



## CERT Monthly Meeting Heat and Cold Injuries

Lamorinda CERT is excited

to welcome guest speaker Lamorinda CERT Instructor and Moraga-Orinda Fire Support Services volunteer Wes Ayers who will be sharing important information about heat and cold injuries during our monthly meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Outdoor activities increase during the summer and being able to identify the signs of heat stroke or hypothermia and know what to do can save the life of a loved one. This will prove to be an information-packed meeting and residents are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested can join our monthly Zoom meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> by contacting the CERT registrar at [registrar@lamorindacert.org](mailto:registrar@lamorindacert.org) to receive the meeting link.



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## Letters to the editor

### Police parking

As a former member of the Lafayette Commission, I am disappointed to see the police department have decided to park their vehicles all over the street near the Lafayette Library. This parking is for the general public and it is limited to 2 hours.

They even have equipment parked in the middle of the street between the islands.

Every business in the city must provide parking and it does not include parking on the street, and not getting a ticket. If you don't have room for your vehicles, then go rent a storage yard.

It is time for the City Council to tell you to remove your vehicles off the street.

Jim Peacock  
Lafayette

### Love and Support for Our Lamorinda LGBTQ Community

Greetings from PFLAG Lamorinda!

PFLAG, a national nonprofit organization with a rich 50-year history, is a diverse community of LGBTQ people, their families, friends, and allies, spread across the United States. Our shared mission remains resolute: to ensure that LGBTQ individuals are embraced, protected, empowered, and loved.

PFLAG unambiguously stands with the LGBTQ community and against fear, misinformation, and hate of all kinds. Unfortunately, in recent months, we have observed the distressing actions of a small faction engaging in anti-LGBTQ protests at Lafayette Elementary School. The harmful impact of their daily presence and harassment on the mental well-being of our community members cannot be overstated. To those affected, please know

that we see you, we hear you, and we are with you.

It is imperative to acknowledge the vital importance of supporting LGBTQ individuals of all ages. Recent studies reveal that LGBTQ youth face disproportionate mental health challenges due to discrimination and lack of acceptance. Shockingly, research indicates that LGBTQ youth are almost five times as likely to attempt suicide compared to their heterosexual peers. Moreover, fostering an inclusive workplace for LGBTQ individuals has been shown to enhance productivity and cultivate a sense of belonging for all employees.

We are so proud of our neighbors in Lafayette, Lamorinda, and beyond, for flooding our social channels and inbox with notes of encouragement, donating books for our chapter library, and showing up as "just an ally" to hold signs of love. To everyone who has expressed their solidarity with LGBTQ peo-

ple, particularly youth and families, we extend our deepest gratitude.

We formed our local chapter in 2019 and started out as just a few Lamorinda families meeting up for peer support. Over the past five years, our group has grown into a robust, strong, vibrant, hilarious, and loving community. We invite all who share our mission to join us in creating a more supportive and understanding world for LGBTQ individuals. Together, let's continue to champion love, acceptance, and equality for all members of our community, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Members, Families, and Allies of PFLAG Lamorinda  
[PFLAGLamorinda.com](http://PFLAGLamorinda.com)

### Protests Along Moraga Road in Lafayette

In response to the letter published on May 8th addressing protests outside Lafayette Elementary School, we strongly disagree with the primary assertion

that the signs and people holding them show no animus towards transgender youth or the LGBTQ community and are simply seeking to inform and protect.

At face value, the messages on the purple posters may not sound harmful or hateful. However, for young people whose perceived gender is different from what is reflected in the mirror, these messages are an attack. The signs tell children and their families that their feelings and struggles are not real, that the medical attention and support they seek is shameful, and that they should wait while nature takes its course, moving their bodies away from their identities. That is animus.

The May 8th letter cherry-picks data and largely ignores the wider medical consensus supporting medical interventions. It also overlooks the fact that reversals in European nations stem from partisan, conservative efforts. Efficacy figures for puberty blockers and other interventions are exceedingly

high and demonstrate that these treatments significantly reduce the likelihood of self-harm and set a positive trajectory for the overall well-being of transgender children as they develop.

The prior letter also fails to mention protestor signs targeting elected officials and specific children in our community, which are held aloft as protestors scream and shout words that are neither protective nor kind.

Our community is experiencing a moral panic, and unfortunately, the most vulnerable among us are defenseless against the very real and personal attacks from the purple sign protesters.

We want to finish with a message of hope to these children and their parents: You are not alone, you are worth it, your needs and feelings matter, and there are people here who love and support you—including us.

Rebecca Martin  
Moraga  
Nikki Cowger  
Lafayette

## Cattle grazing returns to Painted Rock in Moraga

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Cattle grazing has been part of Painted Rock for more than 70 years. John Hoover remembers hearing that George Goodfellow grazed cattle at the Rheem Blvd property (now Painted Rock) in the 1950s. Sam Carr helped the Goodfellows manage the cattle there until the 1970s and assumed the lease under the Carr Cattle Company after Elsie Goodfellow passed away.

When Sam Carr passed away in 2010, his family had to decide whether to continue

grazing at Painted Rock. The fencing surrounding the property was failing and the risk of cattle getting loose was great. In the end, they felt they could not justify the expense of rebuilding miles of fence, so the cattle were removed in 2012.

MOFD Fire Chief Dave Winnacker, said, "Painted Rock has a history of wildfires, and the acres of ungrazed, dry grass and high winds there have the potential to carry fire to homes surrounding the property very quickly." MOFD performed prescribed fire projects at Painted

Rock in 2019, 2020, 2022, and 2023. The managed fires were used to train firefighters, reduce fuel loading, and enhance the grasslands to promote California native plants with the goal of eventually returning cattle grazing to the site.

In early 2023, MOFD sought a \$250,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy to replace the dilapidated fencing, build new corals, and bring reliable water for the cattle to the site. John Muir Land Trust prepared a Grazing Management Plan, coordinated operations on the ground, and executed the cattle grazing lease with the Hoover Cattle Company.

Linus Eukel of John Muir Land Trust said "the collaboration between the John Muir Land Trust, MOFD, the Coastal Conservancy, Hoover Cattle Company, and the Town of Moraga has been wonderful. Wildfire is a complex problem, and, working together, we are trying to minimize the risks and manage this unique open space for everyone to enjoy." John Hoover agreed, adding, "We are very grateful that a piece of the past has been made available through the John Muir Land Trust, enabling the heritage of Carr Ranch and Hoover Cattle Co. to continue cattle grazing in the Moraga hills."

Dennis Rein is the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Sora O'Doherty contributed to this article.

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Chief of Police, Ben Alldritt  
925-299-3221  
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Police Department Traffic Issues  
94549Traffic@gmail.com  
**Moraga Police Department:**  
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**Orinda Police Department:**  
22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820  
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### Lafayette Police Department Incident Summary Report

**April 28 - May 11**

Alarms	30
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	11
Traffic	150
Suspicious Circumstances	11
Suspicious Subject	17
Suspicious Vehicle	11
Service to Citizen	36
Patrol Req./Security Check	13
Public/School Assembly Check	5
Supplemental Report	22
Vacation House Check	29
Welfare Check	22
Ordinance Violation	0

**Vehicle violations**

Auto Burglary	3200 Block Fairholm Ct.
Dui Misd	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd. (3)
	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	Boyer Cir./Dewing Ave.
	Pleasant Hill Rd./Stanley Blvd.
	3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Reckless Driving	Silver Springs Rd./Moraga Rd.
	Springhill Rd./San Reliez Ct.
	St Marys Rd./Rohrer Dr.
	Taylor Blvd./Withers Ave.
	1200 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
	Moraga Rd./St Marys Rd.
	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Carol Ln.
	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Happy Valley Rd.
	Withers Ave./Taylor Blvd.
	Olympic Blvd./Reliez Station Rd.
	Deer Hill Rd./Stanley Blvd.

Tc - Fire And Amb Enroute	Taylor Blvd./Withers Ave.
Tc - Property Damage	1400 Block Pleasant Hill Rd.
	Olympic Blvd./Reliez Station Rd.
<b>Other criminal activity</b>	
Computer Fraud	1600 Block Reliez Valley Rd.
Fraud Credit Card	30 Block Lafayette Cir.
Identity Theft	3200 Block Old Tunnel Rd.
	3100 Block Indian Way (2)
	600 Block Murray Ln.
Panhandling	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Petty Theft	1400 Block Rancho View Dr.
	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	3900 Block Leroy Way
	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Shoplift	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd. (6)
	3600 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Shoplift - In Custody	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	
Disturbance-domestic	1000 Block 2Nd St.
Disturbing The Peace	3400 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
	3400 Block School St.
	Glenside Dr./Michael Ln.
	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Drunk In Public	Oak Hill Rd./Deer Hill Rd.
Loud Music	1100 Block Woodborough Rd.
Loud Party	900 Block Dewing Ave.
Public Nuisance	900 Block Village Center
	School St./Topper Ct.
	Mt. Diablo Blvd./Lafayette Cir.
Vandalism	1400 Block Rancho View Dr.
<b>Other</b>	
Litter	3300 Block Deer Hill Rd.
Threats	1200 Block Panorama Dr.
Trespass	1300 Block Sunset Lp.
Unknown Problem	3200 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Unwanted Guest	3500 Block Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Patrol Req./Security Check	20
Public/School Assembly Check	7
Supplemental Report	10
Vacation House Check	1
Welfare Check	6
Ordinance Violation	1
<b>Vehicle violations</b>	
Accident Injury	500 Block Moraga Rd.
Accident Property	Seven Eleven
Dui Misd	Lafayette/St Marys Rd.
	Taco Bell
Excessive Speed	St Andrews Dr./Moraga Way
	Canyon Rd./Sanders Dr.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor	600 Block Moraga Rd.
	Ivy Dr./Moraga Way
	St Marys College
Reckless Driving	Campolindo High School
	Moraga Rd./Rheem Blvd.
Tc - Property Damage	1400 Block St Marys Rd.
	Moraga Rd./Lucas Dr.
<b>Other criminal activity</b>	
Grand Theft	400 Block Center St.
	Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd.
Petty Theft	1400 Block Camino Peral
	Not Available (2)
Safeway	
<b>Nuisance to the Community</b>	
Disturbing The Peace	80 Block Miramonte Dr.
	600 Block Augusta Dr.
Loud Music	Draeger Dr./Lambeth Sq.
Loud Noise	100 Block Miramonte Dr. (2)
	10 Block Miramonte Dr.
	600 Block Moraga Rd.
	10 Block Thune Ave.
Homegoods	
Loud Party	10 Block Larch Ln.
	2100 Block Ascot Dr.
	10 Block Corliss Dr.
	2100 Block Donald Dr.
Vandalism	300 Block Rheem Blvd.
	100 Block Hodges Dr.
<b>Other</b>	
Fireworks	Homegoods
Mentally Ill Commit	300 Block Rheem Blvd.



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