



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, May 22, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,
1010 Camino Pablo

Planning Commission

Monday, June 3, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd.

Design Review

Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 Saint Marys Rd.

School Board Meeting

Moraga School District
Tuesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate
School Auditorium
1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga
www.moraga.k12.ca.us
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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www.moragacitizensnetwork.org



Police Report

Backpack with pot found, 5/14/13 On the baseball diamond behind Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School there was a small black backpack found tucked beneath the bleachers containing a wallet with a small amount of cash, but no ID, along with some marijuana and smoking paraphernalia. Police are holding onto it for safe keeping, but if you're missing your pot simply ask the cops.

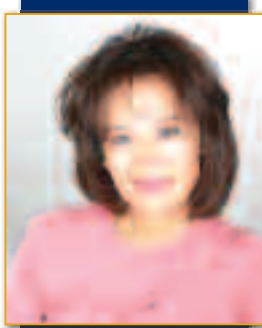
Not so petty theft, 5/12/13 An unlocked car parked on a Donald Drive driveway was pilfered from overnight. Approximately \$735 worth of merchandise including sunglasses, cologne, a parking permit for the Lafayette reservoir and—jackpot—a spare key to another vehicle were taken. Homeowner woke up to find one car gone, and the other one missing items.

Car break in, 5/12/13 On the other end of Donald Drive off of Fernwood Drive, a Toyota pickup and Subaru were both parked and left unlocked in front of a home. Approximately \$5 in loose change was missing along with a wallet and garage door opener.

Watermelon plus driveway, 5/11/13 Sometime during the night an unknown suspect tossed a watermelon onto a Campolindo Drive driveway. Not surprisingly, the watermelon split apart upon impact and left debris on the driveway and a Honda.

Fruit caper continues, 5/11/13 Another nearby Campolindo Drive resident reported that the windshield of his Lexus was broken after apparently being hit by a cantaloupe. Approximate amount to repair the damage, \$500.

Suspicious napper, 5/15/13 Cops responded to a home on Corte La Rado at 10:45 a.m. to check out a suspicious vehicle in which someone was sleeping. Turns out the occupant was waiting for the homeowners to return so he could install their carpeting. The fellow had a work order that corroborated his story.



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Now Serving: Café Hacienda Home/Made

By Cathy Dausman

Lamorindans now have the chance to mix a bit of local history with their meals—at least for the next three months. Moraga Recreation Director Jay Ingram introduced chef Gayle Somers to Town Council members during the May 8 regular council meeting.

Somers opened Café Hacienda Home/Made May 13, serving breakfast and lunch at the town-owned Hacienda de las Flores. Business partner Aly Dean assists part-time. While the initial contract runs only through Aug. 9, Ingram explained it could be renewed in writing every three months. The town will recoup its lease payments as 7 percent of net sales.

Somers and Dean will use the Hacienda's commercial kitchen and seat most customers outside around the plaza fountain. "I'm delighted to do something for and with the community," Somers said, adding, "Café Hacienda was just a conversation only three months ago." In a recent email, Ingram promised a "farm-to-table meal with all locally sourced products," and noted "there is no other venue like this in Moraga."

George Fisher of the Moraga Movers shared Ingram's enthusiasm as he spoke to the council. Fisher said many people have forgotten "how bustling the [Hacienda] place was in the 1970s." The biggest problem then was on-site parking, he said. Now, however, "two generations have passed, and a lot of people don't even know the Hacienda exists," Fisher said. "This is a unique opportunity to get [the bustle] back." The café site is ADA compliant; there is no alcohol service.

Running the Hacienda café represents "an additional opportunity" for Somers, who along with Dean, is also preparing to open Home/Made Kitchen Café & Bakery in Moraga this summer. Café Hacienda hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays.

Home/Made Kitchen Café & Bakery



Aly Dean at the new storefront.

Photo provided

Gayle Somers and Aly Dean must like the heat, because they're not getting out of the kitchen any time soon — they are poised to open their own cafe, Home/Made Kitchen Café & Bakery, featuring what they describe as "authentic, inspired California cuisine." The full service catering kitchen and café will occupy the site of the former Mondello Cucina Italiana on Rheem Boulevard. But, due to what Somers terms "ongoing staffing difficulties," they're unsure just when the café will open its doors. With inside seating for 40, and room for an additional 20 customers outside, Home/Made Kitchen will offer breakfast, lunch and packaged take-away meals for dinner daily. According to the owner/chefs' resume, Somers and Dean have together accumulated over 40 years culinary experience. Dean, a California Culinary Academy grad, worked as a baker, pastry chef and bartender, and traveled to 57 countries, gaining international perspective to food service. Somers also describes herself as an international traveler who developed and opened her own specialty gardening stores in Toronto, each with a small cafe and classroom she says were designed to "keep the culinary connection to gardening." C. Dausman

Conditional Approval for Rheem Theatre Lift

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga's Design Review Board approved the installation of a lift on the outside of the Rheem Theatre to provide wheelchair users, and people with difficulty climbing stairs, access to the upper floor theaters. Additional permits and construction will push the opening of the lift into the summer.

A few months ago the Rheem Theatre had to close its upstairs theaters due to repeated failures of the

interior lift that put the theater out of ADA compliance. After a few months of fundraising the community raised enough money to install a new elevator, and plans were submitted for approval.


Theater operator Leonard Pirkle said it's unfortunate that the new lift has to be on the building's exterior. "We've spent so many hours trying to find the best solution," said Pirkle. "For me it would have been inside, but it was just not

feasible." The lift will be located on the side of the building facing the empty lot, next to the emergency exit stairs, so that the interior access point can be conveniently located between the two upstairs theaters.

The Design Review Board agreed May 13 that all design aspects of the project were compliant with Moraga's municipal code, but added conditions of approval regarding the lift's foundation, seismic

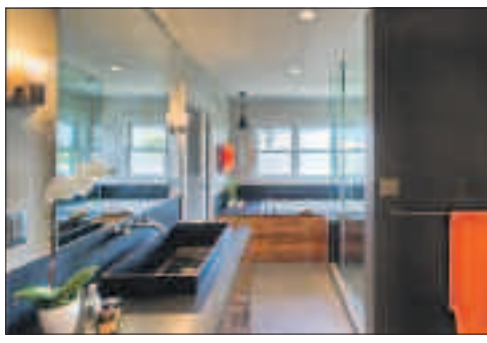
attachment to the building and proper lighting.

After the meeting Pirkle explained how the elevator would be operated by patrons. "The lift is very easy to use, with a single button," he said. "Users will have to get their tickets and request access to the elevator. They will then proceed to the side of the building where the elevator will be located." An awning is being considered to provide shelter from the elements.



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