

# Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

# Moraga

Calendar	
<b>City Council</b>	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Wednesday, Jan 9	
Saturday, Jan 12	
<b>Planning Comm.</b>	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, Jan 7	
<b>Design Review</b>	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, Jan 14	
<b>Park &amp; Rec</b>	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, Jan 15	
<b>Liaison</b>	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, Jan 11	
<b>Chamber of Commerce</b>	8am
Terzetto's Cuisine Moraga Shopping Center Friday, Jan 25	
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## Town Council Transition With a Few Hiccups

By Sophie Braccini



New Mayor Lynda Deschambault with Vice-Mayor Dave Trotter Photo Sophie Braccini

Passage of the baton is usually a smooth operation at the top of the Town's hierarchy. On December 12th, the Moraga Town Council felt a few jolts in the transmission, but the end result was what everyone expected, as Michael Metcalf handed over the Mayor's seat to Lynda Deschambault.

During the public comment session, two citizens voiced their concern about the process itself: "There should be more than one nomination," said Barbara Simpson after Dave Trotter nominated Deschambault as the next mayor and no other person was proposed. Another citizen was even more forceful: "... it seems it was all already decided behind closed doors."

Town Manager Philip Vince explained that traditionally the number of votes obtained by

each council member during the election determines the order in which they become Mayor and Vice-Mayor. In the last election, Metcalf received the largest number of votes and became Mayor, followed by Deschambault who was named Vice-Mayor. By that method, the next Vice-Mayor would be Dave Trotter, followed by Ken Chew. "What is the point of nominating and electing people if there is an existing rule to select them?" Metcalf asked. The Council decided to postpone discussing the legality of a process that has been in place for some 20 years until a future meeting.

Deschambault was elected with three votes, from herself, Trotter and Chew; Metcalf and Rochelle Bird abstained. Chew nominated Trotter to become the next Vice-Mayor and Metcalf

nominated Bird. Trotter was elected Vice-Mayor with three votes.

After the election, Metcalf delivered a very thoughtful message, reflecting on his tenure as Mayor. His first point was that Moraga needs to realize how much it is part of a community of towns: "We are not as much as a cul-de-sac as we think," said he, "we depend on everyone else, we need to think about ourselves as part of a bigger community."

Metcalf warmly thanked the Town staff for their work. "Staff does the job, they're the ones who get the laundry out." He asked that staff be honored and respected.

Metcalf's address was followed by public acknowledgment of his leadership, open-mindedness and flexibility. "You're an engineer who showed heart," concluded former Mayor Michael Majchrzak.

It was then Deschambault's turn to give her first address. She, too, thanked staff for their hard work and support. She addressed the public to urge committees and volunteers to continue their participation in the town's affairs: "Your contribution is key to maintaining transparency in the management of public affairs," she said. To give a first flavor of what her objectives were going to be for her tenure, she reminded the audience of her campaign motto: Thoughtful progress, to protect our past and plan for our future.

## Town of Moraga Seeks Volunteers

By Lee Borrowman

The Moraga Planning Commission, Design Review Board and the Park and Recreation Commission are among the Town entities currently accepting applications from Moraga residents who are interested in serving the community on a voluntary basis as a Commissioner.

The Park and Recreation Commission makes recommendations to the Town Council regarding parks and recreation facilities, and advises other Town bodies concerning planned developments as they relate to park, recreation and open space concerns. The incoming Commission will be working to implement a new Master Plan for Moraga Parks and Recreation. Parks and Rec Director Jay Ingram hopes that the composition of the Commission will reflect the different interests in Moraga. A balanced Commission would include folks who can speak on behalf of seniors, families with both young and teenage children, and youth sports enthusiasts. Applications for these posi-

tions are available on the Town website, and are due on January 11, 2008. Questions may be directed to Ingram, [jingram@moraga.ca.us](mailto:jingram@moraga.ca.us) or 888-7034.

The Town is encouraging individuals with expertise and/or education in architecture, civil engineering, landscape architecture construction or graphic design to apply for volunteer positions on the Design Review Board. The DRB meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month.

The Planning Commission advises the Town Council on physical projects in the Town, and hears and determines applications for planned development, conditional use permits, zone changes and subdivision. The four Planning Commissioners whose terms are expiring may seek reappointment.

Applications for the DRB and Planning Commission are available on the Town website and are due on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. Questions can be directed to the Planning Department, 888-7070,

or [planning@moraga.ca.us](mailto:planning@moraga.ca.us).

Visit the Town website for more information, applications, or to view other volunteer opportunities, such as the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and the Town Beautification and Tree Planting Program Committee, [http://moraga.ca.us/production/moraga\\_employment\\_volunteer.php?mn=7](http://moraga.ca.us/production/moraga_employment_volunteer.php?mn=7).



D.U.I., 12/09/07 At just after 2:00 in the morning, a blue Nissan pickup truck was stopped on Rheem Boulevard for expired registration tags. The 23-year old male driver showed signs of intoxication, his blood alcohol level was measured twice and came in at .15% and .14%.

Driving with a Suspended License, 12/08/07 A 2002 Ford Mustang was stopped on Coral Drive near Moraga Way for speeding, going approximately 54 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone. The 19-year old driver was on active misdemeanor probation through March of 2009 as well as driving on a suspended Driver's License for a 2006 D.U.I. Driver was cited and released at the scene. How about a shiny new bus pass for Christmas?

D.U.I., 12/07/07 A Nissan Sentra was stopped on Moraga Way near Hardie Drive because driver was veering from side to side and going significantly under the speed limit. The 32-year-old driver was taken to the Police Department where he gave a blood test and ultimately released on a misdemeanor citation.

**Disposition of Evidence**  
Moraga Police Department no longer needs property related to case 05-999 for evidentiary purposes. All evidence is going to be disposed of. If you are involved in the case and have ownership of items involved please contact the Moraga Police Department Property Officer Heather Pomeroy at (925)376-2515. All Evidence will be destroyed after January 15, 2008.



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