

Painted Rock charred after second MOFD controlled burn



Photos David Grube for John Muir Land Trust

By Nick Marnell

The Moraga-Orinda Fire District continued its aggressive wildfire mitigation program in November by completing a controlled burn on the east side of Painted Rock in Moraga and a 12-acre controlled burn on the east side of San Pablo Reservoir in Orinda.

The district took advantage of a cool, cloudy Nov. 14 and conducted a training session at Painted Rock, along Moraga Road near Rheem Boulevard, and completed an 8-acre controlled burn on the east side of the town's de facto monument. In June, MOFD conducted the district's first ever controlled burn of 4 acres on the same side of

Painted Rock.

The controlled burn near the San Pablo Reservoir was completed the next day in a remote area northwest of Briones Dam. The district said the project was intended to reduce heavy fuels in the area and promote regeneration of native oaks.

MOFD recently completed its North Orinda Shaded Fuel

Break project, a \$4 million state-funded effort to reduce the risk of wildfires along a ridge from Tilden Park to Acalanes High School. The fuel break is one of six statewide projects completed out of 35 approved by Gov. Gavin Newsom in March.

Fire district spokesman Dennis Rein said that residents should prepare for

more prescribed fire projects as they are a key element in controlling unruly vegetation and preventing wildfires. "Better that residents tolerate a little bit of smoke from a low-intensity prescribed fire now than a lot of smoke from a wildfire later," Rein said.

How to properly store water for emergencies



Photo Vera Kochan

Store bought, one-gallon containers of drinking water

By Vera Kochan

After the last round of unpredictable power outages, miscommunications and unreliable utility usage, it became increasingly clear that resi-

dents must do all they can to take emergency survival matters into their own hands.

While the public, through trial and error, has learned to cope without electricity, thus far water resources and its availability have not been put to the test this season.

According to East Bay Municipal Utility District there are a few myths that need to be debunked in order to keep consumers safe.

Myth: I can use water from a pool or water heater for emergency drinking water.

Fact: Pool water may have bacteria or chemicals, and water heaters may have metals. Do not drink this water or use it for hygiene. You may use this water for other purposes, like to flush a toilet.

Myth: I have plastic one-gallon jugs of water. I don't need other emergency water.

Fact: Plastic from everyday containers of water can leach into the water over time. This

plastic isn't made to withstand longer-term storage or variations in temperature.

They can also leak. You'll need storage grade plastic meant for long-term use.

Myth: Water goes bad. Fact: Water doesn't "expire," however, over time, plastics or chemicals can leach into water if stored improperly. Bacteria can also grow if the water container isn't sealed or is exposed to warm temperatures.

It is recommended that at least one gallon of water per person per day for three days be stored for both drinking and sanitation purposes, although various sources differ between one gallon to two gallons per person per day. Pet owners are reminded to store extra water for their animals. Individual human needs may vary according to

climate, age, diet, health or physical condition. Children, pregnant or nursing mothers, or sick people may need more water.

The official website of the Department of Homeland Security <https://www.ready.gov/water> states, "Never ration drinking water unless ordered to do so by authorities. Drink the amount you need today and try to find more for tomorrow. Minimize the amount of water your body needs by reducing activity and staying cool." They also recommend not drinking sodas, alcohol or caffeinated drinks instead of drinking water. These beverages cause dehydration which increase the need for water.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency stresses the importance of storing

water in food-grade water storage containers if residents are preparing their own containers. These can be purchased from surplus or camping supply stores. "If you decide to re-use storage containers, choose two-liter plastic soft drink bottles – not plastic jugs or cardboard containers that have had milk or fruit juice in them." Milk protein and fruit sugars cannot safely be removed from cardboard containers and provide a breeding ground for bacteria. Storing water in glass containers is also not advised as they can become heavy and might break.

If purchasing water from stores, note that there are expiration dates on each gallon-size container. Adhere to the use-by dates, and when necessary purchase replacements as needed.

Share your thoughts, insights and opinions with your community. Send a letter to the editor: letters@lamorindaweekly.com

Fire District Public Meetings

Moraga-Orinda Fire District
Board of Directors
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
Go to the website for meeting location, times and agendas.
Visit www.mofd.org



ConFire

Board of Directors
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1:30 p.m.
Board Chamber Room 107,
Administration Building
651 Pine St., Martinez.
For meeting times and agendas, visit www.cccfpd.org



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, David M. Cook
925-254-6820
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org

Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report



Nov. 3 - Nov. 16
Alarms 52
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 14
Traffic 107
Suspicious Circumstances 11
Suspicious Subject 37
Suspicious Vehicle 11
Service to Citizen 52
Patrol Req./Security Check 13
Pubic/School Assembly Check 4
Supplemental Report 26
Vacation House Check 3
Welfare Check 30
Vehicle violations
Auto Burglary
1100 Block Garden Ln.
Happy Valley Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
3700 Block Happy Valley Rd.
3500 Block Terrace Way.
900 Block Hough Ave.
DUI Misd
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Exhibition Of Speed
Silver Springs Rd./Moraga Rd.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor
50 Block Lafayette Cir.
900 Block Moraga Rd.
900 Block Dewing Ave.

70 Block Lafayette Cir.
Petty Theft Veh Parts
900 Block Moraga Rd.
Reckless Driving
School St/Moraga Rd.
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir.
Glenside Dr./St Marys Rd.
Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd.
Road Rage
1700 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
Vehicle Theft
900 Block Hough Ave.
1000 Block Leland Dr.
1200 Block Rose Ln.
10 Block Greenvalley Dr.

Other criminal activity
Fraud False Pretenses
1500 Block Sunset Loop
10 Block Arbor Way.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Grand Theft
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
Identity Theft
Police Department
900 Block Janet Ln.
40 Block Los Arabis Cir. (2)
10 Block Sessions Rd.
3300 Block Mildred Ln.

Panhandling
St Marys Rd./S Lucille Ln.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
Petty Theft
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
1100 Block Bacon Way.
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
900 Block 3Rd St.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Stanley Blvd.
1000 Block Dolores Dr.

Residential Burglary
1000 Block 2Nd St.
1000 Block Willow Dr.

Shoplift
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (6)
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (4)

Nuisance to the Community
Battery
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Disturbance-domestic
20 Block Hidden Valley Rd.
3400 Block Moraga Blvd.
1500 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. (2)
600 Block Sweet Ct.

Drunk In Public
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Harassment
Moraga Blvd./4Th St.
3300 Block N Lucille Ln.
3100 Block Lucas Dr.
10 Block Westminster Pl.

Loud Music
1800 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
Mountain View Dr./Mountain View Pl.

Loud Noise
3600 Block Boyer Cir.
1000 Block Dewing Ave.

Loud Party
3500 Block Oliver Ct.
900 Block Moon Ct.
Oak St/Oconner Dr.
Tilden Ln./Upper Happy Valley Rd.
800 Block Mountain View Dr.

Public Nuisance
Deer Hill Rd./Brown Ave.
3100 Block Stanley Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (6)
Foye Dr./Moraga Blvd.
2Nd St/Monroe Ave.
3500 Block Terrace Way.
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Moraga Rd.
Ameno Dr./Pleasant Hill Rd.
800 Block Tanglewood Dr.
3500 Block Plaza Way.

Other
Animal Control Call
Pleasant Hill Rd./Greenvalley Dr.
Ordinance Violation
1000 Block Dewing Ave.
3500 Block Hamlin Rd.

Threats
3600 Block Walnut St.

Trespass
3600 Block Chestnut St.
1200 Block Warner Ct.
700 Block Reliez Station Rd.
600 Block Sky Ranch Ct.

Trespass W/ Vehicle
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Unwanted Guest
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Not Available
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
900 Block Almanor Ct.

Violation Restraining Ord
1200 Block Warner Ct.

Moraga Police Department Incident Summary Report



Nov. 5 - Nov. 17
Alarms 16
911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 9
Traffic 54
Suspicious Circumstances 20
Suspicious Subject 1
Suspicious Vehicle 5
Service to Citizen 48
Patrol Req./Security Check 27
Supplemental Report 6
Welfare Check 7
Vehicle violations
Accident Property
Moraga Rd./Campolindo Dr.
Excessive Speed
Country Club
600 Block Rheem Blvd.
Via Barcelona/Rheem Blvd.
Rheem Blvd./Woodminster Dr.

Moraga Way/St Andrews Dr.
Petty Theft From Vehicle
Campolindo High School
Reckless Driving
Moraga Way/Moraga Rd.
Bollinger Canyon Rd./Joseph Dr.
St. Marys College
Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd.
Moraga Way/Miramonte Dr.

Other criminal activity
Battery
Campolindo High School

Extortion
10 Block Fleuti Dr.

Forgery
Not Available
Fraud Credit Card
Police Department

Residential Burglary
Not Available
Nuisance to the Community
Loud Music
800 Block Augusta Dr.

Loud Noise
Not Available
Loud Party
70 Block Miramonte Dr.
10 Block Miramonte Dr.
2000 Block Ascot Dr. (2)
10 Block Brandt Dr.

Public Nuisance
Moraga Commons Park

Public Nuisance
10 Block Ashbrook Pl.

Vandalism
Police Department

Other
Ordinance Violation
200 Block Scofield Dr.

Public Assembly Check
Rheem Valley Shopping Center
Unwanted Guest
Bank Of America
Violation Custody Order
1700 Block St Andrews Dr.

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Suspicious Circumstances 1
Suspicious Subject 14
Suspicious Vehicle 8
Service to Citizen 62
Patrol Req./Security Check 32
Public/School Assembly Check 31
Supplemental Report 11

Vacation House Check 10
Welfare Check 4

Vehicle violations
Accident Property
90 Block Moraga Way
10 Block La Vuelta
Santa Maria Way/Orinda Way
Moraga Way/Altamount Dr.
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.
Orchard Rd./Estates Dr.

DUI Misd
Underhill Rd./Camino Encinas

Grand Theft Veh Parts
Bear Creek Rd./Camino Pablo

Hit And Run Misdemeanor
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.

Reckless Driving
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.
Moraga Way/Brookwood Rd.
St Stephens Dr./Eb Sr 24

Tc - Property Damage
El Camino Moraga/Moraga Way
100 Block Moraga Way

Other criminal activity
Commercial Burglary
600 Block Orindawoods Dr.

Grand Theft
Starbucks
100 Block Ardith Dr.

Identity Theft
10 Block Hartford Rd.

Panhandling
Safeway
Petty Theft
10 Block Orinda Way

Residential Burglary
Block Dos Posos
10 Block Dos Posos

Shoplift
Beverages And More
Rite Aid

Warrant Arrest
Wells Fargo

Nuisance to the Community
Disturbing The Peace
10 Block Irwin Way

Loud Music
10 Block Paintbrush Ln.

Loud Noise
20 Block Coffee Berry Ln.
10 Block Las Aromas

Loud Party
10 Block La Fond Ln.
Public Nuisance
McCaulous
100 Block Meadow View Rd.
Vandalism
Miramonte High School (2)