

Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Wednesday, July 23	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, July 21	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, July 28	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, July 15	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, July 11	
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Reckless driving, 7/02/08 At 9:00 p.m. a silver 2008 BMW was stopped on Carter Drive just south of Saint Mary's Road for going 96 m.p.h. in a 35m.p.h. zone. The 25-year-old driver was taken into custody. Apparently he was unaware of the Slow Down Lamorinda campaign.

Car robbed, 6/27/08 A Canyon Road resident parked his Honda Element at the Orchard Supply Hardware parking lot at noon with one of the windows partially down. When he left the store five minutes later his Tom Tom GPS system and a Canon digital camera were missing. Moraga residents should be on the look out for a thief with long skinny arms.

Teen Party Busted, 6/27/08 An Augusta Drive neighbor called police to report a loud party at 8:30 at night. The 16-year-old party host invited about 10 of his underage pals over and served alcohol to the group. Officers escorted the intoxicated teens out and cited the social young man for hosting a party where alcohol was being served to minors.

Rheem School robbed, 6/25/08 Sometime between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. someone entered the school's multi-purpose room and stole the mobile public address system, a portable movie screen and a large bolt cutter. The building was left open during the time period and there was no sign of forced entry. Estimated loss \$2,000. Perhaps the thief was planning on giving a presentation on why stealing from a school is reprehensible.

DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE Moraga Police Department no longer needs property related to Case 07-754 for evidentiary purposes. If you are involved in this case and have ownership of items involved and want to claim your property please contact the Moraga Police Departments Property Officer Heather Pomeroy at (925)888-7054. All evidence, phones, radios, and cameras for case 07-754 will be destroyed after August 15, 2008.

Corrections to issue date June 25, 2008:

The correct phone number for Nora Harlow, the East Bay Municipal Utility District's point person for the Moraga Road pipeline project, is (510) 287-0140.

In our report on the Town of Moraga's plans for the 4th of July, we inadvertently stated that Jay Lifson is the Director of the Moraga Parks and Recreation Department. Moraga's 4th of July festivities were actually brought to you by our talented Parks and Rec Director Jay Ingram. Our friend Mr. Lifson is the Executive Director of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Jay Tashiro is the new interim Town Manager in Moraga, and we will get around to mixing up his name in due time so that he does not feel left out of the J-fun.

Jill Mercurio, Woman Working

By Sophie Braccini



Jill Mercurio in her office, in front of her "women working" road signs
Photo Sophie Braccini

The first thing you'll notice when meeting with Moraga's Town Engineer/Public Works Director Jill Mercurio is her friendly and warm smile. She's an engineer who is also a 'people person,' without compromising the rigorous working ways of her profession.

Mercurio was hired by former Town Manager Phil Vince two years ago. The Town had been subcontracting its engineering work, but the bills were growing too high. Vince was able to recruit Mercurio to a dual job, as both Town Engineer and Public Works Director, but it was clear that going after grant money was going to be one of her tasks.

Mercurio exceeded all expectations and within three years had raised two million dollars to finance needed improvements. "Jill is great at creating relationships with people. She did it with her staff and she did it with the agencies that issue grants," said Vince, "and best of all she can tackle the most arduous tasks while retaining the sense of humor that makes working with her such a pleasure."

A native of Maine, Mercurio knew from an early age that she wanted to be a civil engineer. She remembers the first time she got a surveying job during the summer "they gave me a pair of steel toe-boots, a machete and the mission to hack through the woods for surveying," she remembers, "I was perfectly happy."

Mercurio is mechanically and spatially inclined, she loves the outdoors and her biggest strength is long term planning, a perfect mix for a civil engineer. After graduation from Penn State Engineering School, a friend told her that she would enjoy the Bay Area. So she packed her bag, got in her small U-Haul with her big dog and headed west, sleeping in resting areas and surviving on coffee and peanut butter.

"I was glad I had my big dog for company," says Mercurio, "nights in rest areas can be a bit nerve wrecking for a single girl traveling." Once in California she immediately got a job with Carolo Engineers in Walnut Creek.

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Council Orders MOSO 2008 Impact Report

By Wendy Scheck

In a special session held immediately after the regular Moraga Town Council meeting on Wednesday, June 25th, the Council voted unanimously to adopt a draft resolution certifying the signatures for the MOSO 2008 initiative and subsequently directed staff to prepare a 9212 report (an Impact Report under Elections Code Section 9212) to be presented at the July 23 Council meeting. Council Members Dave Trotter and Ken Chew were present by phone from Ireland and Massachusetts, respectively. Planning Director Lori Salamack agreed to prepare a side-by-side comparison of the competing open space initiatives.

meeting, Salamack presented the Council with a three page outline detailing what Staff proposed to cover in the 9212 report. Salamack explained that staff had culled through and taken into consideration all questions and comments posed by the attorneys, members of the public and the Council in an effort to address the full range of issues.

Interim Town Manager Jay Tashiro announced that a letter from Richard Loewke, representing the Bruzzone family, had been received earlier that day but had arrived too late to be distributed to the Council prior to the meeting.

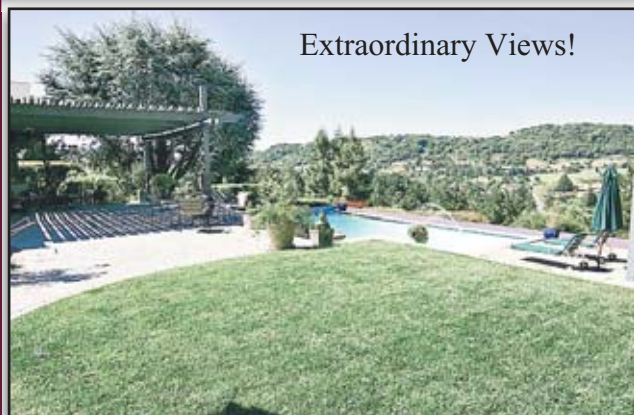
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Sophie Braccini filed her stories this week while on vacation in France with daughters Andrea and Mina

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