

# Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

# Moraga

**Calendar**

**City Council 7:30pm**  
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School  
1010 Camino Pablo  
Wednesday, August 27

**Planning Comm. 7:30pm**  
Hacienda, La Sala Room  
2100 Donald Drive  
Monday, August 18

**Design Review 7:30pm**  
Hacienda, La Sala Room  
2100 Donald Drive  
Monday, August 11

**Park & Rec 7:30pm**  
Hacienda, Mosaic Room  
2100 Donald Drive  
Tuesday, August 19

**Liaison 8:00am**  
Fire Station  
1280 Moraga Way  
Friday, August 8

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**Kids playing, 7/30/08** At 7:45 p.m. a Moraga resident who lives across the street from the Campolindo sports field heard subjects being loud while they played soccer, or in his view "illegally used the field." The reporting person said he would be willing to place the subjects under arrest for trespassing if they didn't have permission from school staff. Officers spoke to the eleven soccer players who admitted they didn't have permission to use the field. Everybody agreed to leave. No arrests were made.

**Skatepark contraband 7/29/08** While on patrol an officer noticed a group of young people at the Skatepark, even though it was officially closed at the time. As he exited his patrol car, the juveniles scattered, leaving behind cans of beer, a small amount of marijuana and Aderall pills. Two female juveniles were contacted in the park, but possession of the contraband was unable to be determined. Officer had a serious chat with the kids and released them to their respective parents.

**D.U.I. 7/27/08** A 19-year-old male driver of a Subaru was stopped at a green light for an extended period of time on Rheem Boulevard near the Theater. Objective signs of alcohol intoxication were noted. The drunk driver had a fake I.D. on him that indicated he was 21, wonder why?

**Party and alleged drug sales, 7/17/08** At 10:45 p.m. Moraga police responded to a complaint of loud noise, not unusual for this Thune Avenue address, as well as possible drug sales. Officer arrived, contacted the reporting person and noticed what appeared to him to be a drug transaction occurring in the driveway. Numerous vehicles were observed coming and going during the day along with underage drinking. The owner was contacted but no evidence of illegal activity was found.

## Joan Streit – Taking a Firm Grip on Moraga Finance

By Sophie Braccini



Joan Streit at the Hacienda de las Flores Photo Sophie Braccini

Moraga's Finance Director was raised in a rural area of Maine, a small town with farms, where the family's peaceful house overlooked a lake. "This was a very serene place," remembers Streit, "and it's nice to visit, but there isn't much that goes on there because it is a small town with less than 2000 people." Her family later moved to Los Angeles. Streit completed her undergraduate work at the University of California at Davis, earned a Master's at San Francisco State and a PhD at U.C. Berkeley.

After graduation Streit secured a position with U.C. Berkeley where she was the Budget Director for the Housing and Dining Department for many years before moving to U.C. Davis, where she was hired as the First Assistant Dean in the School of Education. But she wanted a faster paced environment and more self-determination. So

she applied for a position as a Director of Finance and Information Technology with the city of Albany.

"City government gives me more latitude to implement my own policies and procedures," says Streit, "the scope of operations is smaller than a large campus, but it requires a higher technical mastery; you do not have a whole range of experts at your fingertips." The position in Moraga represented what she was looking for, a place to make an impact and to wear many hats.

"Joan is a Finance Director who has a broad experience in finance and is very definitive in her actions and recommendations," says Jay Tashiro, Interim Town Manager, "I truly like working with her due to her dependability, professionalism and wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of finance."

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## Moraga Discusses MOSO 2008 Impact Report

By Sophie Braccini

On July 23 the Moraga Town Council received the 9212 impact report (under California Election Code Section 9212) on the MOSO 2008 open space initiative and ordered the initiative to the November ballot. Moraga voters will have a choice between two very different initiatives addressing land use.

The reports produced by staff assessing the potential impacts of the MOSO 2008 and MOSPRO initiatives on the town are important pieces of information for Moraga voters. The complete texts of the initiatives and the corresponding 9212 reports are available on the town's web site at [http://moraga.ca.us/production/moraga\\_ballot\\_initiatives.php](http://moraga.ca.us/production/moraga_ballot_initiatives.php).

The accuracy of the 9212 re-

ports has been fiercely debated by proponents and opponents of each initiative. During the Council meeting, speakers raised important issues including, but not limited to, the risk of litigation for the Town. Some members of the public, sensing too many uncertainties, called for both initiatives to be voted down.

MOSO 2008, the initiative proposed by the Friends of Moraga Open Space, aims at restricting development in the remaining undeveloped space in Moraga. The targeted areas are Bollinger Canyon, Indian Valley and Rheem Valley.

The first disagreement about the impact of the initiative was its potential to include more than the three designated areas specified in the text.

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## Moraga Specific Plan Continues To Raise Questions

By Sophie Braccini

The comment period on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Moraga Specific Plan will not be extended. Despite requests from the cities of Lafayette and Orinda, and David Loeke, urban planner for the Bruzzone family, the Moraga Town Council decided not to change the August 1st deadline.

A major factor in the decision was the realization that comments can be sent after the deadline, and that letters from the neighboring cities and the responses could be included in the EIR even if they are received late.

If the deadline had been moved to a later date, the final vote could not have taken place until after the November election. None of the Council members expressed a desire to adhere to the deadline just to make sure they could participate in the final vote, but as Planning Director Lori Salamack explained, if the plan is not approved before the end of the year, months could be

added to the process in order to bring possible new Council members up to speed.

Salamack keeps in mind the deadline of June 30, 2009, to present the Town's housing element to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). She was supported by Interim Town Manager Jay Tashiro, who has experienced firsthand the penalties a local government can face when defaulting on its housing obligation to the State.

Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) is a state mandated process for determining how many housing units, including affordable units, each community must plan. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) determines the total housing need for a region, and it is the ABAG's responsibility to distribute this need to local governments. In Moraga, the number of required housing units is:

Very Low –	73
Low –	47
Moderate –	52
Above Moderate –	62
<b>Total -</b>	<b>234</b>

Because Moraga did not have a state certified housing element during the previous cycle the Town also needs to plan for those required units, bringing the total number of needed units to 307.

At the public hearing on July 22, many residents voiced concern that affordable housing would bring crime to town and change the nature of the place in which they have chosen to live. According to Salamack, however, the Town may opt to use the State's default density of 20 units/acre for a suburban location. By using the default standard, the Town is not required to prove affordability for low-income households. The Town's obligation then is to define areas that have appropriate zoning to accommodate affordable housing. ... continued on page 6

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