

# Orinda legislator honored for securing state funding for regional park



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Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, who represents Lamorinda in the California Assembly and resides in Orinda, was recognized by the East

Bay Regional Park District and the Regional Parks Foundation on March 3, and granted the 2022 Radke Championing Advocacy Award at a ceremony

at Inspiration Point in Tilden Regional Park.

Bauer-Kahan was acknowledged as having been instrumental in securing \$4 million in the 2019-20 state budget for the restoration at McCosker Creek in Robert Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve in Orinda and an additional \$3.5 million in the 2021-22 state budget for wildfire protection equipment. The \$3.5 million secured for wildfire protection equipment helped the Park District replace its aging helicopter, which is relied upon to drop water on fires burning in inaccessible terrain.

Park District General Manager Sabrina Landreth said that "funding up-to-date firefighting equipment is vital to stopping wildfires quickly, limiting the destruction of property, and, most of all, protecting lives."

Bauer-Kahan serves as the chair of the Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife. She has championed envi-

ronmental legislation and investments during her time in office.

The Radke Championing Advocacy award is named for late Park District Board Member Ted Radke, who advanced state and federal support for park funding and strengthened the Park District's ties in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Radke served 36 years on the Park District Board of Directors and was the longest-serving board member in its 88-year history.

The East Bay Regional Park District is the largest regional park system in the nation, comprising 73 parks, 55 miles of shoreline, and over 1,300 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and environmental education. The Park District receives more than 25 million visits annually throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties in the San Francisco Bay Area.

– Sora O'Doherty



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## Letters to the editor

### Keeping wild animals wild

We see the coyotes in Lamorinda. Often, we see them not only in the early morning and late evenings, but mid-day. We see them wandering in neighborhoods distant from open space.

Seeing a coyote particularly scares me. About two years ago, my mom and sister were taking a walk mid-morning when a coyote viciously ran from behind and attacked my sister. My mom scared it off her, but then it kept on coming back over and over again. I will never forget my little sister or mother's screams when they came back to the house after the at-

tack or the sirens of the ambulance and fire trucks. I will never forget her leaving for the hospital. My little sister is still traumatized.

And since that incident, I often think about what it means to live in this area. An amazing intersection of natural beauty with our mountains and hills, and human development. A place where wildlife and humans coexist. And since we coexist, what is our responsibility to keep wild animals wild.

The months before my sister's attack, local news stories showed a person feeding a coyote near a Starbucks. Was that the coyote that attacked my sister? I will never know. But feeding wild animals will absolutely not keep them wild. Feeding wild animals makes animals accustomed to people, causing them to no longer fear people and in turn act aggressively. It could also lead to public health problems from disease transmission.

There are also other crucial but easy steps we must all take to keep wild animals wild. Make sure garbage containers are fully closed. Bring inside at night pet food and water containers. Pick up fallen fruit from trees. All help keep wild animals wild.

And, if someone does encounter a coyote, yell, scream, act big and scare that animal away. Wild animals should be made scared of humans.

We live in a special place. And with this privilege comes responsibility. The responsibility to act thoughtfully in a way that keeps wild animals wild. Repercussions of not doing so are too dangerous, making wildlife conflicts more common.

Callen Bronson  
Moraga

### Support for Orinda Workers

As a resident and teacher in Orinda, I am grateful and humbled for the support that the Orinda community showed in passing Measure Z. I hope we consider extending this support to other Orinda workers. How far would a similar parcel tax go towards jump-starting housing for low and moderate income workers? I keep thinking of the recent article that mentioned how the manager of our hardware store lives in his van because there is no affordable housing. Many of our workers have long commutes meaning they lose out time with their families to make our community function. They deserve better. Wouldn't we all benefit from well-designed and sustainable multi-use housing over having dilapidated buildings like Phair's?

Tandra Ericson  
Orinda

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### Lafayette has openings on the following Commissions and Committees

- Capital Projects Assessment (CPAC)
- Community Center Foundation
- Code Enforcement Appeals Board
- Citizen Advisory Committee to CCTA
- Design Review Commission
- Downtown Street Improvement (DSIMPIC)
- Environmental Task Force
- Parks, Trails & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Public Art Committee
- Senior Services Commission
- Transportation & Circulation Commission

For additional information on these volunteer positions visit the city's website [lovelafayette.org/volunteers](http://lovelafayette.org/volunteers) or e-mail City Clerk Joanne Robbins, [jrobbins@lovelafayette.org](mailto:jrobbins@lovelafayette.org)

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<b>Public Safety</b>	
<b>Emergency response:</b>	
Emergency: 24 Hours	911
Police Dispatch: 24 Hours	
925-284-5010	
Nixle: Text your zip code to 888777 or go to <a href="http://www.nixle.com">www.nixle.com</a>	
<b>Lafayette Police Department:</b>	
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	
<b>Moraga Police Department:</b>	
329 Rheem Blvd., 925-888-7055	
Chief of Police, Jon King ext. 7049	
<b>Orinda Police Department:</b>	
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820	
Chief of Police, Ryan Sullivan	
925-254-6820	
<a href="mailto:Orindatip@cityoforinda.org">Orindatip@cityoforinda.org</a>	
<b>Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report</b>	
<b>Feb. 19 - March 4</b>	
Alarms	66
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	25
Traffic	66
Suspicious Circumstances	6
Suspicious Subject	9
Suspicious Vehicle	9
Service to Citizen	29
Patrol Req./Security Check	47

Public/School Assembly Check	2
Supplemental Report	23
Vacation House Check	17
Welfare Check	13
Ordinance Violation	1
<b>Vehicle violations</b>	
Dui Misd	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Pleasant Hill Rd./Taylor Blvd.	600 Block Huntleigh Dr.
Brook St./Moraga Rd.	Reckless Driving
Withers Ave./Taylor Blvd.	Pleasant Hill Cr/Acalanes Ave.
Moraga Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Reliez Station Rd./Olympic Blvd.
1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.	Tc - Property Damage
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Oak Hill Rd.
Vehicle Theft	3300 Block N Lucille Ln.
Eb24/Pleasant Hill	Eb Sr 24 At Oak Hill Rd.
3600 Block Deerhill Rd.	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	<b>Other criminal activity</b>
Fraud False Pretenses	1300 Block Martino Rd.
1000 Block Leland Dr.	Grand Theft
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Grand Theft Veh Parts
1400 Block Rancho View Dr.	Petty Theft
900 Block Raintree Pl. (2)	1000 Block Sierra Vista Way
Robbery Strongarm	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Shoplift	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (5)
3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (3)	Warrant Service
2600 Block Hilltop Dr., Ric	<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>
Disturbance-domestic	3700 Block Sundale Rd.
20 Block Northridge Ln.	10 Block Northridge Ln.
10 Block Moss Ln.	Drunk In Public
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Loud Music
1000 Block 2Nd St.	Loud Noise
3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	30 Block Lafayette Cir.
900 Block 4Th St.	Public Nuisance
Happy Valley Ln./Happy Valley Rd.	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Valente Dr./Acalanes Rd.	Florence Dr./Helen Ln.
Golden Gate Way/Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Vandalism
50 Block Leslyn Dr.	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (2)
3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Dewing Ave.
<b>Other</b>	Brandishing Weapon
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	H&S Violation
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	Harassment
1000 Block Carol Ln.	K9 Outside Assist Request
Wb I 80 Jwo Cummings Skyway,	Cro
Terrorist Threats	1000 Block 2Nd St.
Threats	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Unwanted Guest	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
3300 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Violation Custody Order	Police Department
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<b>Vehicle violations</b>	
Accident Property	Orinda Way/Camino Pablo
Moraga Way	70 Block Van Ripper Ln.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	10 Block Dos Posos
Reckless Driving	Camino Pablo/Monte Vista Rd.
Rheem Blvd./Hall Dr.	San Pablo Creek Jno Camino Pablo

<b>Other criminal activity</b>	
Grand Theft	Wilders Sports Fields
Grand Theft Veh Parts	10 Block Candlestick Rd.
10 Block Estates Dr.	Identity Theft
30 Block Greenwood Ct.	70 Block Muth Dr.
Other Felony	100 Block Camino Pablo
Residential Burglary	70 Block Via Floreado
Shoplift	Moraga Way
Warrant Arrest	20 Block Orinda Way
Old Tunnel Rd./Fish Ranch Rd.	Camino Pablo/El Toyonal
<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	
Disturbance-domestic	200 Block Brookwood Rd.
400 Block Moraga Way	Loud Music
200 Block Overhill Rd.	Loud Party
200 Block Glorietta Blvd. (2)	Glorietta Blvd./Martha Rd.
100 Block Brookwood Rd. (2)	<b>Other</b>
Failure To Obey	Camino Pablo/Camino Sobrante
Fire/Ems Response Info	20 Block Woodacres Ct.
H&S/Poss Narcotic Sale	Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way
Mentally Ill Commit	Not Available
Other Misdemeanor	Orinda Way
Transient Contact	Orinda Way/Irwin Way