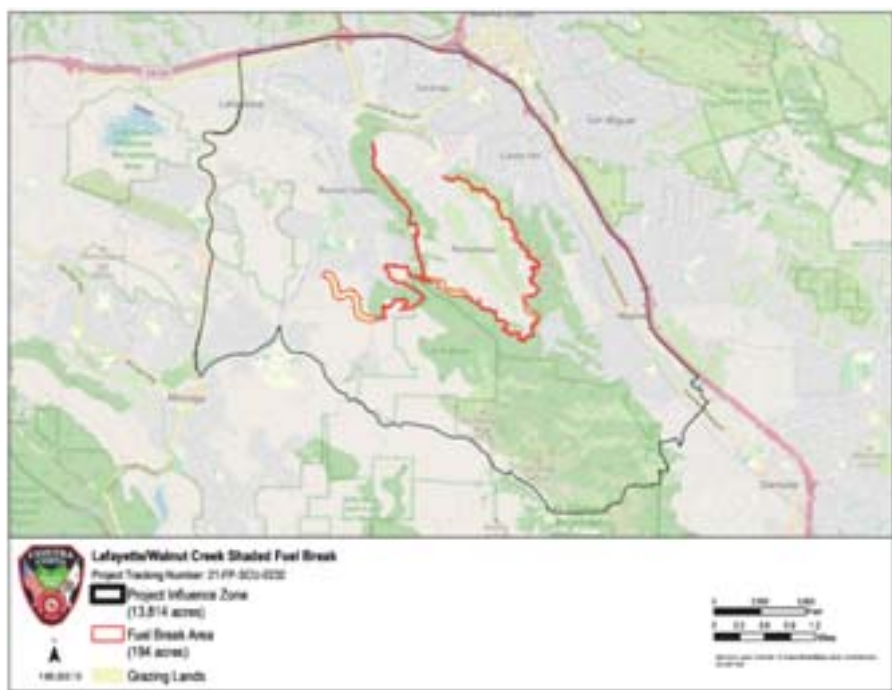


Con Fire receives \$3M Lafayette/Walnut Creek Shaded Fuel Break Grant from Cal Fire



Contra Costa County Fire Protection District on June 3 announced receipt of a \$3 million California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The grant is for creation of a shaded fuel break across southern Lafayette and Walnut Creek, that will, when completed in 2024, afford significant protection from wildfires for residents in the communities of Rossmoor and southern Lafayette.

The project area will encompass 194 acres along some 11 miles of open space in the East Bay, and work is expected to start in approximately 120 days. The grant directly supports Con Fire's efforts to quickly suppress fires in densely-populated wildland-urban interface and hard-to-access grassland areas before they are able to threaten homes, businesses and other property.

"We're pleased to announce receipt of this grant, which will contribute immensely to our ability to protect commu-

nities we serve," said Con Fire Chief Lewis Broschard. "The construction of this fire break across southern Contra Costa County will allow us to immediately reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires in Rossmoor and Lafayette communities such as we have seen around the state in recent years."

The LWCSFB will significantly reduce the threat by reducing fuels - understory vegetation, dead and dying trees, and highly combustible brush - critical to the spread of a wildfire. The tree canopy formed by healthy mature trees will remain largely intact to reduce the future growth of brush and understory vegetation to include invasive non-native plant species. The desired result is to restore fuel loading to more natural levels that can be maintained by the periodic introduction of prescribed fires. According to Con Fire, this fuel break will provide essential opportunities for firefighting success by providing areas of lower fire intensity and enhanced fire lines. - J. Wake

Wildfire preparation plans in full swing for fire season

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Also, residents can request help from the chipper program. Residents can create large piles of trimmed and pruned vegetation, preferably together with their neighbors, and call for an appointment for the chipper to come and dispose of the material, thereby reducing the fuel available to a fire.

By the end of June, residents in Lamorinda will receive a revised version of the Lamorinda Resident's Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation. Rein mentioned that community.zonehaven.com is

an excellent resource that shows by area what the status of a particular evacuation is. You can enter your address and find your zone and the website will tell you the status of an evacuation in your zone.

Another interesting resource are the wildfire alert cameras around Lamorinda. On the Fourth of July, MOFD will tile the nearly one dozen camera displays to provide a virtual fire watch that the public will be able to join. The cameras can pan, tilt and zoom. However, Rein did note that the usefulness of the cameras could be negatively impacted

by smoke from fires in other places in the state.

Residents are urged to sign up for the Contra Costa County Community Warning System at <https://alerts5.athoc.com/Self-Service/CCCWWS/Register> It is also recommended that you adjust your "do not disturb" setting on your cellphone to allow exceptions to prevent emergency warnings from being silenced at night. For instructions on how to do that, see www.lamorindacert.org/resources/cell-phone-do-not-disturb/

In the event of an actual evacuation, residents are

urged, if there is time and if it is safe, to go to one neighbor on each side of their homes to make sure they know about the evacuation.

The links referenced in this story and other links are avail-

able on the CERT resources page at

www.lamorindacert.org/resource/. The link for the Alert cameras is

<https://www.alertwildfire.org>.

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District

Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 20, 6 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.mofd.org

ConFire

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 1 p.m.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.org
(http://64.166.146.245/agenda_publish.cfm?id=&mt=ALL)



School Safety initiatives to start over the summer

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The key issues at the Meher Schools were the downhill grade and tight curves on Leland Drive that have potential to cause drivers to exceed the speed limits and reduce visibility at curves. The solutions, Parker said, are to install speed humps, refresh striping, and add vertical delineators to create more protection, especially on curves in the road.

At Acalanes High School, the streets are designed for speed, access and parking, and not designed for maximum pedestrian and bicycle safety, according to TDG. Missing sidewalks on the south side of Stanley Boulevard and the lack of

pedestrian crossings on Stanley Boulevard between Pleasant Hill Road and Camino Diablo had TDG recommending adding two crosswalks, parking lots, and other improvements.

During the discussion period Vice Mayor Carl Anduri asked about a previous recommendation that had been made by the Transportation and Circulation Commission to lower the speed limit near Acalanes High School from 30 to 25 miles per hour. Anduri asked why it was no longer in the report. Moran said speed reductions on city streets throughout Lafayette had become a city-wide focus and the issue would therefore be packaged with other speed mitigation recom-

mendations in a separate report geared to address areas beyond and still including school safety zones.

Council Member Susan Candell asked about the RFP at Acalanes. Moran said the connection to an informal dirt path trail and a 130-foot gap in a sidewalk would be corrected by the recommendations and solve the problems of students crossing "everywhere" along Stanley Boulevard. The idea, he said, is to provide safe, mid-block crossing alternatives. Moran said, "Right now, they're just walking between cars wherever they want to cross."

Written public comment received during the TransCirc process included, among oth-

ers, a letter from four individuals representing the Burton Valley Safe Streets and 400 Burton Valley residents. The residents encouraged the council to not "force unneeded changes on neighborhoods" or "ignore the rights of senior and people with disabilities." The strongly worded protest advised the council make "a course correction" in response to residents' disapproval. Lafayette resident Stella Wotherspoon participated during the online meeting and spoke in support of the council's actions, expressing appreciation for the work and solutions offered by TransCirc, TDG and the council.

Council unanimously approved directing staff to com-

plete quick-build plans and solicit contractor costs to complete work for the four schools and to authorize release of \$1.3 million from the Palos Col-orados impact fees to fund the safety improvements near schools. (The total includes \$612,000 already authorized by the city council on April 11 for work at Lafayette and Springhill elementary schools and Stanley Middle School.)

Work on high-priority items presented to the council will begin over the summer.

Community members can view the proposed work in the agenda packet at https://lafayette.granicus.com/Viewer.php?view_id=&clip_id=6236&meta_id=152374

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

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 May 29 - June 11

Alarms	55
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic	62
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subject	22
Suspicious Vehicle	11
Service to Citizen	41
Patrol Req./Security Check	27
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	27
Vacation House Check	8
Welfare Check	4
Ordinance Violation	8
Vehicle violations	
Accident Property	
Police Department	
Auto Burglary	
10 Block Moss Ln.	
1000 Block Carol Ln. (2)	
Springbrook Pool	
3300 Block Springhill Rd.	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3300 Block Sweet Dr.	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./1st St.	
Reckless Driving	
St Marys Rd./Solana Dr.	
Moraga Rd./Hamlin Rd.	
Topper Ct./School St.	
St Marys Rd./S Lucille Ln.	

St Marys Rd./Glenside Dr.
Woodview Dr./Sweet Dr.
Tc - Fire And Amb Enroute
1st St./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Moraga Rd./Brook St.

Tc - Minor Injuries
Los Palos Dr./Glenside Dr.
Tc - Property Damage
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Old Tunnel Rd.

Other criminal activity
Commercial Burglary
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)
Fraud Credit Card
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Fraud False Pretenses
3300 Block Las Huertas Rd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
1100 Block Sierra Vista Way

Identity Theft
4000 Block Fiora Pl.
3200 Block Burton Ct.
Panhandling
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Petty Theft
1100 Block Pleasant Hill Cir.
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
1000 Block Woodbury Rd.

Petty Theft Bicycle
1100 Block Woodborough Rd.
Residential Burglary
3300 Block S Lucille Ln.

Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)
10 Block Eleven

Vehicle Theft
1100 Block Pleasant Hill Cir.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Terrace Way

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
10 Block Spruce Ln.
3400 Block Springhill Ct.

Loud Music
800 Block Moraga Rd.
900 Block Oak St.

Loud Party
500 Block McBride Dr. (2)
Lucas Dr./Lucas Ranch Rd.
Via Roble/Via Oneg

Public Nuisance
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.
El Curtola Blvd./Wb Sr 24
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Vandalism
1000 Block Carol Ln.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
80 Block Lafayette Cir.
10 Block Northridge Ln. (2)

Other
Checks Non Suff Funds
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
K9 Outside Assist Request
2100 Block Tice Valley Blvd., Wcr

Unwanted Guest
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3700 Block West Rd.
Violation Custody Order
3600 Block Walnut St.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report May 31 - June 13

Alarms 7
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 10
Traffic 62
Suspicious Circumstances 3
Suspicious Subject 3
Suspicious Vehicle 12
Service to Citizen 34
Patrol Req./Security Check 28
Supplemental Report 9
Vacation House Check 0
Welfare Check 5
Public/School Assembly Check 8
Ordinance Violation 0

Vehicle violations
Auto Burglary
1900 Block Ascot Dr.
1000 Block Alta Mesa Dr.

Excessive Speed
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. (3)
Parking Lot
Moraga Way/Villa Ln.
Moraga Rd./Corliss Dr. (2)
700 Block Parking Lot
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa
Camino Pablo/Rimer Dr.
Moraga Rd./Moraga Commons (2)
Moraga Rd./Buckingham Dr.
Moraga Way/Moraga Valley Ln.
Sanders Dr.
Country Club Dr./St. Andrews Dr. (3)
St. Andrews Dr./Moraga Way
St Andrews Dr./Cypress Point Way (2)
Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd.
Seven Eleven

Reckless Driving
Devon Jeo/Moraga Rd.
Rheem Blvd./Center St.
Moraga Rd./Moraga Way
St Marys Rd./Rheem Blvd.
Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.

Tc - Property Damage
Hansen Ct./Moraga Rd.
Other criminal activity
Burglary
Safeway
Commercial Burglary
1100 Block Moraga Way
Fraud False Pretenses
600 Block Augusta Dr.

Grand Theft
Safeway
Identity Theft
100 Block Cypress Point Way

Not Available
Petty Theft From Veh
Police Department
Residential Burglary
1800 Block Joseph Dr.
Warrant Arrest
Moraga Way/School St.

Nuisance to the Community
Loud Music
Donald Dr./Moraga Rd.
Hacienda
Not Available
10 Block Kendall Cir.
Loud Noise
100 Block Blk Ascot Ct.
10 Block Kendall Cir.

Loud Party
100 Block Block Ascot Ct.
800 Block Augusta Dr. (2)
Public Nuisance
Safeway
N Sandringham/Country Club Dr.

Other
Failure To Obey
Seven Eleven
Terrorist Threats
500 Block Moraga Rd.
Trespass
600 Block Moraga Rd.
Violation Custody Order
Not Available

Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report May 31 - June 13

Alarms 47
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 9
Traffic 53
Suspicious Circumstances 5
Suspicious Subject 5
Suspicious Vehicle 5
Service to Citizen 60
Patrol Req./Security Check 19
Supplemental Report 20
Vacation House Check 0
Welfare Check 5
Public/School Assembly Check 2
Ordinance Violation 3

Vehicle violations
Accident Property
10 Block Heather Ln.
Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24
Camino Pablo
Carjacking
Unknown Location
Dui Misd
100 Block Las Vegas Rd.
Moraga Way/Orchard Rd.

Reckless Driving
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.
Moraga Way/Oak Dr.
Camino Pablo Rd./School St., Mor
Camino Pablo/Eb Sr 24
Moraga Way/Camino Encinas
Camino Pablo/Wildcat Canyon Rd.

Other criminal activity
Burglary
Windy Creek Way/Wilder Rd.
Camino Pablo
Orinda Way
Commercial Burglary
Camino Pablo
Fraud Credit Card
60 Block Northwood Dr.
100 Block El Toyonal
Fraud False Pretenses
200 Block Crescent Dr. (2)
10 Block Whitehall Dr.
Grand Theft Veh Parts
70 Block Brookwood Rd.
Misc Burglary
10 Block Mira Monte Rd.
Petty Theft
60 Block Moraga Way
Vehicle Theft
10 Block El Dorado Ln.

Warrant Arrest
Orinda Way
Moraga Way
Eb Sr 24 At Camino Pablo
Orinda Way/Santa Maria Way
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic
70 Block Brookwood Rd.
Disturbing The Peace
1-00 Block Ardilla Rd.
Wilder Rd./Big Leaf Rd.

Loud Music
Scenic Dr./Orchard Rd.
Loud Noise
10 Block Risa Ct.

Loud Party
40 Block Oakwood Rd.
Van Tassel Ln./Lombardy Ln.
Van Tassel Ln./Van Ripper Ln.
300 Block Camino Sobrante

Public Nuisance
Orinda Community Center
80 Block Underhill Rd.
10 Block Orinda Way
Vandalism
10 Block Orinda Field Lane

Other
Failure To Obey
Wb Sr 24 At Wilder Rd. (2)
Harassment
100 Block Casa Vieja Pl.
Mentally Ill Commit
70 Block Brookwood Rd.
20 Block Orinda Way
Unwanted Guest
20 Block Valley Way
60 Block Valley Dr.