

## Do You Know What to Do if a Major Earthquake or Wildfire Hits Lamorinda?

- Do you know your evacuation zone?
- Do you have a family plan?
- Do you have Go-Bags packed?
- Do you know how to operate a fire extinguisher or turn off the gas and water valves to your home?
- What is your source for updates?
- Do you know how to render disaster first aid should you or a family member need it and 911 is not available?

To answer these questions and many more, attend the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class series this Fall in Orinda.

Classes will be held in Orinda on Thursday nights from 9/14 – 11/9. For more information and to register go to: <https://classes.lamorindacert.org>

**Now is the time to get prepared.** As Snoopy would say "Ten minutes before the party is not the time to learn to dance"!



## MOFD adopts same fire flow tax, despite objections from one Orinda resident

By Sora O'Doherty

Orinda resident Steve Cohn has been campaigning for some time to have the annual fire flow tax rate of Moraga citizens raised. Cohn had asked the Moraga-Orinda Fire District board to raise the fire flow tax on Moraga residents from six cents to 30 cents. Cohn was unhappy that the board adopted the same six-cent fire flow tax rate for both Orinda and Moraga that has been in effect for since 2013.

At the MOFD Board meeting on June 21, MOFD Vice President Mike Roemer addressed the issue. "It is my position that legally and morally and politically we have an obligation to keep this commu-

nity united," he said, "and it seems to me that it is a fundamental matter of fairness that if we were considering doubling or tripling or quadrupling the taxes of Moraga citizens we ought to reach out to them and see how they feel about that." Roemer added that he had spoken to many taxpayers in various MOFD districts who told him that they consider the present structure to be fair.

The board voted unanimously to keep the fire flow tax rate at six cents for both Moraga and Orinda residents.

Cohn later wrote to the board members objecting that Roemer had misrepresented the facts concerning the fire flow tax, particularly by stating that the tax was assessed at six cents per \$1,000 of assessed

property value. Cohn says that the tax has nothing to do with assessed value but is based on the "fire flow" required to extinguish a structure fire and is based on the square footage of the structure and whether or not it has a fire suppression (sprinkler) system."

Given an opportunity to respond to Cohn's email, Roemer said, "The fire flow tax rate is six cents for Orinda and six cents for Moraga and brings in roughly the same revenue from each municipality, and it seems to me that that is fair." Roemer added that the board can't control major portions of the revenue that it receives, which is governed by Proposition 13 and that the fire flow tax represents only about 3% of MOFD's revenue.

## One rescued from burning home in Moraga



Photo courtesy MOFD

A structure fire was reported at approximately 11:30 p.m. June 17 on the 1000 block of Sanders Drive in Moraga. According to Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief Dave Winnacker, "the first fire engine on scene encountered a fire that was well established in the attic space of a single-story home with two occupants reported inside. Crews executed a rescue of an occupant inside of the structure and escorted a second resident who was outside of the structure." There was significant damage to the property, however there were no reported injuries on scene from staff, Winnacker noted. The fire is under investigation. - S. O'Doherty

## County promotes earthquake safety

Contra Costa County Volunteer Program Coordinated Theresa Dade-Boone is urging residents to take advantage of a Safer at Home Webinar Series offered by the Earthquake Country Alliance.

Those who live in earthquake country know that large earthquakes may happen at

any time. Fortunately, there are simple steps we all can take to be "safer at home" before the earth shakes. Access to the webinar and a great deal of other useful information about earthquakes can be found on the Earthquake Country Alliance web page at [www.earthquakecountry.org](http://www.earthquakecountry.org). - Sora O'Doherty

## A glimpse of Summer Camp in Moraga

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Ironically, strength and size were not critical in this instance. Another class that was workout related was "Tumbling," and students were advised to "wear loose shorts."

A very practical class was offered for teens that would soon be off to college. The "Surviving on Your Own" description posed some heavy-duty questions to teens who think they are ready for life away from home. "Are you

going to know what to do when you leave home and are on your own? Will you be phoning home to find out why your white clothes came out of the washer blue and your blues came out white? Will you know better than to go into a self-serve gas station and fill up your gas tank with water? Will you know how to establish credit and balance your check book?" With scare tactics like these, it's a wonder that teens ever left the house.

An "Outdoor Camp" for

girls and boys aged 9-12 taught kids to learn about nature, develop camping skills, and explore the creeks and woods at the Hacienda de las Flores. While three of the days were morning sessions, the last was an overnight camp-out. Parents were assured that after the camp was set up and everyone fixed their own dinner, the kids would "spend the night totally supervised." Forty-six years later, it's comforting to know that some things never change.



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<b>Emergency response:</b>	1000 Block Carol Ln.	900 Block Oak Hill Rd.	Canyon Rd./Country Club Dr.	Accident Property
Emergency: 24 Hours 911	Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.	1000 Block Dewing Ave. (3)	Moraga Way St. Andrews Dr. (3)	Camino Sobrante/Camino Pablo
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours	Reckless Driving	Vandalism	St. Andrews Dr./Country Club Dr.	200 Block Camino Sobrante
925-284-5010	Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Camino Ricardo Moraga Way	10 Block Altarinda Rd.
Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777	Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.	3400 Block Silver Springs Ct.	Nb Moraga Rd. Twd Lafayette	Auto Burglary
or go to <a href="http://www.nixle.com">www.nixle.com</a>	Deer Hill Rd./Stanley Blvd.	<b>Other</b>	Country Club Dr./School St	40 Block La Vuelta
<b>Lafayette Police Department:</b>	2Nd St/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Brandishing Weapon	St Andrews Dr./Country Club Dr.	Hit And Run Misdemeanor
3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd. 925-283-3680	1St St/Wb Sr 24	Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Moraga Country Club	Alice Ln./Zander Dr.
Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt	Tc - Property Damage	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Vehicle Theft	Reckless Driving
925-299-3221	Moraga Rd./Rimrock Rd.	Defraud Innkeeper	Moraga Way/Camino Encinas, Ori	Camino Pablo/Bear Creek Rd. (2)
Police Department Tip Line	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Other criminal activity	Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way
94549Tip@gmail.com	1000 Block Brown Ave.	Fireworks	Computer Fraud	Glorietta Blvd./Moraga Via
Police Department Traffic Issues	3900 Block El Nido Ranch Rd.	3400 Block School St.	100 Block Quintas Ln.	<b>Other criminal activity</b>
94549Traffic@gmail.com	10 Block Eleven Laf	H&S Violation	Petty Theft	Burglary
<b>Moraga Police Department:</b>	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Harassment	Moraga Country Club	100 Block Silver Oak Terrace
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055	Vehicle Theft	1400 Block Tichenor Ct.	Residential Burglary	Forgery
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049	900 Block East St.	Illegal Entry	300 Block Calle La Montana	20 Block Orinda Waynda Ca
<b>Orinda Police Department:</b>	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Warrant Arrest	Grand Theft
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820	<b>Other criminal activity</b>	K9 Outside Assist Request	200 Block Corliss Dr.	100 Block Sleepy Hollow Ln
Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan	Grand Theft Veh Parts	Nb Sr 242 No Nb I 680, Con	<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	30 Block Las Vegas Rd.
925-254-6820	3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.	Threats	Disturbing The Peace	Identity Theft
<a href="mailto:Orindatip@cityoforinda.org">Orindatip@cityoforinda.org</a>	Misc Burglary	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Ascot Dr./Ascot Pl.	10 Block Camino Lenada
<b>Lafayette Police</b>	500 Block Morecroft Rd.	Trespass	Public Nuisance	Petty Theft
<b>Department Incident Summary Report</b>	Panhandling	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Campolindo Dr./Corte Monterey	Camino Sobrante
<b>June 11 - June 24</b>	Petty Theft	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	<b>Other</b>	Wilder Sports Fields Ori
Alarms 38	900 Block Reliez Station Rd.	1200 Block Rose Ln.	Harassment	100 Block Las Vegas Rd.
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 17	900 Block Hough Ave.	Unwanted Guest	70 Block Miramonte Dr.	Residential Burglary
Traffic 39	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Trespass	10 Block Via Hermosa
Suspicious Circumstances 4	1400 Block Tichenor Ct.	3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	500 Block Center St.	Shoplift
Suspicious Subject 25	3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	<b>Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report</b>		Moraga Way
Suspicious Vehicle 10	3400 Block Orchard Hill Ct.	<b>June 20 - June 26</b>		Warrant Arrest
Service to Citizen 34	3400 Block Monroe Ave.	Alarms 6		Moraga Way/Orchard Rd.
Patrol Req./Security Check 9	Shoplift	911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 4		<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>
Public/School Assembly Check 1	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)	Traffic 23		Disturbing The Peace
Supplemental Report 23	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	Suspicious Circumstances 5		Camino Pabo
Vacation House Check 31	<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	Suspicious Subject 3		Loud Noise
Welfare Check 19	Disturbance-domestic	Suspicious Vehicle 3		10 Block Hall Dr.
Ordinance Violation 2	900 Block Dolores Dr.	Service to Citizen 11		100 Block Hall Dr.
<b>Vehicle violations</b>	3200 Block Withers Ave.	Patrol Req./Security Check 5		20 Block Coachwood Terrace
Accident Property	Disturbance-fight	Public/School Assembly Check 7		Loud Party
Police Department (3)	1000 Block Oak Hill Rd.	Supplemental Report 2		Owl Hill Rd./Oakwood Rd.
Auto Burglary	Disturbing The Peace	Vacation House Check 1		20 Block Owl Hill Rd.
1000 Block Pine Ln.	3rd St/Moraga Blvd.	Welfare Check 3		20 Block Moraga Via
3900 Block Los Arabis Dr.	Loud Music	Ordinance Violation 1		Public Nuisance
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	900 Block Mountain View Dr. (2)	<b>Vehicle violations</b>		10 Block Theatre Sq (2)
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Loud Noise	Accident Property		Theatre Square (2)
Pleasant Hill Rd./Reliez Valley Rd.	3400 Block Orchard Hill Ct.	Rheem Theater		500 Block Orindawoods Dr.
	Loud Party	Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.		<b>Other</b>
	1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.	Dui Misd		Failure To Obey
	1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd. (2)	500 Block Augusta Dr.		Moraga Way/Camino Encinas
	Brook St/Mountain View Dr.			Return After Eviction
	Public Nuisance			300 Block La Espiral
	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.			Trespass
	Lafayette Cr/Mt. Diablo Blvd.			Camino Sobrante (4)
				Theatre Square
				Trespass W/ Vehicle
				10 Block Quarry Hill Rd.