

Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

Moraga

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| City Council 7:30pm | Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Wednesday, Feb 13 |
| Planning Comm. 7:30pm | Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, Feb 19 |
| Design Review 7:30pm | Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, Feb 11 |
| Park & Rec 7:30pm | Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, Feb 19 |
| Liaison 8:00am | Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, Feb 8 |
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Meet Planning Director Lori Salamack

By Sophie Braccini
From the 2nd floor at 329 Rheem Blvd., Lori Salamack directs the Planning Department for the Town of Moraga. The mother of two teenage girls lives in Oakland where she was born. After a B.S. in Economics at UC Berkeley, she moved to New York State where she completed an M.S. in Urban Environmental Studies at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. There, she worked for a developer, Properties of America, specializing in the second-home market for the Boston and New York area. When the real estate market crashed in 1987, having completed her graduate studies, she and her husband decided to move back to the West. In 1990 she became Piedmont's

City Planner. But for somebody who enjoys working on land development projects, Piedmont didn't have enough to offer, so when a position became available in Moraga in 2001, she made the move. "I was looking forward to working with St Mary's as well," adds Salamack, "I had worked for my Alma Mater, Rensselaer, and had enjoyed the challenge." Salamack's department processes all applications for development, additions and modifications of residential and commercial buildings. Anything that's built in the scenic corridor, on hillside or that requires some exception to the municipal rules needs to be processed by the Design Review Board. Rich Chamberlain, Senior Planner, is in

charge of about twenty-five applications a year that require this procedure. Otherwise, Kelly Suronen, Assistant Planner, processes about seventy applications a year that conform to the Design Guidelines. "The vast majority of the applications are approved," says Salamack, "we work with the applicants so they understand the Guidelines and modify their project so it fits in." The Director works with the administrative support of Rhonda Basore. A less common part-time position reports to Salamack as well. Calvin Wong is in charge of the Transportation Program for the Town of Moraga.
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Lori Salamack working on the Moraga Center Specific Plan
 Photo Sophie Braccini

The New Face of Parks and Recreation

By Sophie Braccini



Jay Ingram at work in the Hacienda de las Flores
 Photo Sophie Braccini

Many things have been happening concomitantly at the Parks and Recreation Department in Moraga. A new Master Plan has been approved that sets guidelines for the next 20 years, a new Director has been hired and the Recreation program has been repatriated under the administration of the Town after two years of co-management with the City of Lafayette. New Director Jay Ingram had the difficult task of succeeding Penelope Leach, a popular figure who conducted most of the research work for the Parks and Rec Master Plan. Large community input sessions and surveys were conducted from which priorities were drawn. The main objectives reflect what the population wants and how it sees itself: a family oriented

community, loving outdoor activities and wanting to create more recreation options for all generations. According to the Ingram, the Priority Level One, Capital and Non-Capital projects include: a gym/multi-generational community center, the implementation of Hacienda de las Flores building improvements, and the upgrading of sports fields through work with the Moraga School District. "Some aspects of the plan are quite obtainable," believes Ingram, "the Town is working with the school district to improve the playability and quality of the district's fields. I'm optimistic that we will find a way that will satisfy the community." Other aspects are more challenging. "The plan recognizes the need for a

gym/multi-generational recreation facility, the challenge here is going to be its financing," explains Ingram. But he is not the type to be fazed by difficulty and he tackles one issue at a time. Would the Hacienda de las Flores be a possible infrastructure for this center? "The Hacienda does not have the 30,000 square-foot hall that is needed for that facility," explains Ingram, "However, if the Casita is renovated and enhanced it could offer a 5,000 sqf multi-purpose space." One of the main hindrances to extensive use of the Hacienda is parking. "The business plan for the Hacienda will be discussed at the February 27th Town Council meeting," says Ingram, "interesting options will be discussed then."
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Vehicle Upgrade, 1/17/08 A 1994 Honda Accord was stolen from a parking space across the street from a Spyglass Lane resident, whose daughter owned the car. All the keys to the vehicle were accounted for. There was no observable broken glass in the area. A Honda Civic that was reported stolen earlier in the day was parked next to where the Honda Accord had been parked.

Found car, 1/19/08 Officers were patrolling the area of Alta Mesa and Moraga Road, and conducted a routine license plate check and found a 1994 Honda Accord. The car was unlocked and the sunroof was open. The car stereo was taken. Officers looked for prints but couldn't find any due to the moisture in the vehicle. The owner was contacted.

Molotov cocktail, 1/18/08 An unknown person put what is thought to be a Molotov cocktail inside a Wandell Drive mailbox, which charred both the inside and outside of the receptacle. Soap and water was enough to clean it up.

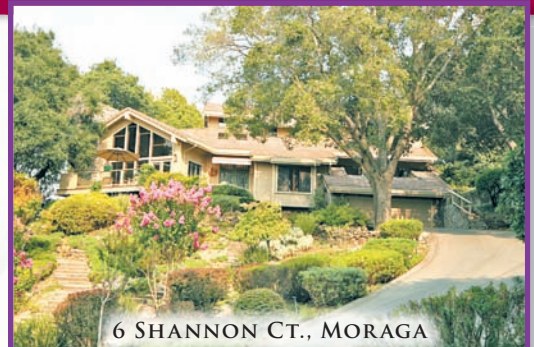
Disposition of Evidence
 Moraga Police Dept. no longer needs property related to case 07-578 for evidentiary purposes. All evidence is going to be disposed of. If you are involved in the case and have ownership of items involved please contact the Moraga Police Dept. Property Officer Heather Pomeroy at 925-376-2515. All Evidence will be destroyed after Feb. 28, 2008.

Found Property
 Moraga Police Dept. has 4 bicycles, 1 gym bag, 1 inflatable bedroll and a bike helmet that was turned into found property. If any of these items belong to you please call Heather Pomeroy at the Moraga Police Dept. at 925-376-2515. If items are not claimed on or before Feb. 28, 2008 the items will be sent to auction or be destroyed.

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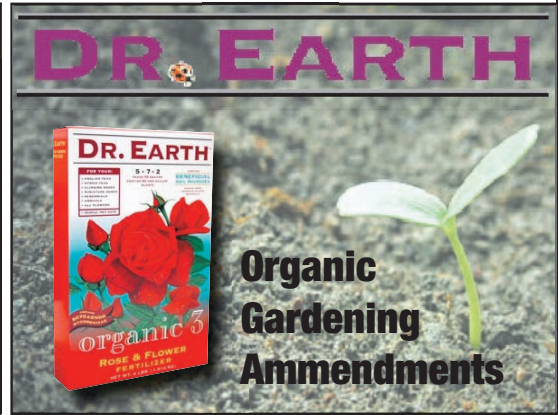
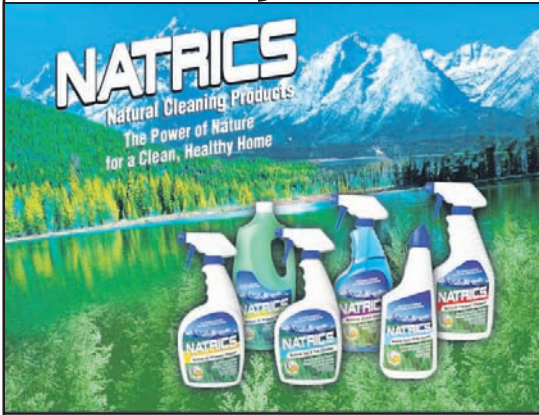
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