

Regulating Winemaking

Town seeks different perspectives from the public

By Sophie Braccini



Early morning harvest

About a year ago, Moraga Planning Director Shawna Brekke-Read proposed the development of regulations to address local winery operations. "The Lamorinda Winegrowers Association announced last year that it was interested in expanding vineyards and wineries in the Lamorinda area," she said. "At this time, Moraga allows for home-based occupations, but it does not allow for wineries in general. In addition, the Town has received some complaints about winery operations." Brekke-Read's purpose is to develop a process that will address both neighborhood concerns about wineries and the interests and goals of Lamorinda Winegrowers.

The Planning Director met several times with winery owners/operators, vineyard owners,

and members of the Chamber of Commerce. "The meetings have been productive and useful, as the vintners and growers have explained the history of winegrowing in Lamorinda, the small scale of current operations, the hope to designate an AVA for the Lamorinda area, and the modest long-term objectives of expanding wineries and winegrowing in Lamorinda," she said. "To date, the meetings have been private and limited to those the wineries and winegrowers have invited to attend."

Additionally, Brekke-Read met with neighbors of wineries and two other individuals who volunteered to look at regulating wineries. "Neither group is appointed," she said, "it is simply an opportunity to have a conversation." But she wants to hear from a larger con-

stituency, from more individuals providing additional perspective about wineries in Moraga. Should they be allowed to expand? Are more wineries appropriate in Moraga? Are there concerns that should be addressed? Are wineries compatible with Moraga's semi-rural character?

"We would like to meet the groups that may have different perspectives a few more times before having a meeting with both groups together," said Brekke-Read. "These meetings will help staff put together a package that addresses a variety of concerns to bring to the Planning Commission, then Town Council, for their consideration."

Anyone interested in sharing a perspective may contact Planning Assistant Kelly Clancy at (925) 888-7040 or kclancy@moraga.ca.us.

Photo Andy Scheck

PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL SAT. 9/29; 10-4PM

PEAR RECIPE CONTEST
FOOD, FAMILY FUN, ART, & MORE!



MORAGA PARKS & RECREATION
925-888-7045 • www.moraga.ca.us

MORAGA JEWELERS
Fine Jewelry, Diamonds, & Watches Since 1996
WATCH & JEWELRY
REPAIR ON SITE

562 Center St. Moraga, Rheem Valley Shopping Ctr. near CVS
www.moragajewelers.com Phone: (925) 376-1283

NEED HELP AT HOME? for yourself or a loved one?

Errands . Driving . Appointments . Shopping . Cooking
Technology . Finances . Holiday . Pet Care . Organizing

925-285-6272

Lamorinda Comforts of Home
LOCAL - BONDED - INSURED
www.lamorindacomfortsofhome.com



Residential Design and Remodeling

Kitchens | Baths | Decks
Master Suites | Additions



CANYONDESIGNBUILD
#B285785

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



apr.com



DISCOVER WHERE YOU
WANT TO BE.

THE *New*
apr.com

ALAIN PINEL
REALTORS



30 Reliez Valley Court, Lafayette

Beautifully designed new construction built by Melcor Homes. This 5bd/4.5ba is nestled on a private drive with the most unique and sought-after, majestic views of Mt. Diablo and the mothball fleet.

\$2,650,000 Karen Richardson



12 Kimberly Drive, Moraga

Coming Soon! 5bd/3.5ba, 4700+/-sf craftsman on 4+/-acres. Kitchen/family room combo leading to wraparound veranda and beautifully landscaped yard. Meticulous attention to detail and high-end finishes throughout.

\$1,950,000 Alan Marks



8 Crest Road, Lafayette

Coastal living in Lafayette. Picturesque, sunlit, 2271+/-sf, 3bd/2.5ba, Hidden Valley charmer on a beautifully designed and landscaped .34+/-acre lot with flat grass area and a pool. Remodeled with wonderful character and attention to detail.

\$1,275,000 Lisa Brydon & Kristi Ives Team



70 Rheem Boulevard, Orinda

Wonderful, 4bd/3ba, remodeled oasis in the heart of Orinda. This 2382+/-sf home enjoys beautiful updates throughout. Located on a lovely .46+/-acre lot with a creekside setting and flat grass areas.

\$958,000 Lisa Brydon & Kristi Ives Team

Square footage, acreage, and other information herein, has been received from one or more of a variety of different sources. Such information has not been verified by Alain Pinel Realtors. If important to buyers, buyers should conduct their own investigation.