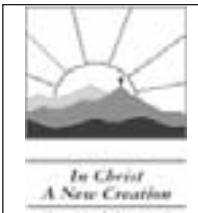


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 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette
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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
 One Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.
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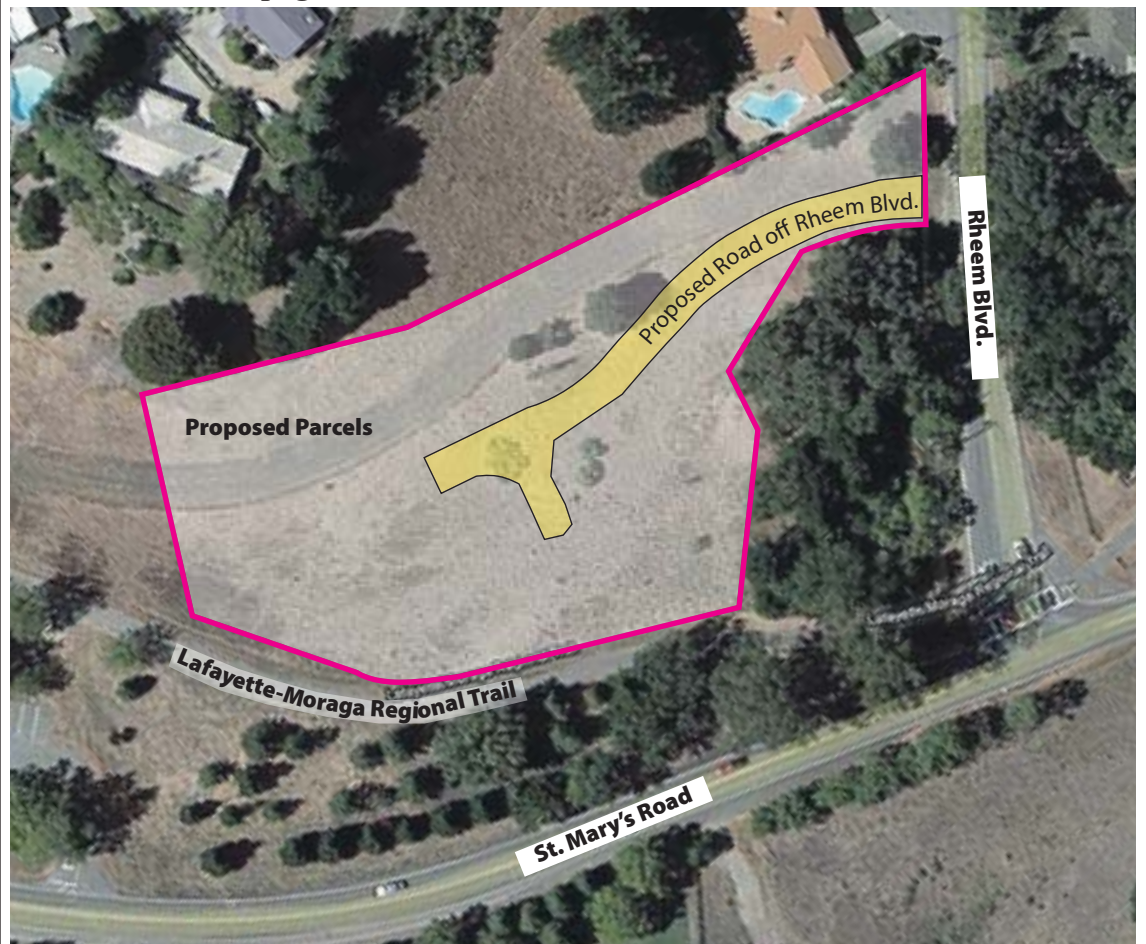
ORINDA CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CENTER
 24 Orinda Way (next to the Library) - 254-4212
 Sunday Service and Sunday School 10 - 11 am
 Informal Wednesday Meeting 7:30 - 8:30 pm
 Reading Room/Bookstore M - F 11 - 4; Sat 10 - 1
 www.christianscienceorinda.org

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, 433 Moraga Way Orinda
 9:15 a.m. Worship Service
 Coffee Fellowship 1/2 hour before & after worship
 925-254-3422 Nursery care 8:45 to 10:45 a.m.

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Developing Open Space along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail?

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Map image courtesy maps.Google.com, proposed site overlay based on information provided by Moraga Planning Department; edited by Andy Schek

In his staff report, Senior Planner Rich Chamberlain indicated that the development may require a study of the environmental impacts if the visual impact from St. Mary's Road was found to be significant.

Council Member Dave Trotter spoke as the representative of the property owner (the Town). He presented himself as a supporter of preserving open space in Moraga, but added that the Town needs funds for capital improvements and indicated that he believes subdividing the land into two parcels for two smaller homes would limit the visual impact.

Suzanne Jones, of the organization Preserve Lamorinda Open Space (PLOS), argued that the visual impact should also be studied from the Trail. "I do not see how the homes could be hidden from the trail," she said. She also identified two groups of important biological resources on the site: a natural wetland, and an area of native grass that she believes would need to be further investigated by a botanist to determine whether or not it should be protected. (Some readers may re-

call how the discovery of the endangered California red-legged frog on the Palos Colorados development dramatically altered that project and lengthened its timeline.)

Barbara Onoda, also from PLOS, argued, "How can you find it democratic and acceptable to develop land that was voted Open Space by the people of Moraga?" Planning Commissioner Roger Wykle concurred, and recommended that no lots be carved out of the property.

Commissioner Bruce Whitley told Wykle that although he shared reluctance toward the development of Open Space, the Commission was not asked to decide that night whether or not the Town should develop the property, but rather it was asked to offer the Town a recommendation on how many parcels it should apply for. Whitley, along with Commissioners Dick Socolitch and Stacia Levenfeld, favored two lots. Three commissioners were absent from the meeting.

"The Town-owned land at the corner of Rheem Boulevard and St. Mary's Road is subject to the 1986

Moraga Open Space Ordinance (MOSO)," commented Trotter. "MOSO restricts but does not preclude all development on MOSO-zoned lands. The law does prohibit development on and near major ridgelines and minor ridgelines above 800 feet, and on steep slopes. Those restrictions obviously do not apply to this Town-owned land, which is very gently sloping and away from any ridgeline. As an owner of property, the Town should and presumably will be treated fairly, and any application for a minor subdivision should be held to the same standards as would apply to any other applicant."

The Council Meeting will determine at a future meeting whether or not the Town will develop a plan for the land. "To encourage public input and participation, I endorse and fully support the suggestion (made by Jones) that the Town post a public notice along the trail at this location in connection with future hearings before the Town Council and Planning Commission," added Trotter.

Community Service

Rotary Club of Moraga Hosts 20th Annual Field Day

Submitted by Gary Irwin



Girls' sack race

Photo Ohlen Alexander

On June 8, the Rotary Club of Moraga held its 20th annual Field Day event at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School for third, fourth, and fifth grade Moraga students. 205 students competed in events such as sprints, relays, sack races, long jumps, and football/softball throws. Medals were awarded to the top three contestants in each event.

Donald Rheem Elementary School won plaques for the most winners and highest participation. Rheem has been the big winner the past few years due to the enthusiastic support of Principal Elaine Franks and P.E. teacher Heather Thornton.

The High Point winners were all from Rheem. The High Point Girl was 3rd grader Nina Munson. There was a tie for High Point Boy between

5th grader Daniel Nelson and 3rd grader Mark McCurdy. These students, along with the High Point

Teacher, Mrs. Caraska, and Principal Elaine Franks, will be guests at the June 14th Rotary luncheon meeting, where they will be presented with the plaques honoring their achievements.

Moraga Rotary's Field Day was originated by its past president Al Simonsen, who continues to chair the event. Simonsen's wife, Marilyn Engelhard Simonsen, grew up in Orinda and enjoyed participating in the Orinda Rotary Club's Field Day as a child—Simonsen wanted a similar fun event for Moraga children, and established the program with the help of Orinda Rotarian Frank Isola.

Moraga Rotary is a local service club within Rotary International that meets most Tuesdays at noon at St. Mary's College. For information, please call Gary Irwin at (925) 376-7688.



Rheem 3rd grade relay-runners Molly Midthun, Celia Campo, Nina Munson, and Kelly Robles show off their gold medals. Photo Carol Irwin

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