

Friends of the Orinda Creeks celebrate San Pablo Creek Restoration



Photos Sora O'Doherty

A glorious warm, sunny morning on Saturday, March 25 graced The Friends of the Orinda Creeks celebration of the completion of Phase 1 of the San Pablo Creek Restoration Project, which marks the

beginning of the recovery of the creek as it flows through Orinda Village. Board members of the volunteer organization, including President Michael Bowen and David Hop, explained the project,

which removed large displaced portions of the concrete creek bed and installed natural boulder weirs. Guests, including Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and Orinda Mayor Inga Miller

spoke and also walked the newly leveled path along the river, viewing the work done. Bauer-Kahan told Lamorinda Weekly that it was "so beautiful to see this important first step towards the full restora-

tion of San Pablo Creek." The event was catered by a donation from board member Suzanne Uhland. —Sora O'Doherty

Lafayette Reservoir tower

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On Feb. 7, Andrew emailed his first proposal. He received a response from Director of Engineering and Construction Olujimi Yoloye at EBMUD, thanking him for his design but expressing concern that it would not address the functional need. "The approved design is the optimal height and weight to ensure

the seismic safety of the tower and conduit, and any significant changes to the tower design height and weight would adversely affect the safety," Yoloye cautioned. The Bertics disagree, saying the steel framework would be significantly lighter than the current concrete structure and mounting it on the top of EBMUD's proposed tower design would adhere to their

seismic needs. Nevertheless, Andrew and Matt decided to send in a shorter proposal that echoes the current tower's decorative house with inspiration from the Briones Tower's guardrail. Yoloye responded that EBMUD would consider this and other options before finalizing the design. "Understandably, it sounds like EBMUD is locked in to their current design. However, I believe there are many others in the Lamorinda community who would be disappointed to see the tower demolished," Andrew said. Despite the uphill battle,

Andrew and Matt remain hopeful, inspired by their regard for the current tower. Andrew grew up seeing the tower over the reservoir, and remains struck by its eerie appearance and poetic associations. "I distinctly remember as a kid looking at the tower and thinking that someone lived inside. There was something kind of haunting about its clouded windows and door to nowhere." Matt sees the tower as a beacon of Lafayette. "It's amazing to think that the designers of the dam and tower went to all that trouble just to add the decorative

house on the top. Think of the consideration and effort it took to build that structure up over 100 feet above the ground!" marveled Matt. "Just imagine if something beautiful can be created to replace the original tower for the next 100 years!"

EBMUD is accepting community input on the retrofit of the Lafayette Reservoir tower until May 1, in particular for comments and suggestions on aesthetic designs for the concrete parapet. They can be reached at construction-east@ebmud.com.

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Lamorinda Village partnership benefits

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Its purpose is to connect seniors and provide meaningful and practical services that support and help seniors to maintain independence and remain in their homes as they age. Services provided include information about cultural, social, and educational events, activities related to health, wellness, and fitness, home-based help such as transportation, grocery shopping, meal preparation, minor household repairs, assistance with computer issues, or volunteer visitors for conversations and simple non-medical check-ins. Referrals to a curated, screened list of other supportive services – gardeners, painters, attorneys, accountants, house and pet sitters, personal care providers, and more – are a valuable membership component, especially for seniors remaining

in their homes. As part of the collaboration with the Village, the city will actively assist in building community awareness of the Village, improve and deepen existing programming and activities for seniors as they share program and activity ideas and resources, expand the volunteer opportunities for Lafayette residents and thereby improve the referrals available to members, and work with the Village to determine if there are services they are able and willing to provide to non-members as part of their service to the community.

Anticipating the partnership indicates a need to "scale up the level of volunteer support." Katayanagi said now is a good time for new people to sign up and join the team. Village volunteers include Village members, college students, retirees, and other people from

the community who commit to 1-3 volunteer hours, once or twice a month, if not more. Services provided range from driving a Village member to an appointment or shopping in the Lamorinda Spirit Van or in an individual vehicle, to visiting members, to changing light bulbs or helping with household repairs, watering plants, prepare a meal, helping with computers and mobile devices or assisting to complete office tasks.

During public comment Suzy Pak thanked Katayanagi and council members as well as the senior council commission for furthering the partnership and supporting connection for Lafayette residents. The council unanimously approved the reallocation of funds and directed staff to complete the city's agreement with Lamorinda Village.

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, Ryan Sullivan
925-254-6820
Orindatip@cityoforinda.org
Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report
March 5 - March 18

Alarms	45
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	23
Traffic	85
Suspicious Circumstances	9
Suspicious Subject	21
Suspicious Vehicle	17
Service to Citizen	34
Patrol Req./Security Check	34
Public/School Assembly Check	4
Supplemental Report	16

Vacation House Check	14
Welfare Check	14
Ordinance Violation	1
Vehicle violations	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
900 Block Hough Ave.	
700 Block Solana Dr.	
900 Block Hough Ave.	
Moraga Rd./Via Granada, Mor	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo	
Bldv.Reckless Driving	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dolores Dr.	
St Marys Rd./Woodview Dr.	
Tc - Fire And Amb Enroute	
3300 Block McGraw Ln.	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
1600 Block Hunsaker Canyon Rd.	
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Tc - Property Damage	
3800 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
900 Block Reliez Station Ln.	
Other criminal activity	
Identity Theft	
Police Department (3)	
Petty Theft	
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
400 Block Silverado Dr.	
1000 Block Orchard Rd.	
800 Block Reliez Station Rd.	
Petty Theft From Veh	
3100 Block Linda Vista Ln.	
Petty Theft Other	
1000 Block Carol Ln.	
Petty Theft Veh Parts	
Police Department	
Shoplift	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
Vehicle Theft	
Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir.	
Nuisance to the Community	
Loud Music	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
300 Block Glorietta Blvd.	
Mario Way/Valente Dr.	

Loud Noise	
900 Block S Thompson Dr.	
4000 Block Valente Dr.	
3300 Block Walnut Ln.	
Loud Party	
3300 Block Moraga Blvd.	
Los Arabis Dr./Rahara Dr.	
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Rowe Pl./Moraga Rd.	
3200 Block Camino Colorados	
Public Nuisance	
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3600 Block Happy Valley Rd.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Happy Valley Rd./Rose Ln.	
Vandalism	
1200 Block Rose Ln.	
Other	
Terrorist Threats	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Threats	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Transient Contact	
1St/Eb 24 On Ramp	
Trespass	
900 Block 2Nd St	
3400 Block Golden Gate Way	
3600 Block Deer Hill Rd.	
Unwanted Guest	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
1100 Block Oleander Dr.	
Disturbance-domestic	
3100 Block Lucas Cir.	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Ivanhoe Ave./Highland Ave.	
Disturbance-fight	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Springhill Rd.	
Disturbing The Peace	
Lafayette Cir./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
Fireworks	
Walnut Ln./Sweet Dr.	

Fraud False Pretenses	
Police Department	
3100 Block Indian Way	
3600 Block Madrone Dr. (2)	
Harassment	
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	
3300 Block Sweet Dr.	



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Suspicious Vehicle	7
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Patrol Req./Security Check	42
Public/School Assembly Check	0
Supplemental Report	21
Vacation House Check	0
Welfare Check	5
Ordinance Violation	0
Vehicle violations	
Accident Property	
Las Vegas Rd./La Espiral	
40 Block Berkeley Ave.	
No House Number	
Orinda Way/Santa Maria Way	
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	
50 Block Muth Dr.	
Camino Sobrante	
Reckless Driving	
Orinda Way	
Glorietta Blvd./Moraga Way	
20 Block Bryant Way	
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.	

Other criminal activity	
Battery-felony	
Camino Sobrante	
Police Department	
Commercial Burglary	
Camino Sobrante	
Embezzlement	
60 Block Moraga Way	
Grand Theft Veh Parts	
20 Block Fiddleneck Way	
Irwin Way	
Identity Theft	
Police Department	
Petty Theft	
100 Block Ardrith Dr.	
Residential Burglary	
10 Block Vista Del Orinda	
20 Block Sunrise Hill Rd.	
Robbery Strongarm	
Camino Sobrante	
Warrant Arrest	
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way	
50 Block Vashell Way	
Camino Sobrante	
Orinda Way	
Nuisance to the Community	
Disturbance-domestic	
100 Block Fiesta Cir.	
Loud Music	
Theatre Square	
Loud Party	
30 Block Broadview Terrace	
Public Nuisance	
20 Block Orinda Way	
Sundown Terrace/Happy Valley Rd.	
Other	
Mentally Ill Commit	
100 Block Ardrith Ct.	
60 Block Sunnyvale Ln. (2)	
Possession Of Stolen Prop	
Brookwood Rd./Camino Pablo	
Unauthorized Possession	
400 Block Moraga Way	
Bart Orinda Station	