

# Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

# Moraga

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo	
Wednesday, August 13	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, August 4	
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, August 19	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way	
Friday, August 8	
Town of Moraga online: http://www.ci.moraga.ca.us	
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## Moraga Mayor Will Not Run

By Sophie Braccini



Mayor Lynda Deschambault at the Union Bank of California Ribbon Cutting Photo Sophie Braccini

Lynda Deschambault was elected to the Moraga Town Council four years ago on the slogan, "Preserving our past, planning for our future." As Moraga's current Mayor, she feels that she accomplished her mission and now needs to focus her energy on a broader county-wide effort. Her term in office ends this year and she announced last weekend that she will not seek re-election in the fall.

"When you love everything that you do, it is hard to choose which one to invest in," she said, "And it is harder still to decide which one to let go of." Deschambault struggled with the decision for a while, but feels her legacy will stand.

One of her main objectives was to foster a more open and participating government in town; she

believes that has been achieved, with documents readily accessible to the public and community groups fully engaged in town policy-making. She will continue to advocate to ensure that all meetings are open to the public.

A long-time environmental protection advocate, she is pleased with the progress that was made during her tenure and cites the protection of the Mulholland Ridge Open Space, the energy saving measures taken by the town and the compromise reached on the Palos Colorados Development.

Former Mayor Cherie Grant observed, "Lynda provided an opportunity for elected officials to engage in topics such as the long term sustainability of our community, and what type of legacy we want to leave to our children."

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**DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE**  
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## Moraga Comments On Specific Plan

By Sophie Braccini



**VIEW-09 PROPOSED**  
The public comment period on the Moraga Specific Plan is nearing its end. Unless modified, it will close on August 1st at 5 p.m. Since the forty five day comment period began on June 17th, the Moraga Specific Plan has been presented to and reviewed by all of Moraga's official bodies and many interested parties. Lori Salamack, Moraga Planning Director, has been collecting pages of observa-

tions and questions which will be officially responded to once the comment period is closed.

The Town Council had its chance to comment on the plan on July 9th. Some Council Members were very disappointed not to see the 3D animated simulation of the proposed development that had been promised by the Dahlin Group, the consultant in charge of the study. It seems that Town staff

canceled that part of the presentation due to budgetary concerns, without a vote of the Council. "This should have been our decision," commented Council Member Rochelle Bird. Mayor Lynda Deschambault was concerned that this lack of visuals would not permit anyone to assess correctly the esthetic impact of the proposed developments.

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## Moraga Restaurants Caught Selling Alcohol to Minors

By Sophie Braccini



Officer Ron Ward Photo Sophie Braccini

The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) conducts about two dozen "Minor Decoy" operations every year in the greater Oakland area (which includes Lamorinda). The purpose of the program is to find out if restaurants and bars are serving alcoholic beverages to minors. In June they visited Moraga and found a surprisingly high rate of violations.

The "minor decoy," someone under age twenty one, orders a beer or a glass of wine to see if he (or she) is asked to show proof of legal drinking age. The minor operates in conjunction with a police officer. While the decoy enters the premises, the officer either waits outside or sits in another part of the establishment.

Licenses have been issued to sixteen eating establishments in Moraga; thirteen were visited and six were found in violation. "That's 46% of the places," said ABC's Erik Szakaacs, "a bit more than the average 18%-22% we usually encounter."

"I am very surprised by the high percentage of violations of this nature and am disappointed that with all of our enforcement and effort in the community this occurred," stated Mark Ruppenthal, Moraga's Chief of Police.

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## TOWN OF MORAGA SEEKS APPLICANTS TO SERVE AS TOWN TREASURER

The Town of Moraga is seeking applicants to fill the position of Town Treasurer. The Treasurer serves on the Audit and Finance Committee, which is responsible for providing review and recommendations related to the annual operating budget, investment strategies, and other fiscal issues as they arise.

The Treasurer serves a two-year term, is appointed by and reports to the Town Manager and serves without compensation.

Members of the Moraga community with financial credentials, preferably in public finance and/or governmental fund accounting, are encouraged to apply immediately.



Applicants should send a letter of interest and a resume to:

Joan Streit, Finance Director  
Town of Moraga  
2100 Donald Dr.  
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For more information contact Joan Streit, Finance Director at (925) 888-7032.



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