

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar

City Council 7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School
1010 Camino Pablo
Monday, Aug 22

Planning Comm. 7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room
2100 Donald Drive
Monday, Aug 20

Design Review 7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room
2100 Donald Drive
Monday, Aug 13

Park & Rec 7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room
2100 Donald Drive
Tuesday, Aug 21

Liaison 8:00am
Fire Station
1280 Moraga Way

no meeting in August

Chamber of Commerce 5pm
BBQ
Commons, Moraga
Friday, Aug 31

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• all meeting notes
• calendar updates



Designated driver trouble, 7/28/07
A vehicle was stopped at Moraga Way and Hardie Drive for driving in a bicycle lane. The five underage passengers all admitted drinking alcohol. The parents of each of these kids were called to come pick up their child. The underage front seat passenger said of the two bottles of alcohol found in her handbag, that one was a gift and one was stolen from her parents liquor cabinet. Driver was cited for driving in a bike lane, driver under 21 in possession of alcohol, and driving in violation of license restriction.

Riding a bike while drunk, 7/21/07
Two juveniles were riding on one bike near the intersection of Moraga Road and the Rheem Shopping Center. Neither youth was wearing a helmet, and the passenger was riding on the rear pegs of the bike. The juvenile driving the bike was found to be intoxicated. Bike driver was arrested, but released to his parents after signing a promise to appear.

Campo Vandalized, 7/20/07
Officers reported to the stadium area of Campolindo High School, unknown suspects used spray paint to extensively deface several areas, including storage building, scoring booth, the track, and the football field. No evidence of empty spray cans was found.

Town Takes Over This Summer's Concerts from Foundation Future of Next Year's Concerts Remains Uncertain

By Steve Angelides



Concert at the Moraga Commons

Photo by Andy Scheck

The Town Council unanimously agreed that the Town of Moraga would take over the supervision of the popular summer concerts for the rest of this season from the Moraga Park & Recreation Foundation. The Foundation requested the Council action because of liability concerns. "The last thing in the world the Foundation wants to do is take the money it has in the bank and spend it on defending another lawsuit," the Foundation's attorney, George Juarez, explained to the Council. Town resident Joyce Beachem had previously sued both the Town and the Foundation claiming that the concerts were a nuisance. Beachem dis-

missed her suit last year "because the town agreed to actively work on a resolution to the noise transfer issue," she explained later in a letter to the Council. During this summer's concerts the Town has required all sound to go through a single sound board and has been monitoring sound. In April the Town began the process of revising its noise ordinance to exempt the concerts and other town-authorized events from nuisance claims. But the nuisance exemption was sidetracked after Beachem's attorney claimed it would require a full environmental impact report, and Town Manager Phil Vince told the

Council the Town would hire a consultant to prepare an environmental analysis. After several months without a consultant's report, Vince told the Council the Town's Planning Department was working on an environmental "negative declaration" which would be finished by September. Vince told the Lamorinda Weekly he decided to address the environmental issue in-house to save money. Foundation sources cited other factors which may also have been involved, including differences of opinion regarding the environmental issue and the difficulty of finding a consultant to do the work. ...continued on page 7

Moraga Prepares for Anticipated Development

By Steve Angelides

In anticipation of future development, the Town of Moraga is preparing to impose development impact fees, and has applied for Priority Development Area status for the Moraga Center Specific Plan Area. Last month the Town Council received a consultant's study on the development fees and heard countervailing arguments from developers. The study is a prerequisite to the imposition of the fees. The study covers public safety, storm drainage and traffic fees, plus the Lamorinda regional transportation fee that is already imposed on new development in Moraga. Considering all four fees, the study recommends residential development fees ranging from approximately \$5,000 for a unit of senior housing to \$14,000 for a detached single family home. The recom-

mended non-residential fees average approximately \$39,000 per acre of land plus \$3,000 per 1000 square feet of construction. Public Works Director and Town Engineer Jill Mercurio said she expects that the public safety and storm drainage fees will be brought back to the Council for action soon, but that the traffic fees will require further study based on the comments at the meeting. Mercurio said the Town is also considering public building and park facilities fees, but the studies for those fees are still pending. None of the new fees will apply to the Palos Colorados development, which has already committed \$17 million to cover the impact of the development on Moraga. At least as interesting as the technicalities of the fee calculations are the assumptions regarding future devel-

opment upon which those calculations are based. Mercurio said the Town staff spent six months last year developing those assumptions, by "taking a snapshot while looking into our crystal ball." That "snapshot" is the source of the information on the map which accompanies this story. ...continued on page 8

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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.

Thursday, August 9: Juke Joint; Blues
 Thursday, August 16: Ventana; Latin
 Thursday, August 23: Celtic Heart; Irish

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