

Residential Design and Remodeling

Kitchens | Baths | Master Suites | Decks | Additions



3630 Park Blvd. Oakland, CA 94610
P (510) 482 0300 www.canyondesignbuild.com

Excellent Care

AT HOME



Heartfelt & Supportive Care At All Times...

3645 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite D Lafayette (beside Trader Joe's) www.excellentcareathome.com



Our mission is to provide personalized care, help maintain independence and enhance our client's quality of life on a daily basis.

- Fully bonded and insured
- Geriatric care management
- Hourly care
- Live-in care
- Transportation to and from medical appointments
- Medication reminders

Call to schedule a free assessment and plan care review. 925-284-1213

MOFD Votes to Hold Elections to Fill Vacant Board Seats

By Lucy Amaral

The Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Board of Directors voted unanimously to fill its two vacant Board seats by way of election. Rather than holding a special election at District expense, the Board also opted to have this election coincide with the November 6, 2012 General Election.

Former MOFD Board members Richard Olsen and Brook Mancinelli resigned their seats in February. The remaining three Board members, Fred Weil, Frank Sperling and John Wyro, met on March 21 to decide on a course of action to replace them. Olsen represented Division 5, covering parts of Moraga, Orinda, and Canyon, and had several years left on his tenure. Mancinelli represented Division 3 in Orinda. His term would have been up this November.

MOFD Fire Chief Randy Bradley said the Board had several options: Appointing replacements for both seats; holding special elections for both seats at a cost of about \$35,000 each; holding an election that coincides with the upcoming General Election in November which would cost approximately \$5,000 each; appointing one replacement and using the election option for the other; or, doing nothing and allowing the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors to decide on the process.

Members of the public voiced their opinion, with most leaning toward an election, and all decrying the concept of spending \$35,000 for a special election with the general elec-

tion so close at hand. Wesley Ayers of Orinda called the special election option "fiscally irresponsible and universally disliked."

The discussion among the board members focused on balancing the variables: the length of time the positions would be left vacant, election costs, the benefit of additional opinions, and the possible public perception of the MOFD Board being an "Old Boy's Club" if they appointed candidates to these seats. All three agreed that while they would like to have a full board as soon as possible, they also felt that it would be in the best interest of the District as a whole to let the Division voters choose their representatives.

Bradley now must file the required documents by July 4, 2012 with the County Election Official to start the District's election process. Division residents interested in running for a Board seat may pick up and file papers with the County Elections office beginning July 16. The person elected to replace Dick Olsen will serve out Olsen's term, which ends November 2014. As Mancinelli's seat was due to be up this November, whoever is elected to fill his seat will serve the full four-year term.

In an unrelated but coincidental side note, it was mentioned that Weil's term is also up this November, making three MOFD seats open. Weil, who represents Division 2 in Moraga, said that it was "more likely than not" he will indeed file papers to run for another term.

Let us prepare your roof and rain gutters for seasons to come.

**New Work and Repairs
All Types of Roofs and Gutters
Clean/Screen, Roof Powerwashing.
We do it all!**

Ask for Shawn!

Over 20 Years Experience
Lic #793315

All Rain Gutters Systems, Inc. 925-381-7620

"Nothing makes me happier than to see you smile!"

- Comfortable, Convenient Family and Cosmetic Dentistry
- Certified in Full Mouth Reconstruction

Family & Cosmetic Dentistry Providing Personalized Care through Quality Dentistry

Scott D. Lothamer, DDS
Moraga
925-376-4602
1030 Country Club Drive

\$40 off
mention this ad to receive \$40 off any dental treatment

Member:
ADA • CDA • CCDS • AACD

Moraga Orinda Fire District Board of Directors Meetings
Meetings of the MOFD Board of Directors are open to the public and take place on the third Wednesday of each month at the Moraga Library Community Room, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga.

Next meeting:
Regular Board Meeting
April 4, 2012
6:00 PM Closed Session
7:00 PM Open Session

(go to www.mofd.org as the meeting date approaches for more information)

Founding Members Gather at Moraga Garden Club Luncheon

Submitted by Marcia Fisherkeller



The six founding members from left, Elaine Lind, Eleanor Vaughn Shirley Engstrom, Pearl Duncan, Rose Tom and Hollace Gertmenian Photo Linda Foley

Six founding members of the Moraga Garden Club gathered at the club's annual spring salad luncheon March 15 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center. These ladies were part of a group that first met over 40 years ago to share their love of gardening, learn from each other, and enhance areas of their town with lovely plantings. The club has now grown to over 150 members and has contributed greatly to the community by supporting local schools and the library with their gardening activities, planting and maintaining many areas in the

town, plus contributing to the annual show of daffodils each spring. The spring salad luncheon is a big event and fundraiser for the club. Speaker Rosalind Creasy, a nationally recognized authority who uses edible plants in landscape design, taught attendees how to incorporate vegetables, fruit, and herbs into their gardens and intermix them with decorative shrubs and flowers. The luncheon theme, "The Colors of Spring" was carried out with the many colorful tablepieces also made by club members.

WHERE QUALITY COUNTS
Established in 1972

Mike Rose proudly announces the opening of our Lafayette Location...!!!

Mike's Auto Body
3430 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
(former Butler-Conti Dodge location)
Lafayette CA 94549
(925) 283-5600
Lafayette@mautobody.com

Approved by most major insurance companies...

2012 Marks 40 Years in Business

Visit our website for our other 7 locations
www.mautobody.com