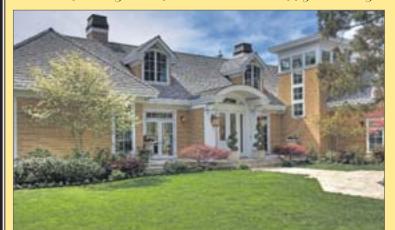
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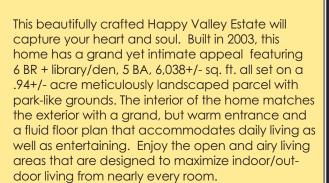
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# Commissioner Fears Boards Will Not **Pass Consolidation Plan**

By Nick Marnell

Protection District includes an Advisory Fire Commission, made up of seven fire commissioners - one appointed by each of the five county supervisors and two at-large members appointed by the Internal Operations Committee of the county Board of Supervisors. The commission meets bi-monthly, and its members advise Associates to do an assessment of the supervisors on district budgeting, expenditures, personnel and long- you think may come out of their rerange planning.

Bill Granados is the commissioner of District 2, which includes be a waste of money. They're going to the city of Lafayette. Granados has been on the advisory board since 2002; his four-year term expires in June. He recently discussed issues facing the fire district with Lamorinda fire station consolidation plan with Weekly.

LW: Until the 1990s, when the power was shifted back to the county, the commission had far more authority to handle fire-related matters. What does the fire board have the authority to do?

Granados: We have the authority to settle county weed abatement issues, and we have the authority to me- hope that they surprise me. morialize fire stations and to recognize individuals.

LW: ConFire chief Daryl Louder retires in October. Do you have anyone in mind to replace him?

Chief Louder would stay. He's the in, someone on the MOFD board best fire chief we've had in 10 years. He is very intelligent, and has terrific rapport with his staff and with the union; unfortunately, not with the media. And he has had some highly publicized issues with the board of supervisors. The supervisors will hire a consulting company to find his successor; the candidate will most likely be a chief from a small or similarsized district or an assistant fire chief of a large district.

LW: At the April 8 Advisory Commission meeting, Louder said that "the public expects us to be smarter than we've been in the past." *Is there a new, 21st century model in* the works for a fire district?

lot of ideas. A public safety department? That model may work for a Road in Pleasant Hill.

he Contra Costa County Fire city, but not for a district. A part paid/part volunteer district? Volunteers we have now cannot enter a burning building. They're not trained to do that. An engine and an ambulance at each station? That would add expense. But, everything is on the

> LW: The county hired Fitch and ConFire's operations. What ideas do

> Granados: The Fitch Report may suggest that we need to come up with alternative forms of funding, which we already know we have to do.

LW: What is your outlook for the the Moraga-Orinda Fire District?

Granados: The decision to combine ConFire's station 16 with MOFD's station 43 is a no-brainer. The vote of both boards to continue negotiations – which were each 3-2 in favor - should have been unanimous. In fact, I don't think that either board is going to approve the merger; but I

LW: Why do you say that the merger may not be approved?

Granados: Because of political and personal agendas. Political, as in, someone is getting special treatment; Granados: My preference is that where is my share? And personal, as doesn't trust ConFire because of their financial problems. Well, the MOFD has financial problems too. Who owns the station, who runs the station; none of that should matter. Serving the public comes first.

> LW: How challenging has it been the last few years for ConFire to maintain its level of service to the public?

> Granados: We've gone from 31 companies to 24. But despite the cutbacks and the financial problems, the firefighters care about what they do. They take pride in their work. And they are committed to delivering superior public service.

The next Advisory Fire Commis-Granados: We are researching a sion meeting is June 10 at the ConFire Administration Building, 2010 Geary

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### **Next meeting:**

**District Special Board** Meeting - April 24, 2013, 7 p.m.

Orinda Community Center, Room 9, 28 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563 (Go to www.mofd.org as the meeting date approaches for location and more information)

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## Lamorinda Fire News Briefs

By Nick Marnell

**Advisory Fire Commission** 

retirement announcement highlighted the April 8 meeting of the the station's site study. Advisory Fire Commission of the District.

were fine-tuning a joint powers agreement to cover the purchase and operation of a new combined fire station 46. He expected the agreement will be completed in time for the May 7 meeting of the Contra no fallback plan if the merger is not Costa County Board of Supervisors. approved. ... continued on page A12

Louder said he will ask the board for The fire station consolidation the district's \$7,500 share of the deplan and Fire Chief Daryl Louder's posit for the proposed fire station and also for seed money to be used for

The commissioners asked Contra Costa County Fire Protection Louder how he would sell the Lafayette/Orinda station consolida-Louder said that county counsel tion plan to other areas of the fire disand the Moraga-Orinda Fire District trict. "That it's a long-term strategic solution," he said. "The public is demanding this kind of thinking. They expect us to be smarter than we have been."

Louder said that the district has