

# Cannabis growers respond

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The first grower indicated that his operation was small, in the area of 40 plants, and was started a few years ago for medicinal purpose only. He added that he uses organic methods with what he grows and that the production is distributed to elderly people suffering from different conditions through a nonprofit called Rocky Ridge Collective. One of his neighbors who also grows plants in the area indicated that he owns a farm in the remote area where vegetables and fruit trees are cultivated next to cannabis plants grown for medicinal purposes. He also says that he uses only organic growing methods, since he lives there and wants to preserve the area's quality. The third grower reported similar activity, though he does not live on the property. He added that five land owners grow only small quantities in the area.

The first grower said that he contacted other Bollinger residents to inform them of what he was doing and they never registered any complaint. His two neighbors confirmed that they were happy to discuss the issue and invite their neighbors over to address any concern. He acknowledges that a county code inspector came to visit his home and issued a code violation,

nothing criminal, asking that the plants be removed, which he did. A second grower was also visited by the code inspector. He says that he has a state permit to grow medicinal cannabis and had not been informed of the county's restriction. Both say that they are in touch with Supervisor Candace Andersen regarding coming county regulations.

The Bollinger residents added that the trucks seen on the road are likely going to construction sites that are up that road, and that workers at harvest time are more likely to go to the wine production facility also in Bollinger than to harvest cannabis. The first grower says that he employs one person from time to time that he drives up the road himself; the second and third ones say they do not employ any outside labor.

The first resident explained that gunfire noises are likely from poachers in the area hunting for wild boar and deer. He says that he does not own a gun and that he has confronted some of the poachers in the past, as well as someone who created a shooting range in Bollinger. He noted that a few years ago large growing operations were dismantled in the nearby open space area, but that no one in his neighborhood was involved with these activities.

# Turkey Trot

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Other Lamorinda first-place 5K winners included Jon Chambers, Eytan Brosh, Anne Willcoxon, Leslie Piper and Rebecca Tanner.

Volunteers worked tirelessly to pull the event together. In addition to Moraga Chief of Police Jon King, the Moraga PD, Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Stephanie Caronna from the Food Bank and "our wonderful Mayor Teresa Onoda," Haas thanked those who showed up at the wee hours of the

morning to help, as well as event sponsors, the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Quick Dispense, and A Runners Mind. "Also, thank you to Aaron Ford from Ford Timing who helped make sure registration and time keeping was simple and smooth," he wrote. "I think this event is here to stay."

The event raised over \$5,000 for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano.  
— J. Wake

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The council also heard from a representative of the property owner, Tilden Properties. Ryan Crowley spoke of a "good faith effort" to work with the city but the 15 percent cap that the company has recently imposed on itself to which he was referring, exceeds the city's request for a 10 percent ceiling.

Following public comment, Council Member Cam Burks reiterated his remarks from the previous meeting; that he is fundamentally against government intervention in this area. Referring to the program as the first steps to rent control, he said he views it as a slippery slope

and believed the money could be better spent elsewhere.

Vice Mayor Don Tatzin disagreed and again voiced his concerns for the possibility of forcing out lower income categories of the community. He said he thought that Tilden Properties had the potential to be in violation of the governor's order and encouraged residents to take action at the state level.

As Mayor Mike Anderson reflected on what he sees as a real problem with affordable housing in the area, he summed it up as an issue that's not going to be going away.

# Lamorinda golfers

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Gannon has been a PGA Club Pro since 1996, having played golf for the past 27 years and met Majers, a PGA member since 2002, when both were teaching at the Presidio Golf course.

East Bay welcomes all levels of golfers with beginners as young as 5 years old, as well as low handicapped players and seniors. Gannon has a simple philosophy in analyzing his students swings: "We want to keep what is right and adjust what is wrong." Gannon and Majers believe that a player can learn faster in their facility due to the new technology and the ability

to analyze so many aspects of the swing that a lesson at a driving range can offer.

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Because of their proximity to the studio, Gannon and Majers are flexible enough to come in early or stay late should someone call and request an odd time.

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