



Emergency Water Drums

The San Francisco Bay Area has more ground movement along tectonic plates than any other urban area in the United States.

"EBMUD's seismic work will restore partial water service within 30 days following a large earthquake... Some customers may be without water service at their residence for weeks or months."

To be prepared, you need at least 1 gallon of potable water and 1 gallon of sanitation water per person per day. That's 14 gallons per person per week.

The Lamorinda Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be making a large purchase of emergency household water supply drums and fire extinguishers and Bay Area residents are invited to participate in the bulk order.

When water is stored properly in these blue FDA approved drums, it can last indefinitely and be a life-saving resource in case of earthquake or other disaster. This could be the best investment in your family's safety you will ever make!

If interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity to purchase packages of 5, 15, or 55 gallon drums for water storage along with drum wrenches and pumps, area residents can place an order through Lamorinda CERT Foundation. Details, prices, and pickup information can be found on this site.

<http://supplies.lamorindacert.org/>



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Before

After



Dr. Matthew Tampelen, who grew up in Lafayette and is a nationally recognized Double Board-Certified Facial Plastic surgeon, opened a private practice in Downtown Orinda to better serve Lamorinda patients. Specializing entirely in the face, Dr. Tampelen's expertise is nationally recognized for providing patients with beautiful, elegant, and natural results.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
 I am writing this letter in response to Sora O'Doherty's article on the recent high speed chase after the armed robbery of the Jack in the Box. The tone of the reporter's article suggested the officers may have done something wrong by pursuing the subjects. I would like to comment that the commitment to our community and the dedication of Lafayette's officers is the very reason that Lafayette has been able to remain a safe community. We have not experienced the same amounts of violent crime as other local areas and this is all due to the reputation that the police officers in Lafayette simply will not tolerate violent criminal acts locally. I applaud the dedication and efforts of these officers and all the other members of the department that continue to show up. As a 20+ year citizen of Lafayette I am grateful for their efforts and I hope that they continue. Support our local officers rather than demeaning and questioning their efforts. Please continue to work so hard in the fight against these violent criminals in order to keep us safe. Thank you Lafayette PD. Richard Shinaman, M.D.

Dear Lamorinda Weekly Editor:
 Thank you for publishing an article on the Feb. 28 high speed chase from Lafayette to Orinda in your March 13, 2024 edition. I write to add additional perspective on the incident.

I am a parent of two elementary school children who attend Wagner Ranch Elementary School in Orinda. I was saddened to learn that the Feb. 28 high speed chase from Lafayette resulted in an injury collision involving a seven year-old child. I hope the

child and all impacted make a full recovery.

The article failed to note, however, that the crash took place adjacent to Wagner Ranch Elementary School's entrance (at the corner of Camino Pablo Road and Bear Creek Road). Had the Contra Costa County Sheriff-led pursuit occurred just 30 minutes earlier, hundreds of elementary school students would have just been dismissed from class, dozens of whom walk home from school daily along Camino Pablo (including my own children).

As Camino Pablo Road nears the elementary school, it transitions from a four-lane road to a two lane, narrow winding road with a 30 mph speed limit. Along much of the route, there are no barriers protecting the walking path from vehicles. Elementary school children cross Camino Pablo at multiple crosswalks as they make their way home from school each day. Our community is incredibly lucky that this ill-advised pursuit did not end in greater tragedy.

I am appalled and frankly outraged that the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office offered no comment as to why its officers deemed it safe or appropriate to engage in what I understand to be an upwards of 70 mph chase past an elementary school on a school day. I implore community members, including our City Council, to demand accountability. The steep costs of high-speed pursuits have been well-documented, and the consensus is clear that the benefits rarely outweigh the risks.
 Carri Maas
 Orinda

Dear Editor,
 Reading the article writ-

ten by Sora O'Doherty was reminiscent of news from the old Southern newspapers. It is unthinkable & a disgrace to read that the suspects were a "24 year-year-old Black male and a 39-year-old Black female.." What color were the police?

O'Doherty's next article will probably mention the religion and ethnic background of perpetrators..

This article is a betrayal of the social justice for which so many have worked and by printing this letter you are abetting the perpetuation of and sanctioning such heinous language.

Sincerely,
 Gloria Marchick
 Orinda

Non-natives

As a Contra Costa College Biology Professor, I wanted to provide a clarification to the article "The Garden Melting Pot" published on March 13, 2024. Cynthia Brian stated "Many revered non-natives have acclimated to our soil, weather, and stressors providing food and refuge for our insects, wildlife, and birds while living in harmony with native species." While it is true that many non-natives thrive in our ecosystem, it is not necessarily true that they live in harmony with native species. Ecosystems consist of delicate food webs with producers and consumers that have evolved together for thousands of years and non-natives can disrupt this delicate web. Some consumers only survive on a very small selection of native species. I would encourage everyone to plant as many native species as possible.

Thanks,
 Suzanne Sparacio
 MATSci, PhD
 Moraga

Congressional art competition winner will be flown to DC for reception

By Sora O'Doherty

Each year, Representative Mark DeSaulnier hosts the 10th Congressional District High School Art Competition and Exhibition. The exhibition is a judged art show, open to high school students from public and private schools in the 10th Congressional District of California, as well as high school students home-schooled within the district. The 10th Congressional district includes Lamorinda. This year, DeSaulnier's office has announced that the winner of the competition will receive two tickets on Southwest Airlines to attend the reception in Washington D.C.

The exhibition will be displayed publicly and will culminate in a

closing awards event.

The winning artwork of our district's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will include the winning artwork from all participating districts from around the country. The winning artwork will also be featured on the Congressional Art Competition page.

Participants may submit one photograph or scan of their artwork, taken in the highest possible resolution, to

kaylee.de-land@mail.house.gov. Submissions must include the Student Release Form. A panel of judges will view all artwork electronically. Congressman DeSaulnier's office will be accepting

virtual submissions until April 5 at 5 p.m.

Artwork entered in the contest may be up to 26 inches by 26 inches, may be up to 4 inches in depth, and not weigh more than 15 pounds. The winning piece must arrive framed and must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions. Competition categories include paintings, drawings, two dimensional collages, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art and photography.

All entries must be original in concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. The rules for the 2024 competition are available on House.gov.

For more information, please contact DeSaulnier's office at (925) 933-2660 or go to the website, www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition

Public Safety

Emergency response:
 Emergency: 24 Hours 911
 Police Dispatch: 24 Hours
 925-284-5010

Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or 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

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Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report
March 3 - March 9

Alarms 22
 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 8
 Traffic 50
 Suspicious Circumstances 4
 Suspicious Subject 9
 Suspicious Vehicle 1
 Service to Citizen 12
 Patrol Req./Security Check 10
 Public/School Assembly Check 3
 Supplemental Report 7
 Vacation House Check 8
 Welfare Check 6
 Ordinance Violation 1

Vehicle violations
 Hit And Run Misdemeanor 8
 Rosedale Ave./Moraga Rd. 3
 Reckless Driving 1
 Glenside Dr./Burton Dr. 1
 Pleasant Hill Rd./Eb Sr 24
 Stolen Vehicle Recovery 0
 Oakhill/

Tc - Property Damage 900 Block Brown Ave. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Pleasant Hill Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
 Vehicle Theft 30 Block Crest Rd.
Other criminal activity
 Fraud False Pretenses 1000 Block Via Baja
 Petty Theft 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
 Petty Theft Other 3500 Block Wildwood Ln.
 Shoplift 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Nuisance to the Community
 Disturbance-domestic 3100 Block Lucas Cir.
 Loud Motorcycle St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.
 Loud Noise 4100 Block Hidden Valley Rd. 80 Block Lafayette Cir. 1700 Block Ivanhoe Ave.
 Loud Party 3200 Block Camino Colorados
 Public Nuisance 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
 Vandalism 200 Block Lafayette Cir.
Other
 Loitering

3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Trespass
 1200 Block Laurel Ln.
 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Unwanted Guest
 10 Block Mountain View Pl.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report
March 5 - March 18

Alarms 12
 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 11
 Traffic 60
 Suspicious Circumstances 6
 Suspicious Subject 2
 Suspicious Vehicle 5
 Service to Citizen 13
 Patrol Req./Security Check 21
 Public/School Assembly Check 6
 Supplemental Report 6
 Vacation House Check 1
 Welfare Check 3
 Ordinance Violation 2

Vehicle violations
 Accident Property Broadway/Hardy Dr. 200 Block Tharp Dr. 10 Block Corliss Dr. Alta Mesa Dr./Moraga Rd. Excessive Speed

Cameon/Sanders Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr. Canyon Rd./Moraga Way Woodford Dr./Moraga Rd. Moraga Way/Corral Dr., Ori Moraga Way/School St. (2) Rheem Blvd./Zander Dr., Ori St Andrews Dr./Moraga Way Moraga Rd./Woodford Dr. Hit And Run Misdemeanor Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd. Reckless Driving Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd. Ascot Dr./Moraga Rd. Seven Eleven

Joseph Dr./Bollinger Canyon Rd. (2) Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr. Moraga Way/Moraga Rd. Moraga Rd./Donald Dr. MOFD Station 41 Joaquin Moraga Int School

Tamper With Vehicle Canyon Rd./Constance Pl. Tc - Property Damage Rheem Blvd./Center St.
Other criminal activity
 Fraud Credit Card 900 Block Augusta Dr. Fraud False Pretenses 200 Block Scofield Dr. Not Available 1800 Block Ascot Dr. Grand Theft 400 Block Center St. Identity Theft 900 Block Camino Ricardo

Petty Theft Safeway Shoplift Safeway

Nuisance to the Community
 Loud Noise 1200 Block Larch Ave. Seven Eleven
 Loud Party 300 Block Redfield Pl. Mid Block Ascot Ct. Ascot Ct./Ascot Dr. 50 Block Campolindo Ct. Public Nuisance Viader Dr./Country Club Dr. Vandalism 1000 Block Wickham Dr.

Shoplift Camino Sobrante Theft Access Card 100 Block Lombardy Ln. Police Department Warrant Arrest Orinda Way Moraga Way (3) 20 Block Carisbrook Dr 10 Block El Caminito 30 Block Big Rock Rd.

Nuisance to the Community
 Disturbing The Peace 10 Block Kittiwake Rd. Drunk In Public Camino Pablo Public Nuisance Moraga Way (3) Vandalism 20 Block Bryant Way Moraga Way Monkeyflower Ln./Twig Ln. 100 Block Moraga Way

Other
 Animal Cruelty Miner Rd./Gardiner Ct. Brandishing Weapon Bart Orinda Station Failure To Obey Moraga Way Fireworks 100 Block Orchard Rd. Mentally Ill Commit Moraga Way/Brookwood Rd.

Other Felony
 Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way Trespass Camino Sobrante

Camino Pablo flagpole renewal Submitted by Larry Jacobs

Taking advantage of the holiday break, the very worn flagpole in front of Camino Pablo Elementary school in Moraga was reconditioned by the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley. Over a four-day period the pole was safely lowered, scraped and sanded, coated many times with protective paints, and safety raised. The reconditioned Camino Pablo flagpole is back on duty.



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