

Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Wednesday, Feb 27	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, March 3	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, Feb 25	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, March 18	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, March 14	
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Funny Money, 2/13/08 A Safeway customer noticed a \$20 bill he received in change from a checker didn't look right. The bill was tested and proved to be counterfeit. It was taken into evidence.

Bomb Threat, 2/08/08 An irate male called in a bomb threat to McCaulous. The store was evacuated and cordoned off. Bomb dogs and BART PD cleared the store and no suspicious devices were found. Alert officers found a female suspect in the parking lot and a male who had been drinking, just down the street. McCaulous's staff identified him as causing a ruckus in the store. The subject was arrested on a parole violation and bomb threat.

D.U.I., 2/07/08 Moraga Police stopped a PT Cruiser going 49 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone on Rheem Boulevard at Hall Drive. During the stop, the officer noticed that he had been drinking. A field sobriety test was failed and subsequent blood alcohol test came in at .08%.

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.

MOSPRO 2008 on the June Ballot?

An issue not on the agenda takes center stage at Town Council meeting

By Sophie Braccini

A group of Moraga residents rallied on Wednesday, February 13th at the Town Council meeting to urge the Council to have the Moraga Open Space Parks and Recreation initiative (also known as MOSPRO or the Bruzzone initiative) placed on the ballot in June. The Council had not placed this topic on its agenda for the evening.

Petitions for two very different open space initiatives have recently been circulated in Moraga. MOSO 2008, proposing to freeze land for open space use only, came first but was withdrawn as the group decided to rewrite part of it to address concerns emanating from the Moraga Country Club and St Mary's College. In the meantime, the Bruzzone family, which owns most of the land targeted by MOSO 2008, proposed another initiative that provides for development possibilities, as well as open space and monies for the town.

The MOSPRO petition garnered more than enough signatures to be sent to the County for verification. Once the County verifies the signatures, the Town Council can order staff to prepare an impact report within 30 days. Town Clerk Rhonda Basore said the County had been busy with the last election and was going to begin certifying a sampling of signatures before the end of this week. The Council must issue an Order by March 7 for the initiative to be placed on the June ballot. The signatures would be back in time for the February 27th regular Town Council meeting, but that would leave very little time to staff to write an impact report, and no regular Council meetings were scheduled between February 27th and March 7th.

New Tenant in the Moraga Center?

By Sophie Braccini

Rite Aid has asked the Moraga Planning Department for an application for a "permitted use permit" within the Moraga commercial zone. Rite Aid has not yet filed the application with the Town.

Rite Aid seeks to occupy the store where McCaulou's is presently located. Should the application materialize and be approved, McCaulou's would probably relocate to another part of the Center. McCaulou's owner

has had a very long business relationship with the owner of the Center, the Bruzzone family: "Over the years we've worked very well with them," he says, "and if there is a better way to serve the Moraga population we are certainly ready to discuss it." Joan Bruzzone confirmed that her family "has had a very friendly relationship for eons" with McCaulou and that they "had been in communication for several years on this relocation."

"We want you to act now," speakers pleaded, "We want you to be diligent, fair and consistent." The tone of the discussion mounted as some members of the public inferred that the Council was purposefully delaying the process. One gentleman threatened the Council with a recall if

the initiative was not put on the June ballot.

Dave Bruzzone reminded the Council that he and his lawyer had sent a letter that was received by the Town on February 7th.

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Shop Moraga First Launches Website

By Sophie Braccini



After the Shop Moraga First campaign started early 2007 and the Art, Wine, and Merchants' Faire came and went, the Shop Moraga First committee turned its attention finding other ways to promote aware-

ness of Moraga businesses and the benefits of shopping locally.

Grant Stubblefield, who has been a member of the community almost all his life, had an idea. "We thought of a website with all Moraga businesses on

it," says the young man. "It was obvious, however, that it was one of those things that needed to be done but no one was going to do, since everyone in the group is a volunteer with limited time available." Stubblefield decided to develop it himself through his new company, the Community Marketing Group. He created a resource that anyone can use to explore what Moraga's business community has to offer.

By October 2007, he had most of the businesses on a map. Stubblefield's idea was that the site should be a community-building tool as well as a Chamber building site; a way of showing the potential of people coming together for better community.

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Roodveldt Memorial Scheduled

Eddie Roodveldt, co-founder of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce and former Director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, passed away on Tuesday, February 12 at California Pacific Medical Center in SF, after battling cancer. Roodveldt was 57 years old and is survived by his wife Lillian and his son Andrew.

Originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, Roodveldt was a strong believer in service both to the community and internationally. He was an active member of the Moraga Rotary Club, serving as its President in 2002-2003 and named its "Rotarian of the Year" in 2004. He was very involved with the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program, serving as the chairman of Northern California for the last five years.

Friends are invited to a memorial service to be held Sunday, February 24 at 2p.m. at the chapel of St. Mary's College, at 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Moraga Rotary Club Foundation, PO Box 122, Moraga, CA 94556.

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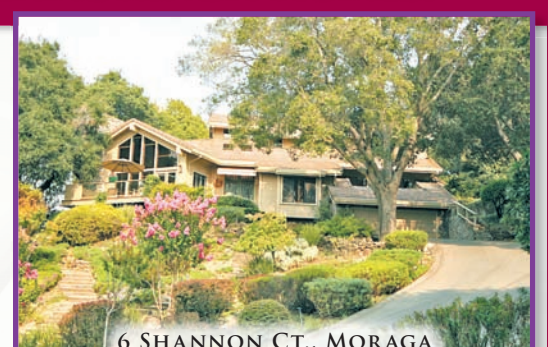
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