

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar

City Council 7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Wednesday, Oct 24
Planning Comm. 7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, Nov 5
Design Review 7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, Nov 13
Park & Rec 7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, Nov 20
Liaison 8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, Nov 9
Youth Involvement 7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Thursday, Nov 8
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Rapper Guys Come to Campo, 10/05/07 At approximately 10:22 in the morning, officers came to check on two suspicious subjects. One of the subjects, a black male in his twenties dressed in baggy clothing had long corn rows and gold teeth was seen rapping with his pal, also a black male. The pair was walking around campus rapping with a boom box. Peter Nitler, who happened to be enjoying a Chemistry test at the time, said the whole class started laughing when the young men were outside of his classroom. His teacher was not amused.

Car Stolen, 10/07/07 A Springfield drive resident parked his car in the driveway and went inside his home. When he came out the next morning at 8:00, his vehicle was gone. All keys to the vehicle were accounted for except for an extra key that was kept in the center console.

Tires trashed, 10/05/07 An Ascot drive resident called police to report that his left front and rear tire had been punctured while parked in an unassigned parking stall at the apartment complex.

Burglary, 10/04/07 A Sanders Drive resident was away from his home for several hours. When he returned he discovered someone had entered using a pry bar and forced entry via the side garage door. Several items were missing. The victim said he had no idea who would enter his home and steal his property.

Ascot Intersection Design Underway Camino Pablo Bumps Haunt Council Meeting

By Steve Angelides

The design work for safety improvements to the intersection at Ascot Drive and Moraga Road has begun under the \$115,000 contract approved by the Town Council, at a meeting haunted by references to the Camino Pablo road bumps, which were not on the agenda.

The Ascot design work is the first phase of the \$683,000 project which will be funded by a \$601,000 grant supplemented by Measure C road funds and garbage franchise fees. The recommended design is

schedule to be presented to the Town's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) on November 7, and then to the Council on November 14 or 28.

The contract approved by the Council states that the civil engineer will "prepare plans, specifications and estimates for median islands, driveway modifications, and ADA compliant curb ramps." It states that the traffic engineer "will design the signals for the project and design signal interconnect with the Donald

Drive signal." Town Engineer Jill Mercurio told the Council that the contract "includes the study of all alternatives up to and including full signalization."

Three Ascot Drive residents commended the Council for undertaking the Ascot project, and spoke in favor of full signalization of the intersection. They commented on the difficulty of turning left from Ascot onto Moraga Road, especially during the morning rush hour.

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Sign Ordinance in Moraga: the Business Community Gets Involved

By Sophie Braccini

The City of Moraga is revising its sign ordinance and has decided to involve the business community right from the start. On October 9th, Planning Director Lori Salamack made a comprehensive presentation of the draft project during a public session of the "Citizens Land Use Academy" at the Hacienda de las Flores. The session was well attended by business owners and managers, includ-

ing representatives from the Rheem Pet Shoppe, Curves, UPS, Huntington Learning Center, Lori's Perfect Tan, Long's, Elena Hood Real Estate and the Moraga Chamber of Commerce.

Salamack made a detailed presentation of the draft ordinance. She explained that the draft had been designed with discussion in mind. The sizes of the different types of signs, the categories that

need a permit or the regulation of banners have been set at a minimum so the community can propose improvements. One of the main characteristics of this ordinance is that it will be "content neutral," meaning that rules will apply to any type of sign (permanent, semi-permanent, removable) independently of its content. For example, V-shaped signs that are used by real estate professionals will follow the same rules as farmers' market, garage sale or any other V-shaped signs.

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Moraga Movers Go to Fleet Week Submitted by George Fisher and Chuck Treat



A good time was had by all Photo submitted

The Moraga Movers kicked off its fall membership drive at the Moraga Commons Pear Festival on September 29. The 2008 application forms are available at the Hacienda Park office and La Sala or by calling the office at 376-6622. Applicants joining between October 1 and the end of December will automatically be members through 2008. Moraga Movers is dedicated to activities and needs for adults 55 plus and the nominal dues are tax deductible.

For those unfamiliar with some of the exciting activities offered to members, the Moraga Movers' Chuck Treat offers this account of a recent excursion:

Dottie Baker led fifty-five Moraga Movers and Lafayette Seniors to San Francisco for the Fleet Week Air Show finale, Bay Cruise and buffet on Sunday October 7.

Upon boarding The San Francisco Belle, a 295 foot long, four deck river boat replica, the

crew led us to our reserved seating on the first deck where we enjoyed a buffet lunch. They kept our Mimosa flutes filled and the ship's whistle sounded as we got underway at 2:30. The Bay was full of sailboats and motor craft of all types including the California Maritime Academy's Golden Bear, USS Jeremiah O'Brien, and FDR's yacht Potomac now restored and operating out of Jack London Square.

The Air Show started with a fly-by by Air Force Captain Russ Piggott, a Lafayette native and pilot for the USAF Viper West Coast Demonstration team flying an F-16 Fighter, and his 65 year old father, Lafayette resident John Piggott, flying in tight formation next to his son in his Russian Sukhoi Su-29 war bird. They made numerous passes right overhead. Next up was John Piggott in his Pitts Special biplane. The Pitts biplane is small but was easy to follow by its tail of smoke as Piggott performed acro-

batics from just feet above the Bay surface to what I estimate was 5,000 feet or higher.

The Blue Angels, six Navy fighters with their C130 support plane then roared overhead and the grand finale was on. They put on a spectacular show of close precision flying while trailing red, white and blue smoke, first at high speed and then at low speed with landing gear and tail hooks down. Their signature aerobatic is flying straight up, make that vertical, and then rolling over to fly straight down as they trail smoke causing some of us to wonder if they will pull up in time. They do.

We arrived back in Moraga that evening thoroughly satisfied with our Fleet Week adventure. We vowed to return next year and all agreed that Dottie Baker had delivered yet another memorable excursion.

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