

# Moraga

Calendar	
Town Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Wednesday, April 22	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, April 20	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, April 27	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, April 21	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, May 8	

The Town of Moraga has a newly formed committee, Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Advisory Committee. Next meeting will be **Monday, April 27 at 5:30pm**, Moraga Library Conference Room.

Town of Moraga online: <http://www.ci.moraga.ca.us>  
Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.moragachamber.org>



D.U.I., 4/02/09 At just after 2:00 in the morning, officers responded to Moraga Road near Corliss after being alerted by St. Mary's Public Safety that an occupied vehicle was wedged in a drainage canal. The 21 year-old driver had "objective signs of alcohol intoxication" along with a bottle of Irish Whisky. The vehicle was towed and the driver was ticketed.

Battery, 4/03/09 Not the energizer kind. Moraga police were dispatched to a report of battery that had occurred on Rheem Boulevard near La Salle Drive. One car was tailgating another, then was able to accelerate over a double yellow line to pass the slower car. Slow driver followed fast driver to Rheem Boulevard where he confronted him and pushed him to the ground. Although the victim was scratched by the bushes he fell on, he refused medical attention. He does wish to have the case reviewed by the district attorney.

Identity theft, 3/30/09 A Calle la Montana resident discovered that an unknown suspect used his name and social security number to obtain a line of credit on an American Express card to illegally purchase airline tickets, and a \$700 Macy's gift card. The reporting person had no idea how the suspect(s) were able to obtain his personal information.

Found bike, 4/03/09 An anonymous caller notified police that a mountain bike was in the bushes on Chalda Way near Williams for the last two days. Moraga P.D. recovered the red and silver Schwinn mountain bike. If you or someone you know is missing such a bike, call the cops at 376-2515.

## Lamorinda Community

### Moraga Country Club's Members Support New Club House

By Sophie Braccini



Frank Melon shows where the new Club House will be located  
Photo Sophie Braccini

Moraga Country Club (MCC) needed more than 67% of its members to approve the construction of a new clubhouse. 72% of the homeowners and 82% of the golf associates approved the project. Staff is now starting on a process that will probably span over two years and get MCC larger, safer and more convenient facilities.

The new building will be located where the existing one is, on St Andrews Drive off Moraga Way. "The new building will have roughly the same footprint as the present Club," says Frank Melon, General Manager of the Club, "it will replace the existing structure and take some adjacent space where storage buildings are now located."

The preliminary designs show an elegant country resort. "We want to preserve the semi-rural character of Moraga, while giving to our members the high quality facility they deserve," says Melon.

"The existing club was designed in 1974 to serve five hundred families, we now have about 1150," says Janice Kolbe, who was President of the Board until very recently, "the building is outdated and worn out. We could not justify repairing and replacing parts of the declining structure, when a new building, with reallocated space, would better serve our needs."

A few years ago a more expensive project was rejected by a majority of the members, but it seems that this time more effort was put into informing all of the stakeholders. "The consensus was built because the members were convinced of the true need for building replacement," explains Kolbe, "we spent a lot of time with an outreach program that was designed to communicate with each and every member. I believe that is how we got the project approved by such a

large majority."

The new building will offer 19,000 to 20,000 square feet of facilities on two levels, which will more than double the existing construction. It will feature an improved kitchen, a member lounge and a larger dining room. "It will be a very user friendly entity," says Melon, "we want it to be able to withstand earthquakes as well as be as energy efficient as possible."

The budget of the project is \$9.5 million. "We are financially strong," explains Melon, "probably one of the strongest clubs in the East Bay." The General Manager attributes the Club's good results to the mix of homeowners and members that contribute to it. The 500 homeowners are each expected to contribute \$2,500 in capital assessment and all of the 377 golf members will see their dues increase by \$300 a year.

The first year will probably be spent in planning and going through a series of approvals. During construction the Club is expected to continue its normal operations. "I'm not too concerned about the disruption," says Kolbe, "there will be some interference, but I believe the golfers and tennis players will still have regular use of their facilities. The swimming pool will be disrupted for a short time. There will be temporary structures to provide minimal facilities for food, offices, etc. It's all temporary, and I believe the members will understand that."

In spite of the potential disturbance, Melon says that the level of excitement of the members and staff is very high, "the membership deserves something nice," he says, "and we see that project as very good for the local economy, we hope to put to work as many local people as possible and we will recycle as much as possible of the existing structure."

### Warning: Road Work this Summer on Moraga Road

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The work on the first section that will be excavated, repaired and then completely re-covered is financed by a \$540,000 grant from STP (Federal Surface Transportation Program). Jill Mercurio, Moraga Publics Work Director, just got Caltrans' approval to start bidding the project. "I wanted to be able to start the work before the stimulus packet money arrives," she explains, "that will give us a chance at getting a better pricing since contractors will still be hungry." This project should start mid June and be finished within eight weeks.

curio will use Federal stimulus money. This second part is the resurfacing of the Buckingham to Draeger section with a sealant that contains recycled tires. It will include digging and repairs as well. Mercurio said that the rubberized sealant has been applied successfully on local roads such as Canyon Road and Highway 24.

The stimulus package money will not cover the entire cost, so Mercurio obtained an additional grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board because the sealant uses recycled tires, and EBMUD contributes to the envelope because the Town's resurfacing

ing saved them some road repairs. The project should hit the road mid July and last 6-8 weeks.

Moraga does not plan to close the road. However, major road work does disrupt traffic, even when it is limited to 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., when this work will delay traffic (8 to 4 for the portion of work that will not delay traffic). Mercurio says that warning signals will be posted at major intersections in advance of the project so residents can choose alternate routes.

The icing on the cake? Mercurio also says that Orinda is not planning any significant work on Moraga Way at the same time.

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4/26: "Working With God", Part 4  
5/3: "Working With God", Part 5

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-Sheila Griffin, (pictured with daughter Tessa, and sons Tate and Preston)

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Contemporary.....10:30am  
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Young Adult Service..7:30pm  
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