

Letters to the editor

Impact fees

School districts in Lamorinda, like those elsewhere in the state, are facing a massive influx of new students due to the state housing mandate. This increase in student population does not appear to have been considered by the consultants who project fu-

ture student enrollment, and thus those projections understate the growth. Speaking generally, the housing mandate will increase each city's population by about one-third, with a similar increase in student population, over the next eight years.

School districts are entitled to charge developers "impact fees" to cover the impact of development on public facilities and public services. See Govt Code section 66000(d). The need for additional schools and teachers would be included.

If for any reason such fees cannot be

charged, Article XIII B, section 6 of the California Constitution requires payment from the state to cover the cost of such impacts. Note the key distinction between a "tax" versus a "fee." It doesn't matter that a school district can tax; what matters is whether it can impose a fee on developers for the impact of the housing mandate. Cities also have the right to charge fees or receive compensation from the state.

But one issue the school districts face, that the cities do not, is that there are laws restricting the fees that school district can charge.

<https://edcal.acsa.org/new-requirements-in-effect-for-schools-collecting-impact-fees>; www.schoolworks-gis.com/developer-fee-studies

Our local school districts should consult with counsel and file claims with the state Commission on State Mandates, seeking compensation for the difference between the amounts allowed by law and the actual impact, and/or file suit to invalidate the unique restrictions they face on imposing impact fees on developers.

Nick Waranoff
Orinda



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Lafayette Citizen of the Year John Coleman Honored

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A lot of my work going forward will be in supporting people who live with and manage challenges-whether, they be neurodivergent or another kind of challenge."

Coleman said his own diagnosis and the education that's come along with it has allowed him to relate to a broader swath of people and offered a public service announcement. "If you know someone who has a challenge, embrace it.

Don't look down on others, because you may not know what's going on in their lives. It's important that they be able to do things and be able to move forward in their lives as much as anyone else."

Dan Rogers is the father of boy scouts, and came to know Coleman through his leadership of troop 243. "John is an inspiration to us as scouts and as community members, and it's an honor to be here celebrating his contributions to

Lafayette tonight," Rogers said. "The most amazing thing is when you hear about the initiatives that John has undertaken in the community-how they've transformed the community in ways that our families don't even know and recognize. Whether you're sitting at a concert or noticing the trees in downtown Lafayette (which Coleman's efforts helped bring to fruition), the contributions he's made to the community are limitless."

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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3700 Block Sundale Rd. Disturbance-flight
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Disturbing The Peace
900 Block Yorkshire Ct. 900 Block Moraga Rd. Loud Music
1000 Block Carol Ln. Loud Party
Martino Rd./Vista Bella Public Nuisance
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Springhill Rd./Prado Way 900 Block Moraga Rd. Vandalism
1700 Block Reliez Valley Rd. **Other**
Brandishing Weapon
Pleasant Hill Rd./Acalanes Ave. Elder Abuse
3400 Block Monroe Ave. Harassment
3700 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Litter
800 Block Paradise Ct. Stray-traf Haz
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Village Center Threats
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3500 Block Oconner Dr. (2) 900 Block Moraga Rd. (2) Trespass
900 Block Moraga Rd. 3500 Block Brook St. Unwanted Guest
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3) 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. Violation Restraining Ord
4100 Block Hidden Valley Rd.

Nuisance to the Community
Loud Music
Seven Eleven
Not Available
Loud Noise
Augusta Dr./St Andrews Dr. 1900 Block Ascot Dr. Moraga Commons Park
Loud Party
60 Block Warfield Dr. Not Available
Other
Battery
Not Available
Fire/Ems Response Info
Moraga Country Club
Mentally Ill Commit
Miramonte Dr./Moraga Way
Revoked License
Moraga Way/Moraga Valley Ln. Trespass
Moraga Swim And Tennis Club
Violation Restraining Ord
1200 Block Rimer Dr.

Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

March 17 - March 30

Alarms	36
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic	40
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subject	15
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Service to Citizen	27
Patrol Req./Security Check	26
Public/School Assembly Check	15
Supplemental Report	17
Vacation House Check	27
Welfare Check	26
Ordinance Violation	2

Vehicle violations

Accident Property	1
Police Department	1
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	1
Pleasant Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd. Sundale Rd./Mosswood Dr. 1700 Block Reliez Valley Rd. 3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	24
Reckless Driving	29
Westminster Pl./El Curtola Blvd. Olympic Blvd./Reliez Station Rd. Pleasant Hill Rd./Old Tunnel Rd. Mt. Diablo Blvd./1st St Deer Hill Rd./Pleasant Hill Rd. Pleasant Hill Rd./Wb Sr 24	29
Tc - Property Damage	6
Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd. 3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. 3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.	6
Vehicle Theft	6
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Carol Ln.	6

Other criminal activity

Forgery	5
3500 Block Moraga Blvd.	5
Fraud Credit Card Felony	5
3100 Block Sandalwood Ct.	5
Fraud False Pretenses	6
700 Block Tanglewood Ln. 3700 Block Sundale Rd. 100 Block Peaceful Ln. 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	6
Identity Theft	6
4000 Block Legion Ct. 4000 Block Legion Ct.	6
Petty Theft	6
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	6
Robbery - Arrest	6
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	6
Shoplift	6
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (10) 3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)	6

Nuisance to the Community

Disturbance-domestic	1
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.	1

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report

March 19 - April 1

Alarms	14
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic	54
Suspicious Circumstances	7
Suspicious Subject	4
Suspicious Vehicle	8
Service to Citizen	24
Patrol Req./Security Check	29
Public/School Assembly Check	6
Supplemental Report	6
Vacation House Check	2
Welfare Check	5
Ordinance Violation	1

Vehicle violations

Accident Property	1
300 Block Fernwood Dr. Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.	1
Excessive Speed	1
Rheem Blvd./Woodminster Dr. Rheem Blvd./Chalda Way St Marys Rd./Bollinger Canyon Rd.	1
St Marys Rd./Cattle Chute Rd., Laf Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd. Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr. Moraga Rd./Via Granada Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd	1
Reckless Driving	1
Fernwood Dr./Bedford Pl. Moraga Rd./Ascot Dr. Police Department	1
Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd. St Marys Rd./Moraga Rd. Moraga Way/St Andrews Dr. Moraga Rd./Donald Dr.	1

Other criminal activity

Burglary	1
1000 Block Sanders Dr.	1
Grand Theft	1
Police Department	1
Petty Theft	1
200 Block Deerfield Dr.	1
Shoplift	1
Homegoods	1
Warrant Service	1
1400 Block Partridge Dr.-Merced	1

Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

March 10 - March 16

Alarms	21
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic	43
Suspicious Circumstances	1
Suspicious Subject	5
Suspicious Vehicle	3
Service to Citizen	37
Patrol Req./Security Check	29
Public/School Assembly Check	2
Supplemental Report	8
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	13
Ordinance Violation	0

Vehicle violations

Accident Property	1
Police Department	1
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	1
Theatre Square	1
Reckless Driving	1
Wb Sr 24 At St Stephens Dr. Wilder Rd./Wb Sr 24 Eb Sr 24 At St Stephens Dr.	1
Vehicle Theft	1
10 Block Orinda Fields Ln. Caldecott Tunnel	1

Other criminal activity

Commercial Burglary	1
200 Block Brookwood Rd. Residential Burglary	1
10 Block Van Tassel Ln. Shoplift	1
Moraga Way Camino Pablo Camino Sobrante	1
Warrant Arrest	1
4000 Block Galenez Way, Ant Camino Sobrante	1

Nuisance to the Community

Loud Music	1
10 Block Great Oak Cir. Loud Party	1
10 Block Great Oak Cir. Public Nuisance	1
Overhill Rd./Moraga Way Vandalism	1
Bates Blvd./Davis Rd. Other	1
Fire/Ems Response Info	1
90 Block Underhill Rd. Mentally Ill Commit	1
20 Block El Toyonal	1
Transient Contact	1
40 Block Camino Encinas Camino Encinas/Moraga Way	1
Trespass	1
Camino Sobrante	1



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