



# District 2 Highlights

## Lamorinda Edition

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### Illegal Dumpers: Everybody Pays

There are increasing reports of small independent haulers being paid to haul trash to the landfill only to have them dump the trash illegally. In almost all cases throughout the county, only the garbage company which has contracted with the City or County in your area is authorized to collect and haul away your trash. Contact your garbage company to inquire about free pick-ups or clean-up days in your area as well as optional collection services available for a fee, such as the collection of bulky items.

The costs to local government and industry associated with continuous clearing of illegally dumped waste are significant. In recent years Contra Costa County has spent up to one million dollars per year on the cleanup, hauling, and disposal associated with cleanups. Unfortunately, everyone pays for illegal dumping. Without adequate revenue, the funding available to clean up the debris and to establish and maintain effective illegal dumping prevention programs is limited. These costs may be passed along to residents in the form of higher service fees or property taxes.

Illegally dumped waste contributes to neighborhood blight as well as attracts more illegal dumping and other criminal activities. In many cases, illegal dumpers are breaking other laws relating to vehicle and business licensing/insurance. Although the sites used for illegal dumping vary, it frequently occurs on vacant lots, along rural roads and on other public lands. Railways are also targeted due to their accessibility and poor lighting.

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Kate Wiley gets hugs from her family – husband Richard and her two sons, Austin and Travis.

### Orinda Citizen of the Year Celebrated

Kate Wiley wore her usual smile at the Orinda Citizen of the Year celebration, but this time the focus of the event was on Kate who was selected as the deserving recipient of the honor. Her family, friends, and members of the community came out to join her at the Orinda Community Center for this occasion. Bran Yaich, once again, organized the event, which was co sponsored by the Orinda Rotary and the *Lamorinda Sun*. Editor, Sam Richards was present with his camera to mark the occasion and Rotarian, Randy Holleschau was the Master of Ceremonies.

Kate has been a great asset to Orinda in that the success of many programs and events is owed to the generosity she has shown in devoting countless hours of her leadership and organizational skills to her community. She has taken the Fourth of July parade, started years ago by then mayor, Bobbie Landers, on to become a daylong event, which today continues to grow. From the office of the Orinda Association, Kate has expanded this event along with creating programs for seniors, school children, and generally making Orinda a better place to live.

At the Citizen of the Year dinner, Supervisor Uilkema and other dignitaries including Mayor Sue Severson, presented proclamations to Kate honoring her for the many contributions she has made to enrich her community over the last decade.

**Congratulations Kate!**

## Illegal Dumping – Continued from Page 1

Here's what you can do to help reduce illegal dumping:

- To save money and resources, reuse and recycle as many items as possible. This will reduce the amount of waste you might have to pay for disposal.
- Visit [www.ccrecycle.org/options](http://www.ccrecycle.org/options) or call the County's Recycling Hotline at **800-750-4096** to get information about:
  - local options to recycle a wide range of materials,
  - facilities that accept household hazardous wastes such as cleansers, pesticides, paint, batteries, and fluorescent bulbs, and
  - services provided for the contracted waste disposal company in your community.
- If you need to dispose of non-hazardous waste that can't be reused/recycled and won't fit in your garbage can, you should either haul the material to a permitted disposal site yourself or call your garbage company to schedule a special pick-up. You can find a listing of landfills and transfer stations available to you by using the website or Hotline listed above.

Garbage service is mandatory for all occupied residences located within the unincorporated areas, unless an exemption has been granted by the County Health Officer. Additionally, many of the cities have made garbage service mandatory. To report a residence that does not have garbage service or to request an application for an exemption, call the County Health Services Department – Environmental Health Division at **925-646-5225**.

For information about reporting illegal dumping, visit [www.ccrecycle.org/illegal-dumping](http://www.ccrecycle.org/illegal-dumping) or call **1-800-NODUMPING**.



From left, Moraga Citizen of the Year John Haffner with Supervisor Uilkema and event emcee Howard Harpham.

### Moraga Citizen of the Year

John Haffner, this year's Moraga Citizen of the Year, has served the Moraga community for many years with exemplary dedication and integrity.

In 2008, when the continuation of the traditional pear festival was in jeopardy, John, with amazing perseverance, worked diligently to insure that the festival went on.

John has served on the Moraga Park and Recreation Foundation from 2001 to 2005, during which time he served as the Foundation's President in 2004. He presently serves as a Park and Recreation Commissioner.

John contributed his leadership skills through years of service to the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley as Chair of the Kiwanis Fellowship Breakfast 2002 through 2008, Chair of the Kiwanis Club's participation in the Town's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Pear Festival from 2003 to 2008.

John was honored as Kiwanian of the Year in 2002 and again in 2007 for his generosity in volunteering his time, talent, and energy to the organization.



**Earth Day in Lamorinda at Stanley School** was a celebration of local solutions. This year's event was designed to inspire, share and collaborate with the goal of going local to create more sustainable and earth friendly communities.

The event hosted 62 booths, lectures, music, solar exhibits, recycling, and kids' events.

### Safely Dispose of Unwanted Medications

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District has partnered with three other agencies to provide a new program for the safe collection and disposal of unwanted medications. Two collection sites have been set up by CCCSD and the County Sheriff in Martinez:

- **CC Regional Medical Center Sheriff's Substation, 2500 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez**
- **Sheriff's Field Operations Building, 1980 Muir Road, Martinez**

A third collection site has been set up in Walnut Creek by CCCSD and the Walnut Creek Police Department:

- **Walnut Creek City Hall, 1666 N. Main Street**

For more information and hours of operation, call **800-646-1431** or visit [www.centrialsan.org](http://www.centrialsan.org).

**Please Don't Flush Your Drugs!**



### Green Businesses Continue to Grow

The latest additions to the ever growing list of businesses and agencies in Contra Costa County who have been certified “green” by the Bay Area Green Business Program were honored at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Three representatives from Lafayette were among the more than 50 who have achieved this status. Pictured above are: second from left, Thomas Raeth of Lafayette Tree and Landscape; third from left, Mayor Don Tatzin for the offices of the City of Lafayette; and second from right, Michael Liepman of Temple Isaiah.

For more information about the Green Business Program, visit their website at [www.greenbiz.ca.gov](http://www.greenbiz.ca.gov) or call Carol Pingatore at 925-646-2286.

### Wildfire Forum Held in Lamorinda

Canyon, an area acutely vulnerable to catastrophic fire has led the way to bring an awareness of how planning, a sense of community, cooperation with police, state and local fire officials will bring greater safety and protection from wildfires to you and your neighbors. Jonathan Goodwin, who has worked hard to implement plans for his Canyon community, organized a forum at the Orinda library where the results of these efforts were shared. **Here is what you must know:**

- Lives come first! While we value our property and pets, human lives come first. Both residents and firefighters must be considered above all.
- Preparation. Be ready with a plan. Know what to take and/or where to meet in case of an evacuation. Anticipate what you would have to do in this event.
- Defensible Space. Timing is important. Clear 100 feet around your home before a disaster is near. Do not clear on a red flag day because this fuel can increase chances of a fire beginning or spreading.
- Understand fuel and the power of embers. Firefighters are not able to stand watch over property after the visible fire is out, but hidden embers may ignite many hours later. Consider what is on your decks. If you must evacuate, close all doors and windows to prevent the drafts that feed fires.

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From left: Gayle chats with Lafayette Citizen of the Year Judy Carney

### Lafayette Citizen of the Year

The valuable contributions made by Judy Carney to her beloved community of Lafayette over the years have been greatly appreciated, and her friends, family and community leaders had an opportunity to come together to honor her. Judy has a multitude of accomplishments behind her because she instinctively sees what needs to be done and she knows how to do it.

Judy began contributing her time, talent and energy to her community in countless ways by chairing the Lafayette School Parcel Tax Campaign, getting it passed for the first time in twenty years. She continued to benefit the schools by serving on the Lafayette and Acalanes School Boards during which time she was President of the Acalanes Union High School District’s Governing Board. Her leadership skills were tapped again as she became a member of the Lafayette Library Building Committee and the Lamorinda School Bus Transportation Authority. Judy advanced the performing arts in Lafayette by becoming a Board member and Advisor of the Town Hall Theatre. Judy continued her community efforts by creating the Lafayette Liaison meetings, which she currently chairs and now brings her energy and drive to the Senior Services Commission.

### Wildfire – Continued from left

- If you think you might have to leave, LEAVE EARLY! When lives are lost, it’s because people delayed. Traffic jams and panic endangers the lives of firefighters as well if they must shift from firefighting to evacuating to rescue.

Planning is the key. Remember that lives come first. Information on these topics and more can be found at the County web site, [www.cccfd.org](http://www.cccfd.org) or [www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org). When you see the red flag raised at fire stations, learn what to do at [www.diablofiresafe.org](http://www.diablofiresafe.org) or call 1-877-725-6803. You can reach the Arson Hotline at 1-800-468-4408.

# Board of Supervisors Actions

February '09 - May '09

Conference with Labor Negotiators.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Fire Chief, CCC FPD.

Proclaim 2/24/09 "Spay Day USA 09" observe/recognize responsible pet ownership and kindness by encouraging pets be spayed or neutered.

Presentation on the results of the 08 CCC Combined Charities Campaign.

Presentation recognizing John Muir Medical Center for superior performance as the CCC designated Level II Trauma Center.

Resolution accepting tabulation of mail-in ballots, confirming the Engineer's Report and authorizing the levy of street light charges to operate and maintain facilities and services for Minor Subdivision 06-0016, Lafayette.

Report on the Environmental Health Program describing actions taken to address problems and opportunities for improvement identified in IO discussions re: inspections and follow-up processes.

Report re: mid-year status of 08/09 Budget, Dept Head Summit, State Budget, and Economic Stimulus Package; Direct suspension of transfers to Workers' Comp. Internal Services Fund for May and June.

Consider whether to join litigation filed by Sacramento County, challenging the State's deferral of mandated payments for social service programs.

Declare vacant District II Family Member #2 Seat on the CCC Mental Health Commission; Direct the COB to post vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Resolution re: compensation/benefits for County Elected and Appointed Dept Heads, Mgmt, Exempt, and Unrepresented Employees to reflect changes

Approve/Authorize grant from International City Mgmt Assoc to provide technology/resources for emergency preparedness education and response in the new Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Approve/Authorize Agreement w/Lafayette School District for Public Health Clinic Services Scoliosis Screening Project for 7th and 8th grade students.

Approve/Authorize agreement w/CA Dept of Mental Health to pay for specific Prevention/Early Intervention Planning Estimate; sign an agrmt for the following Projects: 1) Suicide Prevention; 2) Student Mental Health Initiative; and 3) Stigma and Discrimination Reduction.

Refer to IO for July 09 meeting updating January 06 CC Emergency Ops Plan for review, update, and recommendations, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Proposed implementation of property-tax cost recovery provisions, and on adoption of the report filed on 1/20/09 of 07/08 FY property tax-related costs of Assessor, Tax Collector, Auditor, Assessment Appeals Board, including proposed charges against each local jurisdiction excepting school entities, for the local jurisdictions' proportionate share of such administrative costs.

Honor Kate Wiley as Orinda Citizen of the Year, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Approve/Authorize grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to develop a programming prototype within the Glenn Seaborg Learning Consortium at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center.

Consider transfer of appropriations from Contingency Reserve to Conflict Defense; approve/authorize contract amendment w/CCC Bar Assoc. to provide mandated criminal conflict defense and other legal service.

Hearing on FY 09/10 Recommended County and Special District Budgets.

Hearing on the elimination of and/or reductions in the level of medical services provided by the County.

Honor Judy Carney as Lafayette Citizen of the Year '09, by Sup. Uilkema.

Approve/Authorize contract w/CA Dept of Food & Agriculture to provide trapping services for the detection of the Light Brown Apple Moth.

Adopt 09-10 Budget Schedules for Countywide Funds/Special Dist.

Authorize the Tax Collector to accept partial payments of defaulted taxes as provided in Revenue & Taxation Code section 4143.

Consider transfer of court facilities in CCC from County to State, consistent with the Trial Court Facilities Act of '02; adopt related findings under CEQA.

Continued Hearing on FY 09-10 Recommended County/Special District Budgets, elimination of and/or reduction in level of medical services provided by CCC, on the following issues only: funding for U.C. Coop Extension Program, Library, Arts Commission, provision of health care for undocumented adult aliens; Authorize program changes in HSD; Adoption of FY 09-10 County and Special District Budgets and related actions.

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# County Contacts

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Abandoned Vehicles (925) 313-2659

Adult Protective Services (925) 646-2854

Agricultural Department (925) 646-5250

Airport, Buchanan Field, Keith Freitas (925) 646-5722

Animal Services Dept., Martinez – Glenn Howell (925) 335-8300

Animal Services Dept., Pinole (510) 374-3966

Area Agency on Aging, John Cottrell (925) 335-8700

Auditor-Controller, Stephen Ybarra (925) 646-2181

Building Inspection Division, Jason Crapo (925) 335-1108

Building Application & Permits (925) 646-1609

CCTV, Patricia Burke (925) 313-1180

Children's Services – Adoptions (925) 313-7770

Children's Protective Services – Central County (925) 646-1680

Children's Protective Services – West County (510) 374-3324

Clerk-Recorder, Stephen Weir (925) 646-2955

Code Enforcement, Central County, Tim Honea (925) 335-1147

West County, Tyrone Ridgle (925) 335-1147

Lamorinda, Greg Wixom (925) 299-0116

Community Development Division, Aruna Bhat (925) 335-1221

Community Services, Pat Stroh (925) 646-5990

Community Substance Abuse Services (925) 313-6300

County Employment Information (925) 335-1701

Contra Costa Health Plan, Milt Camhi (925) 313-6000

Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (925) 370-5000

County Administrator, David Twa (925) 335-1086

County Assessor, Gus Kramer (925) 313-7400

County Librarian, Ann Cain (925) 927-3205

Central Library (925) 646-6434

Library –Crockett Branch (510) 787-2345

Library –Hercules Branch (510) 245-2420

Library –Lafayette Branch (925) 283-3872

Library –Martinez Branch (925) 646-2898

Library –Moraga Branch (925) 376-6852

Library –Orinda Branch (925) 254-2184

Library –Pinole Branch (510) 758-2741

Library –Rodeo Branch (510) 799-2606

Library –Walnut Creek Branch (925) 646-6773

County Road Maintenance, Joe Yee (925) 313-7000

District Attorney, Robert J. Kochly (925) 957-2200

Employment & Human Services, Joe Valentine (925) 313-1500

Environmental Health, Sherm Quinlan (925) 646-5225

Fire District of Contra Costa, Chief Keith Richter (925) 930-5500

Crockett-Carquinez Fire Protection Dist. (510) 787-2717

Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection Dist. (925) 258-4599

Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection Dist. (510) 799-4561

First Time Home Buyers (925) 335-7235

Grand Jury (925) 646-2345

Hazardous Materials Ombudsman, Michael Kent (925) 370-5020

Head Start Programs (925) 646-5540

Health Services, William Walker, MD (925) 370-5003

Homeless Programs (800) 808-6444

Household Hazardous Waste (800) 750-4096

Housing Authority, Joseph Villarreal (925) 957-8011

In-Home Support Services (925) 313-1770

Juvenile Hall (925) 646-4800

LAFCO, Lou Ann Texeira (925) 646-4090

Law Library (925) 646-2783

Legal Assistant for the Elderly (510) 374-3712

Martinez Detention Facility, Inmate Info (925) 646-4495

Medi-Cal Services Eligibility (925) 646-2941

Mental Health Services, Donna Wigand (925) 957-5150

Mosquito Abatement/Vector Control (925) 685-9301

Office of Emergency Services (925) 646-4461

Private Industry Council (925) 646-5239

Probation Department, Lionel Chatman (925) 313-4023

Public Defender, David Coleman (925) 335-8000

Public Works, Julie Bueren (925) 313-2202

Retirement Office (925) 646-5741

Sheriff-Coroner, Warren Rupf (925) 335-1500

Superior Court, Clerk of the Court (925) 646-2951

Superior Court, Jury Services (925) 646-2002

Superior Court, Richmond (510) 374-3800

Superior Court, Richmond, Jury Info. (510) 374-3803

Treasurer-Tax Collector, William Pollacek (925) 646-4122

Veterans Service Office, Phil Munley (925) 313-1481

West County Detention Facility, Inmate Info (510) 262-4200

Additional county departmental information can be found on the county website: [www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/)

## **Board of Supervisors Actions** *(continued)*

Direct the DCD and Office of County Counsel to evaluate the 2nd Unit Ordinance to facilitate establishment of 2nd units in CCC.

Approve amendments to the bylaws of First 5 CC Children & Families Commission pertaining to appointment of alternates; Appoint Belinda Lucey.

Declare vacancy on the Alcohol & Other Drugs Advisory Board, due to resignation, direct the COB post the vacancy, by Supervisor Uilkema.

Support AB1625: a bill that would: 1) re-enact CA's existing Kin-GAP Program to align it with new federal requirements and 2) provide transitional support to qualifying foster youth until age 21.

Authorize the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program by designating developers and implementing activities to purchase, rehabilitate and sell vacant foreclosed properties, and authorizing the execution of project documents and related actions.

Sixteenth Annual Cesar Chavez Commemorative Celebration

Authorize deletion of certain positions in affected County departments.

Increase fees imposed on recording of certain real estate instruments from \$2 to \$3 and imposing a fee of \$3 on additional real estate instruments.

Recognize the new Green Businesses certified in the past year.

Resolution regarding "Human Services in a Time of Economic Crisis."

Refer to the Finance Committee a review of County employee's cost saving suggestions and evaluation of the organizational structure of CCC.

Proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as 95th Annual "Be Kind to Animals Week" in CCC.

Proclaim May '09 "Motorcycle Awareness Month."

Response to Grand Jury Report "The Lost Generation The Elderly Citizens of CCC"; Direct the COB to forward to the Superior Court on 5/4/09.

Receive an update from the County Librarian on discussions with cities relating to library funding for Fiscal Year 2009/10 and library hour reductions

Report from HS Director, William Walker, M.D., on CCC's preparations for Swine Flu and other pandemic influenza.

Honor John Haffner as Moraga Citizen of the Year 09, by Sup. Uilkema.

Support AB 286: extends until 2018 existing provisions that allow counties to impose a \$1 vehicle registration fee to be used to enhance capacity of local police/prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes.

Approve/Authorize grant from Target for CCC Library Reading Festival.

Recommendations of the Fish & Wildlife Committee re: awarding 13 grants from Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund to support projects benefiting fish and wildlife resources.

Consider impact of 08/09 & 09/10 budget reductions on DA's Office and criminal justice system; Determine action to be taken.

Proclaim May 09 as "Foster Care Month in Contra Costa County."

Appoint Floyd Overby M.D. to the CCC Mental Health Commission.

Declare intent of BOS to reduce compensation of BOS and all appointed and elected department directors to match any negotiated compensation reductions of CCC Employee Labor Coalition.

Report by the CAO on American Recovery and Reinvestment, federal stimulus funds in Contra Costa County.

*Note: this is a partial list of Board activities. A complete record of Board activities can be found at the County's web page: [www.co.contra-costa.ca.us](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us)*

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Have you been looking for an opportunity to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in meeting new and interesting people? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then here is your opportunity! Below is a list of available County positions, please take a moment to peruse the list and see if something is of interest to you.

Application forms for **Volunteer Opportunities** are available from Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema's office at **(925) 335-1046**, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors office at **(925) 335-1900** or can be downloaded from the District 2 website at [www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis2/](http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis2/)

### **Womens Commission**

The Commission serves to identify major economic, educational and social concerns of women in Contra Costa County and how to reach and inform all women on a variety of issues. Meets in Concord, 3rd Tues. at 3pm.

### **Alcohol and Other Drugs Advisory Board**

Applicants shall have a professional interest in, or personal commitment to, alleviating problems related to drug abuse and inappropriate alcohol use in their community. Any individual who is a paid employee of or a paid consultant to any agency which contracts with the County on behalf of its Health Services Department for any drug or alcohol-related programs is prohibited from serving on this Board. Any individual who is a volunteer member of the Board of Directors of any agency which contracts with the County on behalf of its Health Services Department or any drug or alcohol-related program is discouraged from serving. Meets the 4th Wednesday from 3:45-6:15pm.

### **Contra Costa County Library Commission**

This Commission serves to advise and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian as to the needs of the public as well as to develop and recommend proposals for the betterment of the County Library including such efforts as insuring a stable and adequate funding level for the libraries in the County; to provide a link between the community and the Library System; and to establish a forum for the community to express its' views regarding goals and operations of the County Library. Meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 7pm.

### **Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission**

This Commission serves to review and evaluate CCC's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems; advise the governing body and local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program; review CCC's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the State Mental Health Commission; assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County on services delivered to clients and the local community. Meets in Martinez, 4th Tuesday at 4:30.

**If you believe that you, or someone you know, are the victim of elder abuse, Adult Protective Services operates a 24-hour response telephone line. Call 925-646-2854 or toll free 877-839-4347.**