

# Moraga

# Lamorinda Community

Calendar	
Town Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo	
Wednesday, September 9	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Moraga Library 1500 Saint Marys Rd	
Tuesday, September 8	
Design Review	7:30pm
Moraga Library 1500 Saint Marys Rd	
Monday, August 24	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way	
Friday, September 11	
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**Possession of Pot, 8/10/09** At about 10:30 p.m. Moraga officers were conducting a security check of Campolindo High School when they noticed a car in the Cabana Club parking lot. The driver voluntarily handed over a small amount of marijuana and was issued a citation for possession.

**Camping in Sanders Ranch, 8/09/09** Officers responded to a call from a Merrill Drive homeowner reporting observing an approximately 20-year-old male with a backpack in a field near his residence. The young man took off, but cops found several chairs, a large wooden table, and piles of empty beer cans, several tiki lamps and a half gallon of lamp fuel. Drunk people, dry hillside and tiki torches, not a great combination.

**Danger to Self, 8/03/09** Moraga police responded to a Larch Avenue home where an elderly female was attacking her social worker. Cops determined that she was a danger to others; subsequently she was taken to Contra Costa County Hospital for a 72 hour psychological hold to be evaluated by mental health professionals.

**D.U.I., 8/03/09** A Nissan Altima was stopped on Ascot Drive, officers noticed the smell of alcoholic beverages on the driver like a musky cologne. The driver was subject to a field sobriety test, which resulted in a .233 reading. That's almost three times the legal limit. A taxi would have been a better option.

## Moraga Town Staff Moving Back to the Hacienda

*How temporary will this move be?*

**By Sophie Braccini**

It was just a little note in the Parks and Recreation Department's new catalog, reading: "...the majority of Town staff to move their offices to 2100 Donald Drive," but it was enough to start a small uproar among residents concerned with the town's strategy regarding the Hacienda de las Flores (located at 2100 Donald Drive).

It is the general consensus that the beautiful historic building should become more of a community center, while town staff offices should be located at 329 Rheem Boulevard, an office building owned by the town that houses the Police Department.

"The objective is to have the Hacienda de las Flores be Mor-

aga's Community Center and the building at 329 Rheem be the Town Hall," confirms Town Manager Mike Segrest, "but to have 329 Rheem ready for all of our staff to move in, we need to retrofit the second floor and forfeit the \$52,000 that we presently get from renting some of that space. At this time, we cannot afford either." So Segrest decided to move the staff presently operating at 329 Rheem back to the Hacienda where they were previously located and where the Public Works and Parks and Recreation departments currently reside. "This is an interim move," said Segrest who hopes to be able to rent the space at 329 Rheem to increase the Town's income.

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## Council and Committees on Vacation in August, but not the REC

**By Sophie Braccini**

The Town Council will not be meeting at all in August, and neither will the Traffic and Safety Advisory Committee; the Planning Commission met just once, on August 17. But some volunteers are using August to work even harder. The Revenue Enhancement Committee (REC) is being super-charged in August with three meetings instead of two.

The Committee, chaired by Dick Olsen, plans to give the Town Council a preliminary report in September and wants to be sure it has explored every possibility to find long term resources for the town. The group met on August 3 and 17 and will meet again on August 31 at 7:00 PM. at the Hacienda. "The Town Council has asked for our Final Report by the end of November, and I have personally committed to them that I will do everything within my power to deliver that report before Thanksgiving,"

said Olsen.

The group works with three sub-committees, Economic Development, chaired by Larry Tessler; Infrastructure, led by Mike Metcalf; and General Fund, led by Tracy Vesely.

One of the long-term transformations that the Economic Development group is examining is how to better capture the image of Saint Mary's College and incorporate it into the town's dynamic. This sub-committee is also working on what can be done with the Rheem Shopping Center, searching for all possibilities including an imaginative scenario of the town purchasing the center and partnering with developers. They are also considering a business licensing fee. The 123 members of the Chamber of Commerce will be polled to see if they would support the concept and what they would expect in return.

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## Meet Moraga's New Town Clerk, Marty McInturf

**By Sophie Braccini**



Marty McInturf in her busy Moraga office Photo Sophie Braccini

Moraga's new Town Clerk, Marty McInturf, is an offspring of Lamorinda and although she now lives in Pleasant Hill she says that working here feels like coming home. McInturf, a Miramonte graduate, even gets the opportunity to share a lunchtime sandwich with her father, who lives just a few blocks away from the Town's offices.

But the workload in Moraga is not one that leaves a lot of family time. Between long Friday evenings putting together the packets for the Council meetings and extended nights spent at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School where the meetings take place, it takes a lot of

passion and a love of clerical work to find the job fulfillment that McInturf has achieved.

McInturf has lived many professional lives. Before becoming Moraga's Town Clerk, she was a part-time elected clerk in Pleasant Hill, a self-employed real estate agent, the Director of the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce, and an event planner at the Claremont Hotel.

"I have seen the advantages and pitfalls of different types of economic activities," says the Clerk, "the efficiency of private business, but also some of the drawbacks of non-profit, but its need for constant fund-raising; and finally government that's run by

many rules and regulations, but where processes and decisions are open to public scrutiny."

And it is in the City Clerk world that McInturf has found her true place. "When I go to City Clerk conferences, I find myself in rooms full of people like me," says McInturf, "people who like to help, people who like people, and people who pay great attention to details...this is me," says McInturf, "and I'm so happy to have found the job I wanted in the town I wanted. Sometimes, things in life just click."

Her boss, Town Manager Mike Segrest, also believes that the fit is great, "Marty's experience and positive attitude allowed her to step into the Town Clerk position and immediately demonstrate a capable dedication to serving the community."

"We're fortunate to have Marty on board with the Town," adds Mayor Dave Trotter. "Marty has handled her duties as Town Clerk to date in a very professional manner, and as Mayor I've enjoyed working with her."

Moraga is no cakewalk for staff. "I am lucky to get some volunteer help," says McInturf, referring to the Moraga Movers who have come to help, and the half day she gets from the police department's cadet, "but I could use even more."

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