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Con Fire begins next phase of shaded fuel break

The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) kicked off the next phase in its 11-mile shaded fuel break program with a presentation held Jan. 25. Funded by a \$3 million California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), the shaded fuel break across southern Lafayette and Walnut Creek will afford protection from wildfires in densely populated wildland-urban interface and hard to access grassland areas before they are able to threaten homes, businesses and other properties. The entire project area encompasses 268 acres of open space in the East Bay. The tentative completion date is late 2025. It builds on a \$6.3 million fuel break project that was completed in 2021 by the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. - David Scholz



Photo courtesy Con Fire

Council considers whether red flag day parking restrictions are too much

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Sandy Pearson of Miner Road said she was a strong supporter of the program, especially on El Toyonal. However, she suggested that perhaps Honey Hill Road, Charles Hill Road, and others should not be included. She said that no one parks on these streets, and there has never been a parking problem. She noted that there are now a large number of signs. While on El Toyonal there are 28 signs over two miles, she said that Honey Hill has 40 signs in just half a mile. "You can see three to four signs in an area where there is virtually no place to pull off the road," she added.

Council Member Inga Miller noted that it is very hard when the city makes something different, but she wanted to look at the big picture. "How do we prevent fire? How do we evacuate if there is a fire?" she asked. "Evacuation is within our control," she said, "and it is a matter of

life and death." She pointed out that tragedy struck on very wide roads in Lahaina, and brought some photographs she had taken in Bronson Canyon, an area of Los Angeles that resembles Orinda, and has red flag day restrictions.

Council Member Brandyn Iverson said that it was very frustrating when the signs were going up. "I hope we can prioritize safety and evacuation," she said, "and when something doesn't make sense, we can not waste taxpayer dollars with signs that don't actually keep anybody safer." She suggested that the city add "one more layer of common sense, so that we don't repeat mistakes," but also said that fire safety must be the priority and "we can't have a town hall street by street."

Council Member Janet Riley agreed that the number one goal is evacuation, and suggested that the number of signs could be reduced,

even if that might affect the legality of enforcing the parking restrictions. Council Member Latika Malkani agreed that further conversation was required, and suggested that the issue be discussed in the 2x2 meeting between the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and the city. She also said that she didn't care if someone doesn't pay a citation fine, but that citations have a deterrent effect.

Mayor Darlene Gee said that she is willing to revisit the criteria used to implement the red flag day restrictions. "We all know what we are trying to achieve," she said, adding, "We don't care about the citations; what we are trying to prevent is a catastrophe. We need to work with staff, to assure the community that we can work on this." Concluding that "I don't want us to grab signs tomorrow, but to revisit the issue." The mayor asked staff to bring the matter back before the council at a later day, with the agreement of the council.



Lamorinda CERT Monthly Meeting
February 12, 2024 7:00 pm

Special Abilities Kids/Adults in Disasters



In the past fifteen years Danielle Bell has immersed herself in the study of Autism, Sensory Processing Disorder, Biomedical & Holistic approaches to meeting the needs of the mind, body, and spirit. After finishing her master's program she also acquired her family marriage license to support those who are navigating challenges and what she refers to as kids/adults with "Special Abilities."

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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 Jan. 7- Jan. 20

Alarms	53
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	12
Traffic	75
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subject	18
Suspicious Vehicle	7
Service to Citizen	31
Patrol Req./Security Check	17
Public/School Assembly Check	11
Supplemental Report	6
Vacation House Check	7
Welfare Check	16
Ordinance Violation	0

Vehicle violations

Auto Burglary	1200 Block El Curtola Blvd.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
Identity Theft	School St./Moraga Rd.
Police Department	
Reckless Driving	Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
	Pleasant Hill Cir./Acalanes Ave.
	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Oak Hill Rd.
	Acalanes Rd./Wb Sr 24
	Upper Happy Valley Rd./El Nido Ranch Rd.
	Glorietta Blvd./Acalanes Rd.
	Pleasant Hill Rd./Olympic Blvd.
	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Tc - Property Damage	
	Pleasant Hill Rd./Condit Rd.
	Santa Maria Wy/St Marys Rd.
	Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24
	Deer Hill Rd./Happy Valley Rd.
	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	900 Block Moraga Rd.

Other criminal activity

Commercial Burglary	1000 Block Oak Hill Rd.
Computer Fraud	1400 Block Edwards Ct.
Fraud False Pretenses	1100 Block Upper Happy Valley Rd.
Grand Theft	3300 Block Springhill Rd.
Panhandling	1300 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
Petty Theft	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Bl A
	3200 Block Ameno Dr.
	Brown Ave./Deer Hill Rd.
	90 Block Carolyn Ct.
	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Hampton Rd.

Petty Theft From Veh
1100 Block Nogales St.
3100 Block Quandt Rd.

Residential Burglary
1000 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
1000 Block Leland Dr.

Robbery - Bank
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Shoplift
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbance-domestic 3100 Block Lucas Dr.
Disturbing The Peace 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Loud Music
700 Block Las Trampas Rd.
3300 Block Las Huertas Rd.
Las Trampas Rd./Glenside Rd.
80 Block Lafayette Cir. (2)

Public Nuisance
3500 Block Silver Springs Rd.
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Eb Sr 24 At El Curtola Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)

Vandalism
3700 Block St Francis Dr.
3200 Block Stanley Blvd.

Other
Assault W/ Deadly Weapon 3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Battery 1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Fire/Ems Response Info 900 Block Dewing Ave.
H&S Violation 1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Litter 3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Mentally Ill Violent 3400 Block Monroe Ave.
Unwanted Guest 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Violation Custody Order Police Department

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report Jan. 16 - Jan. 21

Alarms	3
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	1
Traffic	37
Suspicious Circumstances	1
Suspicious Subject	2
Suspicious Vehicle	0
Service to Citizen	13
Patrol Req./Security Check	6
Public/School Assembly Check	5
Supplemental Report	2
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	2
Ordinance Violation	0

Vehicle violations


Accident Property	3300 Block Johnson Rd., Laf
Excessive Speed	Moraga Country Club (2)
	Moraga Way/School St. (2)
	Country Club Dr/Canyon Rd.
	Agusta Dr./St Andrews Dr.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
Safeway	300 Block Rheem Blvd.
Reckless Driving	Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.
	Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr.

Other criminal activity

Grand Theft	Not Available
Residential Burglary	3800 Block Campolindo Dr.
Nuisance to the Community	
Disturbance-domestic	10 Block Waterloo Pl.
Loud Music	1900 Block St. Marys Rd.
Canyon Club Brewery	

400 Block Redfield Pl.
Loud Noise 10 Block Thune Ave.
Loud Party Not Available 10 Block Miramonte Dr.

Other
Child Abuse Campolindo High School
Loitering 2000 Block Ascot Dr.
Trespass 200 Block Corliss Dr.
Trespass W/ Vehicle Coral Dr./Moraga Way, Ori



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report Dec. 31 - Jan. 13

Alarms	29
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic	73
Suspicious Circumstances	4
Suspicious Subject	7
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	40
Patrol Req./Security Check	7
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	16
Vacation House Check	9
Welfare Check	3
Ordinance Violation	0

Vehicle violations

Accident Injury	Van Tassel Ln./Lombardy Ln.
Accident Property	20 Block Bryant Way
	Valley View Dr./Don Gabriel Way
Dui Misd	20 Block Camino Sobrante
Reckless Driving	Camino Pablo/North Ln.
	Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.
Tc - Property Damage	Camino Pablo/Manzanita Dr.
Vehicle Theft	10 Block Hidden Ln.
	40 Block Berkeley Ave.
	4300 Block El Nido Ranch Rd.

Other criminal activity

Commercial Burglary	Camino Pablo
	Orinda Way
Fraud False Pretenses	Police Department
Grand Theft	Camino Pablo
	Camino Pablo/El Toyonal
	Camino Pablo/Manzanita Dr.
Petty Theft Purse Snatch	Camino Sobrante
Residential Burglary	30 Block Fallen Leaf Terrace
	300 Block Dalewood Dr.
Shoplift	Orinda Way
	Camino Pablo
Warrant Arrest	Camino Sobrante
	Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way

Nuisance to the Community

Vandalism	600 Block Miner Rd.
	Orinda Way

Other

Dependent Adult Abuse	20 Block Normandy Ln.
Failure To Obey	Camino Pablo/Wb 24
Mentally Ill	20 Block Dolores Way