

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo	
Wednesday, June 27	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, June 18	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, June 25	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Tuesday, June 19	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way	
Friday, July 13	
Chamber of Commerce	8am
Terzetto's Moraga Shopping Center	
Friday, June 29	

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• all meeting notes
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Cranky Golfer, 6/19/07 There was a disturbance between a golfer and a security guard at the Moraga Country Club. The golfer became angry with security for removing the flags from greens prior to golfer finishing his round. Golfer attempted to follow security guard into locked front lobby, allegedly being disrespectful and confrontational. Guard slightly pushed golfer away, so that he could secure the door. Golfer's sunglasses broke as a result of the confrontation. No police prosecution requested. Incident to be handled by MCC in-house.

Grad Party Busted, 6/14/07 Police were dispatched to a loud high school party on Joseph Drive. Officer noticed several hundred vehicles on Joseph Drive and on nearby streets, and approximately 400 people at the party. With the assistance of Lafayette and Orinda police departments, the party took over an hour to be cleared. The resident stated he was having a graduation party for his friends and it just got out of control.

Attempted Suicide, 6/14/07 An officer was dispatched to a report of screaming coming from a Miramonte Drive residence. Officer noted water coming from the second floor of the residence and loud female screaming. An elderly female was found in the upstairs bathtub fully clothed with the shower running. She told officer she wanted to kill herself and to leave her alone. She was taken to the hospital for a 72-hour mental health evaluation hold.

Moraga Library – Needed Improvements Could Be Coming Soon

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The Moraga Library at 1500 St. Mary's Road

At the June 13th Town Council meeting, the Friends of the Moraga Library presented a request for \$18,000 to take care of the most immediate maintenance issues. By the end of the meeting, it was decided that these repairs would be included in the Capital Improvement budget that will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on June 27th. The estimated costs for replacing the Library's heating and air conditioning system and repairing the roof are \$229,500 (Source: "Capital Improvement Programs" budget presented to the Town's "Audit and Finance Committee" on May 29, 2007, p. 37).

The asset replacement fund is not yet available to



Two valves of the HVAC system similar to the one that failed in April 2007

cover the project so it's likely the Council will have to use some of the "Palos Colorados" money. This money comes in installments from the developer of the Palos Colorados project over a 10 year period.

The first installment of \$225,000 has already been paid to the Town.

During the June 13th Town Council meeting, it appeared Council Members were supportive of the library. Mayor Metcalf believes Palos Colorados money should only be spent on non-recurring projects like library repair and maintenance. Council Member Bird, who consistently focuses on the town's financial stability, believes we need to address the maintenance and repair of existing infrastructure such as the library.

The Friends of Moraga Library will also attend the next Council Meeting on June 27th to support their beloved institution. David Kruegel, President of the Friends, encourages all Moraga residents to support this much needed maintenance. All Moragans are welcome to come and voice their opinion during the public comments period of the meeting, which will be held at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School at 7:30pm.

Statue Honoring Bruzzone Installed As Commission Reviews Donation Policy

By Steve Angelides

The statue honoring Moraga developer Russell Bruzzone was installed at the Moraga Commons last week while the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed a draft policy on future donations.

The statue of children flying kites was donated to the Town by Joan Bruzzone in honor of her late husband. It was placed on the hill above the band shell where the Town's popular summer concerts are held.

The donation stirred controversy when it was accepted by the Town Council March 14 on a 3 to 2 vote. Although all the council members approved of the statue, they accepted it on a split vote because it included a plaque honoring the late developer. The Council then asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to recommend a policy regarding donations in the hope of avoiding such controversies in the future.

The Commission reviewed the first draft of that policy at its meeting last Tuesday. The policy was drafted by commissioner Karen Mendonca. She said she adapted it from a similar policy adopted two years ago by the town of Port Angeles, Washington.



The objective of the draft policy is to spell out the Town's needs, and encourage donations that fulfill those needs as well as providing funds to maintain the donated items. The draft policy would permit memorial plaques to be directly affixed to donated items such as benches, bicycle racks, picnic tables, drinking fountains, and playground components.

However, the draft avoids the controversial topic of donated public art by excluding it from the policy and subjecting it to full review and approval by the Commission and the Council. After some of the commissioners questioned the exclusion of public art from the draft policy, Parks and Recreation Director Penelope Leach suggested that the draft be revised to include donated public art. However the commissioners present unanimously agreed that the policy should not go so far as to include loaned art.

At the Council meetings in which the Bruzzone donation was considered, former commissioners stated that previous memorial donations had been declined because the Town had a past policy or tradition of limiting memorial donations to the Heritage Patio. However, so far nobody has produced any documentation of that. At last week's meeting former commissioner Bob Giomi said he had minutes of every Commission meeting while he was a commissioner, and that he would search for such documentation.

Leach commented that if there was such documentation, the commission should consider incorporating such past policy or tradition in the draft policy. Mendonca will prepare a second draft of the policy taking into account the comments made at the meeting.



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Morning Activities

8:00 AM	Kiddie Run
8:30 AM	5 Mile Run
8:40 AM	2 Mile Run
10:00 AM	Awards at the Bandshell

In the Commons

9:00 AM	Dog Parade
10:30 AM	Kids Bike Parade
10:30 AM	Fire Department Vehicle Display
10:30 AM	Police Department Vehicle Display
10:30 AM	CERT and Rescue 1 Display

2007 July 4th Celebration
Wednesday July 4th
at the Moraga Commons Park
All Day Activities

11 AM - 5 PM	Inflatables
11:00 AM	Food Booths Open

At the Bandshell

5:30 PM - 6 PM	Performance by Amanda MacDowell
6:30 PM	National Anthem by Amanda MacDowell
6:35 PM	Mayor's Welcome and unveiling of the new statue.
7:00 PM	Larry Lynch & the Mob
9:00 PM	FIREWORKS!
9:30 PM	Larry Lynch & the Mob closes celebration

Moraga Parks and Recreation Foundation presents:
2007 Free Summer Concert Series
Thursdays at the Moraga Commons Park
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

<p>Thursday, June 28 Dave Russell Band; Rock 'N Roll</p> <p>Wednesday, July 4 <i>Independence Day Festivities</i> Larry Lynch & the Mob</p> <p>Thursday, July 12 Motor Dude Zydeco; Cajun</p> <p>Thursday, July 19 Stone Soup; Rock 'N Roll</p>	<p>Thursday, July 26 Mixed Nuts; Decades of Rock</p> <p>Thursday, August 2 littledog2; Rock 'N Roll</p> <p>Thursday, August 9 Juke Joint; Blues</p> <p>Thursday, August 16 Ventana; Latin</p> <p>Thursday, August 23 Celtic Heart; Irish</p>
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