Loud Party
20 Block Queensbrook Pl.
500 Block Miner Rd.
Public Nuisance
10 Block Theatre Sq 106
Vandalism
Martha Rd. (2)
100 Block Bates Blvd.
300 Block Miller Ct.

Other
Animal Cruelty
30 Block Moraga Way
Mentally Ill Commit
Sleepy Hollow Ln./Tarry Ln.
10 Block Valley Ct.
Revoked License
Charles Hill Rd./Charles Hill Pl.
Threaten Exec Officer
60 Block Moraga Way
Unauthorized Possession
Orinda Way
Unwanted Guest
10 Block Theatre Sq
Orinda Way
60 Block Moraga Way



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