



Moraga

Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,
1010 Camino Pablo

Planning Commission

Monday, July 18, 7:30 pm
Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd

Design Review

Monday, July 11, 7:00 pm
Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd

Liaison

Friday, July 8, 8:00 am
Fire Station, 1280 Moraga Way

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www.moragachamber.org

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www.moragacitizensnetwork.org



Police Report

Mystery nose injury, 6/28/11 Just after midnight Moraga officers were dispatched to St. Mary's College to assist fire department personnel with a 65-year-old man with an injury to his nose. He was too confused to provide details regarding his reason for being on campus. Unlike some college kids who just may have had a trifle too much beer, paramedics determined that the gentleman was suffering from a medical problem and speculated it was probably a diabetic episode. Turns out he was staying on campus for a conference. He was taken to John Muir Hospital.

Drunk and Disorderly, 6/26/11 At 6:30 in the morning, officers responded to Walford Drive on a report of a suspicious subject in the backyard. The same fellow had been reported prowling in the area two hours earlier. Shocker – the 20-year-old male subject had been drinking and appeared disoriented. He was arrested for public intoxication.

Skate Park sign stolen, 6/25/11 Sometime during the night the metal sign that spelled out operating hours and rules for the Moraga Skate Park disappeared. Unknown suspects must have really wanted it, since they removed four security bolts to separate it from the pair of wooden posts it was mounted on. Value of the sign that our economically strapped town will have to replace is \$500. Note to thief/thieves: feel free to return it.

Very petty theft, 6/25/11 A T.J. Maxx store employee alerted officers to an alleged shoplifter. The adult female subject was observed coming into the store and hiding two cosmetic items on her person and leaving the store without paying. Merchandise totaled \$21.98. The person reporting the incident wanted to make a citizen's arrest, so signed the appropriate Citizen's Arrest Form and the officers took the suspect into custody.

Car Vandalism, 6/24/11 A security guard for the Moraga Country Club called police at 3:00 in the morning to report popping sounds in the 800 block of Country Club Drive and went to investigate. He found two cars with smashed out rear windows. Cops and the security guard searched the area for suspects but came up empty handed. Estimated damage \$750.

Bilked elder, 6/09/11 A Birchwood Drive resident got a phone call with someone pretending to be her grandson. The suspect convinced Grandma that he needed money for an emergency. Two wire transfers were sent totaling \$594.00 via Western Union to Illinois.

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A Limited Capital Improvement Budget in Moraga

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga's Interim Administrative Services Director, Emily Boyd, recently presented a balanced mid-year revised operating budget that noted constraints limiting the Town's ability to maintain its own assets, such as roads and drains, or invest in new projects. However, the coming fiscal year will see the completion of certain improvements such as those to the Town's office building at 329 Rheem.

"Although the Town's operating budgets are balanced, there are no significant funds for infrastructure improvements," indicated Boyd in her report, "Therefore, pothole repair, street and storm drain improvements are deferred." The Capital Im-

provements Budget is balanced for the coming year. It allocates the limited resources to the specific capital projects that the Council approved. While some past projects are still ongoing, new projects will be funded this year due to different sources of funding, such as grants.

The completion of the retrofit and transfer of most Town services to 329 Rheem is a budgeted project that will happen during the 2011-2012 budget cycle – the FY2011-12 Capital Improvements Budget tentatively estimates this project at \$920,000. The Council has not decided yet on a relatively modest increase of about \$170,000 to add a Council Chamber on the premises. Other

projects include a Town-wide Energy Efficiency Project encompassing the Library, the Hacienda de las Flores, 329 Rheem Boulevard, and the Town's parks and streetlights; crosswalk improvements on Moraga Road at Corliss Drive and at Woodford Drive; the Camino Pablo School field renovation; storm damage repairs to Laguna Creek; and the ADA Compliance Program.

The funding for these projects will come from sources such as the Gas Tax and energy efficiency grants and funding. The total revenue of the capital budget is \$1,496,520.

There are other projects in the pipeline that will not materialize until funding is found. Some of

these projects are: Rheem Blvd / St. Mary's Road Intersection Improvements; Rheem Boulevard Landslide Repair and Repaving; Corliss/Moraga Road Intersection Improvements; Moraga Road Traffic Calming and Beautification; Moraga Commons Off-Street Parking; and a Community Center/Town Gymnasium Conceptual Study.

"At some point, it will become necessary for the Town to pursue other revenues," stated Boyd in her report. The Revenue Enhancement Committee is working on such a program and will soon start its outreach program to the community to inform residents of the needs of the Town and potential solutions.

Moraga Juniors Jump Start Park Fundraising

By Sophie Braccini



From left: Jay Ingram, Howard Harpham, Denise Duff (with her daughter) and Liz Faoro meet at Rancho Laguna Park
Photo Sophie Braccini

The Moraga Junior Women's Club recently donated \$4,000 to the Moraga Park Foundation, kicking off a fundraising campaign to replace the play

structures at Rancho Laguna Park. Unsafe playground equipment has been removed, and in order to buy new play structures the Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment has to find about \$100,000. "We won't be able to do it without a significant community fundraising effort," says Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram, "We'd like to thank the Juniors for getting the ball rolling."

"The money that our Club is giving today shows how much Moraga's young families value their parks and open space," says Denise Duff, president of the Juniors. "The quality of family life in our town has a lot to do with schools and the Juniors give to the Moraga Education Foundation and the PTAs. But our parks

and open space are also very important for our kids' development and we want to bring the attention of the community to the jewels we have." The Juniors raise money through various annual events. "We work a lot with the Juniors when we plan for the recreation of our youngest residents," says Ingram, who's a big fan of the Club and sees it as a major partner in town.

Ingram, his team, the Juniors and the Parks and Recreation Commission are tasked with designing the new playgrounds. "This park used to have two structures for different ages, one at each end of the park," explained Commission Chair Liz Faoro, "it could make sense to put them on the same side, away from the entrance, and close to the restrooms." Ingram looks to the location of the underused sand volleyball court as a possible location for the second play structure.

The Parks Foundation is the vessel that holds the money that is raised. "This is a perfect Moraga paradigm," says Parks Foundation President Howard Harpham, "the whole community getting together to find the funds for this project." Faoro, along with fellow Commissioners John Haffner and Kirpal Khanna, formed a sub-committee to raise the funds.

At this time it is not clear if the Town will be able to divert some money for this project. Since the bids for the renovation of the Camino Pablo sports field came under budget, there could be some money left from the WW money (over \$700,000) once the work is completed at the end of the summer. The Council will determine which other projects could be funded with the remainder. "It will be a phased project," says Ingram, "we are targeting June of 2012 for at least a partial re-opening."

Those interested in helping can call the Parks and Recreation Department at 888-7045.

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