

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar

City Council 7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School
1010 Camino Pablo
Wednesday, Dec 12

Planning Comm. 7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room
2100 Donald Drive
Monday, Dec 17

Design Review 7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room
2100 Donald Drive
Monday, Dec 24

Park & Rec 7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room
2100 Donald Drive
Tuesday, Dec 18

Liaison 8:00am
Fire Station
1280 Moraga Way
Friday, Dec 14

Chamber of Commerce 8am
Terzetto's Cuisine
Moraga Shopping Center
Friday, Jan 25

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for:
• all meeting notes
• calendar updates



12/05/07 A resident at Aegis called police to report that he was being "held captive." The resident told the police dispatcher that his family and the police were looking for him. Upon arrival, the officer learned the resident had barricaded himself in his room. The resident, after some cajoling, finally allowed officers inside his room. The resident was taken to a local hospital to be evaluated.

Driving with a suspended license, 12/02/07 At 3:00 in the morning a pickup truck was stopped on St. Mary's Road for speeding. The 35-year old driver had an active misdemeanor probation through June of 2012 and was also driving on a suspended California Driver's License because of June 2007 D.U.I. conviction. Lamorinda Tow impounded the vehicle. That would be strike three, now you're a pedestrian.

Theft, 12/02/07 A Miramonte Drive resident called to report her bicycle stolen. Apparently her blue Cannondale 18 speed mountain bike was taken from her back porch. The bike cost \$500 when she purchased it about five years ago. Perhaps she can use the suspended license guy's truck, see above, since he won't be needing it anymore.

Mean Girl, 11/29/07 A Miramonte student and her mother came to the police department to report that she was being harassed by a female student at school. The young lady had allegedly sent text messages to her phone stating, "something was going to happen to her, adding it was going to be funny and that nobody could protect her." The reporting person told the officer that school officials had warned the student to stop the harassment. This student is also allegedly making comments over the internet about her to other classmates. Officers spoke to the alleged harasser's father later that day.

Moraga Holiday Tree Gets One More Year of Lights

By Steve Angelides



The Town tree lights go up

The Moraga Town Council has granted the Town's holiday tree, a 60 foot pine in the center of the Moraga Commons, one more year of lights.

The Council asked the Town Manager to spend \$8,900 to have holiday tree lights installed and removed by a professional contractor, for this year only. This is an increase of about \$6,000 over the cost of having the Town staff do the work.

However, two years ago, a Town employee sustained a shoulder injury while installing the tree lights, and the Town had to shoulder an increase in workers' compensation premiums as well as the cost of a replacement worker for several months. Last year the tree was not lit because the Town staff was concerned about the cost and liabilities.

Next year, the Town will consider other alternatives, including asking the Parks and Recreation Department to organize a tree lighting ceremony and a fund-raising drive such as the Town uses to pay for its annual fourth of July fireworks celebration.

Council Restructures Traffic Committee

By Steve Angelides

The Moraga Town Council has decided to restructure its Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) to add three more public members and remove two council members.

The new TSAC will have 5 voting public members and non-voting liaisons from the police and engineering departments and the fire district. TSAC currently has two public members, the police chief and town engineer, and two council members, all of whom are voting members.

The restructuring proposal came from TSAC itself, and was unanimously adopted by the Council, including the two council members who sit on TSAC, Mayor Mike Metcalf and Council member Ken Chew. Metcalf made the restructuring proposal during a five hour TSAC meeting in October at which TSAC was heavily criticized by mem-

bers of the public for its structure as well as its role in the installation of three controversial road bumps on Camino Pablo.

"Personally I was responding to an exhortation from the public," Metcalf told the Council. "It was a personal attack and it just seemed to me the best thing to do is to make a change," he explained.

The Camino Pablo bumps caused a furor in August when, to the surprise of many residents, and at least one council member, they were installed as part of the Camino Pablo repaving project. At its meetings in March and April, after the minimum required public notice, TSAC had recommended "slightly raised crosswalks" at the locations of the three bumps. The Town's contract road designer implemented that recommendation by placing speed tables of the maximum standard height at the three locations.

The fierce public uproar that followed resulted in a special five hour council meeting in September, attended by nearly 200 people. At that meeting the council heard from speakers who were evenly divided between bump supporters and opponents, and voted to smooth the bumps to the minimum standard height as a compromise. Nevertheless, bump opponents have continued to vocally oppose the bumps and criticize TSAC at subsequent TSAC and Council meetings, and have even started an anti-bump website, www.moragasafety.org.

The Council considered leaving at least one council member as a TSAC member or liaison, and Metcalf said he would be willing to continue to serve in that role if necessary.

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Moraga Movers Meet Jersey Boys Submitted by George Fisher

It was a picture perfect day as we found our way by private van to San Francisco. We got there early enough to have lunch and do some Christmas shopping, before we all met again at the Curran Theatre to see "Jersey Boys."

It certainly lived up to its hype - the sets were spectacular and, of course, the singing and actors were superb. We all enjoyed it very much. Our van picked us up right out front of

the theater, and we were treated to a spectacular sunset on the drive home.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Kim and Kimberly at Moraga Park and Recreation Dept. (not to forget driver Steve), for arranging our special day. They will work co-operatively with our new Travel chair, Laura Wilson, on future trips, long and short. We look forward to all of them.

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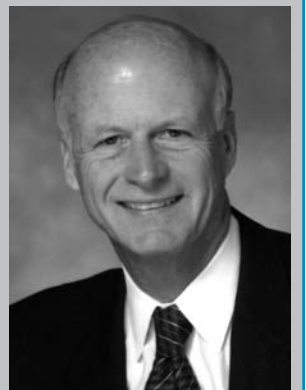
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