

Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Wednesday, March 26	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, April 7	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, March 24	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, April 15	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, April 11	
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Pot possession, 3/08/08 A Volkswagen Beetle was stopped on Moraga Road at Corliss Drive for expired registration. The savvy police officer sniffed out the odor of burnt marijuana. Unfortunately the driver did not have a medical marijuana card for the one-ounce of pot found in his car. To make matters worse, the driver did not have a driver's license.

Speeding, 3/06/08 A 17 year old Camplindo student was stopped for speeding, going 51 m.p.h. on Rheem Boulevard. The driver admitted he was racing with a friend. The officer had a little chat with the young man and an assignment was offered to the Juvenile Diversion Program.

Embezzlement 3/06/08 The owner of the UPS Store on Moraga Way called officers in to show them a closed circuit video recording of a female suspect stealing cash. The owner suspected other thefts, but could not document them. The suspect was contacted by phone, but declined to come to the police department to discuss the matter. Total amount of loss because of her actions is \$195.66. She was fired.

Possibly crazy but self-aware college student, 3/03/08 A male St. Mary's college student advised counselors that he was having violent thoughts about his roommates and wished to have his mental health evaluated. The subject said he was a danger to others and that he was capable of hurting or killing others. He was taken to Contra Costa County Hospital and placed on a 72-hour hold. A large survival knife was retrieved from his dorm room.

Found Property
Moraga Police Department has 1 Machete that was turned into found property. 1 Paint ball gun and Keys found on 3/8/08. If one of these items belongs to you please call Heather Pomeroy at the Moraga Police Department at 925-888-7055x 7173. If items are not claimed on or before March 28, 2008 the items will be sent to auction or be destroyed.

Public Input Needed for Moraga Specific Plan

By Sophie Braccini

On March 27th the Town of Moraga is holding a public meeting to get input on the proposed Moraga Center Specific Plan. The plan addresses the area located at Moraga Way and Moraga Road, and also encompasses the pear orchard located to the south of Camino Ricardo. For years, the Town has been working with the property owner, the Bruzzone family. Recently the Dahlin Group was hired to create a visual rendition of what the Center could become. They have met with the

property owner, and with the Town; now it is time to have the people of Moraga contribute ideas.

The meeting will be held from 7:00-9:00pm at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, 10 Moraga Valley Lane in Moraga. The process of adopting the Specific Plan, including the environmental report, will continue during the spring, summer and fall of 2008. At the moment, the tentative date for adoption of a plan is late October, 2008.



Key opportunities and a possible configuration of land uses in the Moraga Center Area: (see map above)

1. Shopping Center – potential redevelopment, redesign, intensification or site improvements to create stronger pedestrian orientation.
2. Under-utilized land-potential for medium and medium-high density housing and/or commercial development.
3. Potential extension of School Street.
4. Proposed Town Center Facility Site.
5. Creek and Moraga Ranch historic structures-development setbacks and potential linear park.
6. Orchard Area – mixed density housing, clustered to protect some of the orchard areas.
7. Residential Area (3 units per acre; transition to existing neighborhoods)
8. Commercial/office areas (including existing assisted care facility, Moraga Barn, etc.)-some infill potential (small offices and/or housing)
9. Limited commercial Area – some infill housing potential.

Dan Bernie, Taking Care of Moraga

By Sophie Braccini

Dan Bernie is this kind of tough man that you want to count among your friends when trouble hits. The ex-Marine is reliable, resourceful; he knows how to lead and organize and has a passion for his work in Moraga, where he is the superintendent of parks and public works. Most of all, Bernie is humble, he even refused to have his picture taken unless his whole team was there.

The Campo graduate joined the Marines at age seventeen. He joined the Moraga staff in 1979 and was promoted to

Supervisor in 1982. He cares for 440 acres of parks and open land, 55 miles of roads, public buildings including the Hacienda and the library and for cleanliness of the water going into the creeks.

Bernie maintains the whole town with a staff of five, including himself. "This is probably the smallest team for a comparably-sized town in California," says Bernie, "but I understand that we have budget challenges and we've had to be creative."

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Public Works team: (from left to right) first row: Charles (Dana) Blatner and Jill Mercurio, second row: Jose Limon, John Sherbert, Dan Bernie, Steve Reichhold, Kyle Salvin and Ruben Ochoa. Celina Carolipio not on picture Photo Sophie Braccini

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