

Moraga

Lamorinda Community

Calendar	
Town Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo none in August	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Moraga Library 1500 Saint Marys Rd Monday, August 3	
Design Review	7:30pm
Moraga Library 1500 Saint Marys Rd Monday, August 10	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, August 18 (check back if canceled)	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, September 11	
Town of Moraga online: http://www.ci.moraga.ca.us	
Chamber of Commerce: http://www.moragachamber.org	



Tasered SMC student, 7/15/09 Moraga officers responded to a call at Saint Mary's College about a student throwing furniture out of a dorm room. Broken furniture and glass were on Mission Road near the Ageno building. "It appeared as though a violent episode had occurred inside (the room)," noted the police report. While chatting up one of the uncooperative occupants, a non-student, he fled into a heavily wooded creek area on campus. When located, he took off again and refused to stop even when ordered by the cops to do so, so he was tasered. Student was taken by the fire department to Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez, then transported to the Main Detention Center in Martinez.

Unlicensed driver, 7/14/09 Cops pulled over a Toyota Tundra on Campolindo Drive for not stopping at a stop sign at 10:40 in the morning. The driver, who was from Pacheco, didn't have a license, so he was issued a citation and the vehicle was towed away. Long walk home.

Unlicensed teen driver, 7/13/09 Just that phrase should strike fear in other Moraga drivers. At 9:30 at night officers observed a blue Lexus at the intersection of Center Street and Rheem Blvd, without it's headlights on. Turns out the driver who had a teenage friend in the car, had never been issued a drivers license. The driver was issued numerous citations; the parents were contacted and took the car home.

Identity Theft, 7/08/09 Someone took a Camino Ricardo resident's social security number, name and date of birth in order to transfer \$940 out of her checking account and attempted to obtain other accounts. The victim has alerted her bank and credit card issuers, so future fraud can be stopped.

Moraga Police Chief Gives Promotions



Lieutenant Jeff Price, second in command of the Department

Courtesy of MPD
"I am delighted to announce that we promoted Sergeant Jeff Price to Lieutenant," says Robert Priebe, Moraga's Chief of Police. Price, a native of Orinda, graduated from Miramonte and earned his bachelor degree at Saint Mary's College. He lives in Lamorinda. "Jeff's been with us in Moraga for 28 years, and he is an excellent officer," states Priebe of the Lieutenant who is now his second in command.

"I've really enjoyed working in Moraga," says Price, "in a small town we are able to develop and maintain one on one relationships with residents and officials and that makes our job easier and more efficient."

Price plans to work in Moraga

By Sophie Braccini

for another four to five years and then retire, at about the same time Chief Priebe may also retire, and that's what he sees as his big challenge for the coming years. "We have in front of us some hiring, training and developing of our employees," says Price, "we want to retain them, and make sure they'll be ready to assume leadership roles when the time comes." In the meantime, Price adds that he looks forward to continuing his good relationship with the community.

Officer Brian South is now Sergeant South. South is a native Moragan who graduated from Campolindo. He is working on his degree as he works on the force. "Brian has been with us as an officer for 7 years," comments Priebe, "prior to that he was a reserve officer with us."

Promoted from Officer to Acting Sergeant was Will Davis. Davis' background is somewhat unusual. After graduating from Saint Mary's, he earned a Juris Doctor from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific. After being a Deputy District Attorney for Yolo County and then for Contra Costa County, he put himself through the police academy and was hired in Moraga 2 1/2 years ago. "I think he's really found his niche," said Priebe, "and he is very good at what he does."

Proclamation Honors MYIC Leader

By Sophie Braccini

When she made her presentation to the Town Council about the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee's (MYIC) year, Committee Chair Jessica Targett did not expect the excitement that would ensue. As the recent Campo graduate and soon to be Loyola Marymount University freshman was leaving the stage, she was called back by Mayor Dave Trotter to hear a proclamation honoring her outstanding performance on the committee. After the proclamation, staff and elected officials added some kind words about her job on the MYIC.

"I was totally surprised," says a very unassuming Targett, "I know the committee did way more this year than the previous years, but this was really the result of everyone's input and work."

The proclamation was written with the other young members of the Committee, and included statements such as, "Jessica Targett's true leadership is evident through her persistence to improve MYIC events;" "(She) was awesome because she was involved with every single event and project from beginning to end;" and "(She) is always willing

to go the extra mile... or sacrificing extra time to plan and work events."

Staff had much praise for Targett. Kimberley Nelson, Parks and Recreation and Facilities coordinator, praised how Jessica effectively worked with everybody. Parks and Rec Director Jay Ingram said, "Jessica, you were exactly what MYIC was supposed to be, and you've exceeded all expectations."

Council Member Mike Metcalf acknowledged that MYIC has done more this year than past years, and Council Member Karen Mendonca recognized Jessica's natural leadership talent, which builds consensus.

"That's what I like," confirmed Targett, "building consensus and allowing everyone to contribute."

The young woman hopes that other teens will be inspired to join MYIC next year. Applications can be found on the town web site and have to be turned in before August 14. "This was a wonderful experience," she said, "I enjoyed working with my peers and for your town. We got to know the staff and understand better how a municipality functions."

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FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE, mailed Aug. 8

Parks and Dogs in Moraga

Lazlo Bonnyay added, "when my dog is off leash and as I have seen with dogs all my life, if they have to (eliminate) they will run to a place where they are comfortable doing it, which may or may not be on the turf or the walking path and there is no way you can stop them, as every owner knows. Most dogs in Rancho Laguna prefer to run to the side in the mulched area, away from the play or picnic grounds. Under the proposed ordinance, all dog owners would be in violation at one time or other."

But for Ingram, leaving the dogs free to roam the picnic and kids' play areas is problematic. "Rancho Laguna is the only park in the county that allows off-leash dogs in a non-fenced area," said the Director.

Moraga resident Longina Treat agreed, "The town is very fortunate that there hasn't been a tragic accident with the dogs and children," she said. She proposed that the town consider an enclosed off-leash area. "Sanitation is an utmost

consideration, regardless what individuals say, there are many people who simply do not pick up after their animals," she added, "an alternative would be to enclose an area with play structures, benches, water fountain, etc, for the children to play."

Bob Reynolds shared her opinion, "Some of my earliest and fondest memories are of our family pets and I have had a dog in my house virtually all of my life," said Reynolds, "But, I also know of the tragedy that can result from mixing children with dogs. We need to prevent the preventable. We must keep our children safe." Reynolds added that he was concerned that beautiful Rancho Laguna Park was underused because it has become known as the "dog park," avoided by people that are afraid of the dogs, uncomfortable around dogs, or just don't like the "presents" that dogs leave behind. "We need to do all we can to make Rancho Laguna attractive to everybody," he concluded.

For Mallela the mission of the Commission is to make sure that all

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the users are taken into account in the policy that's defined. "It is part of our charter, we need to meet the need of the dogs' owners, simply because they represent a very important part of the Moraga population," he said, "and we need to take into consideration the needs of all the other groups in town also."

This desire to provide a long-term solution, that supports all park users, prompted Ingram to recommend tabling the ordinance. "This text clears up some of the problems, but we need to define a master plan for Rancho Laguna," said Ingram, "that plan could alter the dog ordinance altogether. For example, we could propose to move some playgrounds." Ingram says that the proper way to do this is to let the Parks and Recreation Commission look at the long range use for the park, including every user, dog owner, sports group, girl and boy scouts, parents and programs that use Rancho Laguna. He believes that this master plan will de facto resolve the "dog ordinance" issue.

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