

# Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

# Moraga

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo	
Monday, November 12	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, November 17	
Monday, November 3 canceled	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Tuesday, November 10	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Tuesday, November 18	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way	
Friday, November 14	
Town of Moraga online: http://www.ci.moraga.ca.us	



**Dirty pool, 10/19/08** Last Saturday, someone threw dirt into a Walford Drive resident's pool. The reporting person said it would cost approximately \$400 to clean the pool. It was suggested that a neighbor might be the culprit; suspected neighbor said they were not involved. Case of the mystery dirt has been suspended pending additional leads.

**Vodka swiped, 10/18/08** A source reported that a white female put a bottle of Vodka inside her purse and left Safeway without paying for it. Alert source obtained the license plate number of the truck the young alleged thief got into. Contact with the registered owner, the dad, revealed that his daughter was driving the truck and spending the night at a friend's house. Dad found daughter and vodka. Vodka was destroyed and the daughter is presumably in trouble.

**Vandalism, 10/17/08** A small storage unit next to Rheem Elementary's Roadrunner Club was broken into. A red Radio Flyer wagon and a miniature soccer goal were damaged in the process, along with the locking mechanism, but it appears that no property was taken.

**Burglary, 10/16/08** During the night an unknown suspect or suspects entered Moraga Auto Care and Service by force and subsequently removed 79 packs of cigarettes. We can rule out the Surgeon General as the thief.

## Land Use Initiatives Debate Heats Up

By Sophie Braccini



Ellen Beans left, President Moraga Citizens' Network and Lee Borrowman, Editor Lamorinda Weekly  
Photo Andy Schreck

Moraga residents who attended the Moraga Citizen's Network Initiatives Forum still have questions about the initiatives' potential impacts on their town. As the election draws near, campaign strategies have taken a more aggressive turn. This polarization doesn't make it any easier for Moragans to make their decision.

On October 13th, Moraga Citizens Network presented a land use forum, inviting proponents of Measure J (Dick Loewke), Measure K (Renata Sos) and "No on Both" (Bob Reynolds). Your friendly neighborhood newspaper co-sponsored the forum and provided a moderator. Go online at [www.lamorindaweekly.com](http://www.lamorindaweekly.com) to view our video of the forum.

After a background presentation of the Moraga General Plan and MOSO 1986 by Bruce Whitley, Chair of the Planning Commission, each group offered its arguments then responded to questions submitted from the audience.

One aspect that was recently dragged into the debate by Measure J (J) proponents is the building of affordable housing in Moraga as a result of the passage of Measure K (K). Many questions pertained to this issue.

To recap the underlying issue: Each town in California has to plan for its fair share of affordable housing to meet the global needs that have been forecasted. Failure to do so results in monetary loss and other complications. The Town's obligation is to plan, not to build, 245 high-density and/or low and medium income units. Meaning that areas need to be designated with a certain density, or carry restrictions as far as affordability of what will be built there. For example, classifying a large enough land area with a density of 24 dwellings per acre would be enough to comply with the Town's obligations.

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## Rancho Laguna Project Stalled

By Sophie Braccini

The Planning Commission sent the Rancho Laguna housing development project that has been under study for years back to the drawing board, on the evening that could have seen its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) adopted. Now there is no chance that the project will be adopted before the people of Moraga vote on the two land-use initiatives that are on the November ballot.

The single question that allowed the Commission to reject the EIR was asked by Planning Commissioner Bruce Whitley, "Is the project compliant with the General Plan?"

In a document sent earlier by Planning Director Lori Salamack to the Commission, she explained her concerns about the compliance of the project with the General Plan. She focused on the homes that were proposed to be built along Rheem Boulevard: "The General Plan provides direction regarding minimum lot sizes...(it) requires larger lot sizes if necessary to mitigate negative visual impacts and/or geologic hazards." She explained that the lots on Rheem Boulevard are subject to both geological hazards and negative visual impacts. Salamack wrote, "The Planning Commission may find it necessary to increase the minimum lot area along Rheem Boulevard so as to mitigate the negative visual impacts." The Commission debated the issue and agreed that due to the visual impact on Rheem Boulevard the plans did not satisfy the minimum lot size requirement of the General Plan.

The Commission could still have supported the project by approving a statement of overriding consideration.

A financial contribution offered by Rancho Laguna L.L.C. to repair Rheem Boulevard could have been such a consideration.

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**See the Town Council Candidates Night and Initiatives Forum online at:**  
[www.lamorindaweekly.com](http://www.lamorindaweekly.com)  
We videotaped the Moraga Citizens' Network events for those who couldn't attend.

**ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

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- Acalanes Union High School District Board Member, 1987-2000, President for four terms
- Moraga Elementary School District Board Member, 1979-87, President for two terms
- Campolindo Homeowners' Association Director, 1973-80, President for four terms
- Moraga Education Foundation Founder, 1981

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# Janice KOLBE

## Moraga Town Council

[www.janicekolbe.com](http://www.janicekolbe.com)

©2008 Committee to Elect Janice Kolbe ID#1309964

### Here's what community leaders say about Janice Kolbe...

*"I served two years on the Moraga Planning Commission and one year as the Chairman of the Moraga Beautification Committee. I feel uniquely qualified to recommend Janice. Moraga needs level headed, reasonable Town Council members who do not seek office with a preconceived agenda. Janice is a centrist who seeks to understand all sides of an issue before making up her mind. Please support Janice Kolbe for Town Council. She is qualified to lead our town."*

**Bernie Smit**

*"Janice Kolbe will bring common sense, positive vision, and fiscal responsibility to Moraga's Town Council – and those qualities are sorely needed."*

**Cliff Dochterman**, Retired University Administrator, Former Worldwide President of Rotary International

*"The times I've had the opportunity to serve on committees with Janice, I've been impressed by her consensus building skills and willingness to listen—they are great strengths that will be needed with our Town Council."*

**Rick Nedell**



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