

Did you get your Guide? Note new number for Community Warning System

The newest iteration of the bright yellow and red Lamorinda Resident's Guide to Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation was recently sent to local residents in Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda, and offers a wealth of information about actions to take during an evacuation, what to do if you're trapped and unable to evacuate, and how to harden your home against wildfire, as well as worksheets for evacuation or recovery, and important signs that can be used during an evacuation. The guide was produced and distributed by a

consortium of the City of Lafayette, Town of Moraga, City of Orinda, Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and the Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team.

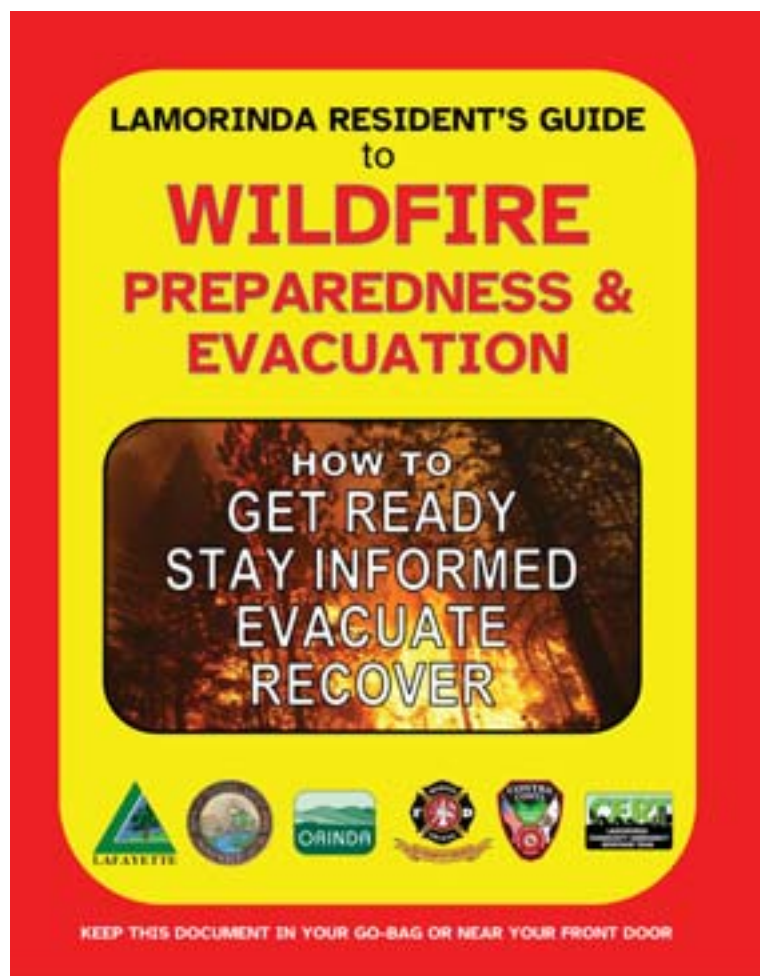
On the back of the 20-page guide, there is a phone number to call to register for the Community Warning System (CWS), which is maintained by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and can call every AT&T landline in the county in just a few seconds. It can also call

VoIP and cell phones if they are registered. The correct phone number for CWS is (925) 655-0111. CWS is only used for life-threatening incidents.

To update CWS account information or to receive email or text alerts, go to <https://cwsalerts.com>

To view the guide online, visit <https://www.love-lafayette.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=5858> or you can pick up copies of the guide at Lamorinda libraries, fire stations and police departments. - J. Wake

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Wildfire mitigation efforts blunted by reluctant residents and public landowners

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"We issue violations year after year," Winnacker said, and nothing is done. He stressed the importance of such work, saying, "If public lands are mitigated, the risk of fire in the populated areas is slim to none." Such work, he stated, dramatically reduces the probability of wildfire.

Orinda City Council Member Darlene Gee asked if the fire district has done any other strategizing about large public landowners. The chief responded that there has been endless talking to, and also citing of public landowners. "All of the talking and letters have not resulted in those parcels being brought into compliance," he added. In the past, citations were issued without fines, as a courtesy, but this year the citations have been issued with accompanying fines.

While the Chief asserts that the fire district does have the authority to enforce its requirements on these large public landowners, he noted that EBMUD, EBRP, and the University of California have weighed in with what he described as "a novel interpretation" that exempts them from compliance with MOFD re-

quirements. Fay asked the Chief to forward him the list of large public property owners.

In public comment Bernie Riff asked if it was possible to contact state legislators for help. Winnacker said that he has asked both Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Sen. Steve Glazer for help in getting answers to very specific questions that have been put to Cal Fire. He said that both representatives were unresponsive. Following an inquiry from Lamorinda Weekly, Bauer-Kahan said, "I have and will continue to act as a liaison between Cal Fire and MOFD to promote the safety of all residents. My office was able to get the Chief a response from Cal Fire, and will continue to ensure responsiveness by the agency. As we have seen wildfires worsen in recent years, I have been successful in securing millions in state dollars for wildfire mitigation and will continue to prioritize prevention and the safety of our community."

The Cal Fire response from Jamie Sammut, staff counsel, says, "Per PRC section 4119, the department of forestry and fire protection (Cal Fire) has the duty to enforce the state forest and fire laws or delegate that responsi-

bility. One of the many such laws is PRC section 4290 pertaining to fire safety standards. This specific enforcement authority was delegated to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District on October 27, 2021," and invites specific questions regarding the delegation.

Winnacker noted that the response from Cal Fire does not, in his opinion, answer the specific questions raised.

The July 12 meeting was also attended by MOFD president Michael Donner and board member Craig Jorgens. Other topics discussed included the Orinda chipper program, the formation of Firewise communities, the expanding red flag day parking restrictions, and an additional administrative position to be filled in Orinda. The Chief agreed with the city's request that he participate in the screening of the candidate to fill that position, which will focus on fire safety.

Orinda City Manager David Biggs reported that the Orinda City Council has appropriated \$400,000 for a grants and incentives program, which staff and the city attorney are currently working on. He noted that some things that may be addressed by the special program include fuel re-

duction, including removal of junipers and dead trees, perhaps focused narrowly on evacuation routes. Orinda Mayor Dennis Fay noted that, in relation to evacuation routes, "We are putting the burden of the safety of the entire community on those folks who live on the evacuation routes." Because everyone benefits from the evacuation routes he believes that it is appropriate for the city to help out those residents.

Winnacker reported that MOFD is already distributing some mesh intended for home hardening. More pallets of mesh have been ordered and will be rolled out when they arrive. The purpose of the mesh is to protect vents, particularly attic vents, from being breached by flying embers, which can enter a home and set it on fire. He also reported a \$250,000 grant for an

area suitable for grazing. A large open area in the vicinity of Saint Mary's College has been selected and a contractor is being sought to perform the work required.

Orinda has also been considering the issue of "boots on the ground," in terms of greater educational efforts, but the Chief felt that educational efforts are not effective, whereas the inspection and enforcement efforts of the fire district produce better results.

"More information doesn't hurt," he said, "but more enforcement is better, and only the fire district can perform that." In that regard, the city is considering providing an additional inspector to MOFD who would focus on Orinda.

MOFD is currently hiring a new inspector to fill a position created this year.

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, Aug. 9, 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 Summary Report

June 26 - July 9
Alarms 61
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 12
Traffic 62
Suspicious Circumstances 8
Suspicious Subject 20
Suspicious Vehicle 9
Service to Citizen 34
Patrol Req./Security Check 16
Public/School Assembly Check 1
Supplemental Report 12
Vacation House Check 28
Welfare Check 23
Ordinance Violation 1

Vehicle violations

Auto Burglary
800 Block Mountain View Dr.
800 Block Rosedale Ave.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
50 Block Bacon Ct.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
300 Block St Marys Rd.
3500 Block Terrace Way
Reckless Driving
Glenside Dr./St Marys Rd.
Moraga Blvd./Foye Dr.
Olympic Blvd./Reliez Station Rd.
Hough Ave./Brook St.

St Marys Rd./Stafford Dr., Mor Pleasant Hill Rd./Greenvalley Dr. Olympic Blvd./Reliez Station Rd. Dewing Ave./Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Tc - Minor Injuries
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Reservoir Entrance Rd.

Tc - Property Damage
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Acalanes Rd. 900 Block Moraga Rd. Mt. Diablo Blvd./1st St.

Vehicle Theft
900 Block East St. Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24 (3) Dewing Ave./Chestnut St.

Other criminal activity

Commercial Burglary
10 Block Woodbury Highlands Ct
A
Fraud Credit Card
50 Block Lafayette Cir.
Fraud False Pretenses
1000 Block Carol Ln.
Police Department
800 Block Tanglewood Dr.
3600 Block Brook St.
900 Block Anita Ct.

Grand Theft
Eb Sr 24 At Pleasant Hill Rd.
3400 Block Hamlin Rd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Grand Theft Veh Parts
900 Block Hough Ave.

Identity Theft
300 Block E Lowell Ln. (2)
3100 Block Somerset Dr.
Police Department (2)
600 Block Doreen Way

Misc Burglary
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)
Petty Theft
3700 Block Mosswood Dr.
1500 Block Rancho View Dr.
3100 Block Camino Diablo
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

Robbery Armed
200 Block Lafayette Cir.
Shoplift
3900 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic
600 Block N Silverado Dr.
800 Block Rosedale Ave.
1800 Block Del Rey St.
1000 Block Carol Ln.
900 Block Paulson Ct.
Happy Valley Rd./Crestmont Dr.

Loud Party
3700 Block Happy Valley Rd. (2)
Public Nuisance
Saranap Ave./El Curtola Blvd. (2)
900 Block Moraga Rd.

3400 Block Monroe Ave.
200 Block Lafayette Cir.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
1000 Block Oak Hill Rd.

Vandalism
Police Department

Other

Animal Cruelty
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Fire/Ems Response Info
Woodview Dr./St Marys Rd.
700 Block Reliez Station Rd.
900 Block East St.

Fireworks
3400 Block Moraga Blvd.
3200 Block Fairholm Ct.
4000 Block Mario Way
Old Tunnel Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd.

Hailed By Citizen
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
K9 Outside Assist Request
800 Block Dobrich Cir., Bpo
Ordinance Violation
900 Block Kelley Ct.

Threats
700 Block St Marys Rd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Unwanted Guest
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
900 Block Colina Ct.

Violation Custody Order
Police Department
1100 Block Hillcrest Dr.
Violation Restraining Order
1000 Block Windsor Dr.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

July 5 - July 11
Alarms 5
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 3
Traffic 43
Suspicious Circumstances 3
Suspicious Subject 0
Suspicious Vehicle 2
Service to Citizen 22
Patrol Req./Security Check 11
Supplemental Report 2
Vacation House Check 8
Welfare Check 1
Public/School Assembly Check 1
Ordinance Violation 0

Vehicle violations

Auto Burglary
Not Available
Dui Misd
Seven Eleven
Excessive Speed
Front of Commons

Reckless Driving
Canyon Rd./Country Club Dr.
Other criminal activity
Grand Theft
Not Available
Identity Theft
Police Department

Petty Theft
No House Number
3900 Block Campolindo Dr.

Shoplift
Police Department

Warrant Arrest
400 Block Center St.

Nuisance to the Community

Loud Noise
Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd.
2100 Block Ascot Dr.
Loud Party
1900 Block Ascot Dr.

Other

Phone Harass
10 Block Thorndale Pl.

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Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

June 16 - July 2
Alarms 45
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 6
Traffic 37
Suspicious Circumstances 0
Suspicious Subject 10
Suspicious Vehicle 4
Service to Citizen 48
Patrol Req./Security Check 29
Supplemental Report 19
Vacation House Check 0
Welfare Check 8
Public/School Assembly Check 0
Ordinance Violation 3

Vehicle violations

Accident Property
St Stephens Dr./Las Vegas Rd.
10 Block Crest View Ct.
Ivy Dr./Lavina Ct.

Hit And Run Misdemeanor
Barbara Dr./Oak Rd.
Reckless Driving
Mira Flores/Las Vegas Rd.

Vehicle Theft
Moraga Way/Camino Encinas

Other criminal activity

Auto Burglary
100 Block Crest View Dr.

Burglary
200 Block Stein Way
Fraud Credit Card
10 Block Estates Dr.
Fraud False Pretenses
400 Block Wovenwood Dr.

Grand Theft
Camino Sobrante
10 Block Estates Dr.
Orinda Way

Grand Theft Veh Parts
70 Block Brookwood Rd.

Identity Theft
50 Block Ardilla Rd. (2)
Police Department (2)

Petty Theft
Camino Pablo
10 Block Mariposa Ln.
400 Block El Toyonal

Residential Burglary
Miller Dr., Laf
Warrant Arrest
Orinda Way
San Pablo Dam/Old San Pablo Dam
Camino Pablo/El Toyonal

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic
10 Block Lloyd Ln.
Disturbing The Peace
10 Block Loma Linda Ct.

Loud Music
Wildor Ori
La Cresta Rd./Don Gabriel Way
10 Block Quarry House Dr.
60 Block Acacia Dr.

Loud Noise
Valley View Rd./Miner Rd.
40 Block Knickerbocker Ln.

Loud Party
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
Public Nuisance
Camino Sobrante
20 Block Orinda Way

Vandalism
10 Block Camino Del Diablo

Other

Failure To Obey
Camino Sobrante
Fire/Ems Response Info
100 Block La Espiral

Mentally Ill Commit
Police Department
80 Block Via Floreado
Threats
70 Block Muth Dr.
Unauthorized Possession
400 Block Camino Sobrante
Unwanted Guest
Camino Sobrante
Violation Restraining Ord
20 Block Quarry Way (2)