

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo	
Monday, Sept 12	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Tuesday, Sept 4	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, Aug 27	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Tuesday, Sept 18	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way	
Friday, Sept 14	
Chamber of Commerce	5pm
Luau Old Moraga Ranch on School Street	
Saturday, Aug 25	
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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.

Traffic Calming Requires Teamwork

By Steve Angelides
Mayor Mike Metcalf has drafted a new traffic calming plan that would give "community action teams" a leading role in determining what types of traffic calming measures could be undertaken in various areas of Moraga.

The traffic calming concept originated in Europe in the 1960's and is gaining widespread acceptance. It can include a variety of traffic calming measures such as speed bumps, and the narrowing and redesign of roads.

Under Metcalf's plan the traffic calming process would be initiated by five residents filing a request with the Town Police Department. The next step would be an area meeting including residents, property owners, and Town Staff, at which those attending would decide whether they wanted to form a community action team to pur-

sue traffic calming measures in the area.

The team would have the primary responsibility for studying the problem and proposing solutions. The Town could loan the team radar devices and other equipment to use in its study.

Depending on the level and expense of measures the team decided to seek, approvals could be required by vote of the area residents and property owners, the Town Staff, the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, and the Town Council. Funding could be provided by the residents and property owners themselves, the Town, and grants, depending on the scope and impact of the measures approved.

Metcalf's new plan would replace a little-used plan adopted in 2000. The new plan is 46 pages long and borrows from the plans of the cities of Lafayette and Napa.

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee reviewed the

plan twice and made a few changes. At its meeting last month the Committee changed the term "neighborhood action team" to "community action team" to emphasize that the plan will apply to both residential and commercial areas.

Committee members were pleased with the extensive work done by the Mayor. Fernwood Drive resident J.D. O'Connor, one of two residents on the Committee, was particularly pleased that the Town could loan equipment to community action teams. "I have to say that I was staggered that there's been this change—that a neighborhood could be given the tools that would mean something to the police," O'Connor said.

Metcalf will revise the plan to incorporate the recent changes and present it to the Committee for further review. The Committee's next scheduled meeting is September 5.

New Parks & Rec Director - Ready to Jump into Work

By Steve Angelides

Jay Ingram Photo provided

Jay Ingram has been hired as Moraga's new Parks and Recreation Director. In-

gram comes to Moraga from the City of San Rafael, where he was recreation supervisor for almost five years.

Ingram has been working in city government for 20 years. His first job was as a part time recreation worker, and he knew from that time that he wanted a career in city government.

"I am really excited about this opportunity because everything I've been doing for the past 19 years has been leading up to this," Ingram said. "Because this is

a small community I look forward to working with people on a face-to-face basis," he said. "I am also ready to jump into the tasks the Master Plan has set forth for us," Ingram added.

In addition to recreation, he has also been involved in emergency operations, planning, and union negotiations. He has also served for 8 years on the Alameda Recreation and Park Commission, including 4 years as chair.

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New Development in Moraga

Let Your Voice Be Heard

By Cathy Tyson
Citizens of Moraga concerned about development of the 187-acre Moraga Center Specific Plan have options to let their opinions be heard. In a small community such as Moraga, the proposed development of 720 new dwelling units, 90,000 square feet of retail space, 50,000 square feet of new office space and a possible 30,000 square foot gymnasium would be a big change for this quiet community. Alternative plans with 566 housing units and 339 housing units are also

being considered.


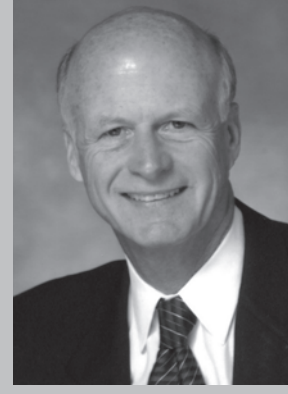
The final scoping meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium. One of the goals of the required Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report is "to advise and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the preparation of the EIR...including interested or affected members of the public."

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