



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,
1010 Camino Pablo

Planning Commission

Monday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

Town of Moraga:

www.moraga.ca.us
Phone: (925) 888-7022

Chamber of Commerce:

www.moragachamber.org

Moraga Citizens' Network:

www.moragacitizensnetwork.org

School Board Meeting

Moraga School District
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:30 pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium
1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga
www.moraga.k12.ca.us
See also AUHSD meeting page A2



Police Report

D.U.I. 11/11/13 A Hyundai was spotted around 2:30 a.m. swerving erratically on Moraga Way near Camino Peral; turns out the car had a flat front tire and an allegedly drunk driver. When police spoke to the 21-year-old subject, they noticed an odor reminiscent of alcohol. The subject flunked a field sobriety test and was arrested.

Really excessive speeding, 11/09/13 A white Honda Civic was travelling north on Moraga Road at 1 a.m. going 80 miles per hour. The car eventually crashed into a guard rail near Sky High. The 22-year-old male driver and his dog were not injured, but were checked by the Moraga-Orinda Fire Department. The driver showed no signs of substance abuse impairment, and replied "I guess I have speed in my blood" when asked what was up. The fellow and the pooch were picked up by a friend because police towed the car.

Identity theft, 11/08/13 A Calle La Mesa resident reported that someone opened a credit card in his name after receiving a bill in the mail detailing over \$4,000 of purchases that he didn't make. Unfortunately the victim doesn't know who applied for the credit card. No suspects or leads at this time.

Another D.U.I. 11/08/13 Speeding was the reason cops pulled over a car in the wee hours of the morning. Travelling at 50 miles per hour on Moraga Road, the driver submitted to three breath tests that were above the legal limit. Whatever happened to all that free advice on commercials to drink responsibly ... or at the very least call a taxi.

Dog bite, 11/07/13 Police were dispatched to Sanders Ranch Road near Camino Pablo on a report of an 85-year-old woman bitten by a German shepherd while walking on the trail. The leashed dog lunged at the woman and bit her right hand, causing a minor injury. The dog and its owner were located on Larch Avenue where Contra Costa Animal Services took over.

Out of control party, 11/02/13 A Southard Court party grew exponentially via teenage connections. Cops drove up and saw broken alcohol bottles in the street near the home and roughly 200 partygoers made a run for it as the police cruiser approached. Turns out the parents of the teenager who was hosting the shindig were out of town - what a surprise. The young lady apparently invited a few friends over, and more showed up than expected. An intoxicated 16-year-old female was found vomiting in the bathroom and was later picked up by her mom. The hostess was issued a warning notice and warned of repercussions should it happen again. Her parents were contacted and advised.



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State of the Town Address

Mayor will speak at Moraga Country Club Nov. 21

By Sophie Braccini



Dave Trotter at the CAIFF opening night
Photo Gint Federas

"It's been a good year," says David Trotter, Moraga's mayor – a year that saw a budget surplus, allowing the town to increase its reserves to over 50 percent of its annual operating expense; the implementation of the town's first road maintenance campaign, which resulted from the passage of the Measure K sales tax; and a series of projects dear to the mayor's heart

that have at least been put on the agenda, albeit with limited progress to date. Trotter will deliver the State of the Town address tomorrow, Nov. 21 at the Moraga Country Club. The event is open to the public and will include recognition of the close to 100 volunteers who have contributed to making things happen in Moraga.

Town staff has been working diligently for the past weeks to gather the facts and pictures that are featured in the State of the Town presentation. The mayor plays a major role in establishing the framework, just as he shaped the goals adopted by the Town Council the beginning of the year. "We had a limited set of goals," commented Trotter, "and we have reached them all, or at least started to address the complex issues that need to be addressed."

It was good news for the town and the mayor that revenue from the 1 percent sales tax, which was

adopted a year ago and went into effect last April, came in higher than expected. The town closes its 2012-13 budget year with a surplus of \$386,475, according to administrative services director Stephanie Hom. "The good results from the sales tax, strong revenues from the Planning Department and, on the whole, limited expenses are the factors that created this positive situation," said the mayor.

Trotter said his speech will also highlight the success of the recent paving program, with half of the town's neighborhood streets now completely resurfaced.

One of Trotter's most important goals, and one of the elements that defines him as an elected official, is the review of the hillside and ridge-line development rules in Moraga. The pro-open space mayor saw this goal pushed back by a majority of the Town Council last January, but the process of revision, likely to take another year, finally moved forward

in October.

The mayor also indicated his intent to pinpoint the importance of the emerging dialogue with the school district regarding partnerships in the construction and management of sports fields and facilities. Readers may recall that Trotter has been trying to find a way to get a gymnasium built in Moraga for years. "The gym at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School is inadequate," he said. "We could look at the partnership in Orinda, between Wagner Ranch Elementary School and the city, as a model of legal framework for sharing the operating and maintenance costs of a sports facility."

Thursday's event at the Moraga Country Club begins with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by the State of the Town address at 6:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by calling or emailing town clerk Marty McInturf at 888-7022, mmcinturf@moraga.ca.us.

Climate Action Plan Consultant Hired

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga's Climate Action Plan Task Force recently submitted a report that lays out a long list of possible actions in the area of transportation, land use, energy, water, agriculture, and waste to achieve greenhouse gas reductions. The recommendation of the task force is to have a consultant evaluate what measurable impacts each of the actions could have; the Town Council agreed to a \$15,000 contract with Quest Consulting. Once the results are in, the Town Council will then decide what measures are appropriate.

In the area of energy, the task force proposed different measures to encourage energy retrofits for homes and businesses and to support the installation of solar energy. In the area of water and wastewater, the task force proposed the adoption of a water-efficient landscaping ordinance and encouraged water conservation measures for homes and businesses. For waste management, the task force recommended support of the state goal of a 75 percent diversion rate and to provide multi-family dwellings and businesses with the means to recycle. In addition, the task force recommended that 'green' purchasing be encouraged, asking suppliers to communicate on sustainability, and replace equipment when needed rather than on a schedule.

The area of land use and transportation boasted the longest list of suggestions and could have the largest impact. It includes elements such as providing a complete network of safe routes to schools for cyclists and pedestrians. The plan calls for a 10 percent reduction in car trips to schools, through carpooling, the use of transit and walking or cycling. It also proposes the goal of a 5 percent reduction in single vehicle occupancy trips and recommends the support of such

programs as Real Time Ridesharing that uses a smartphone application to connect people with similar commutes, find each other and create effective car pools; and suggests that new residential and non-residential developments could be required to have a transportation demand management plan and ongoing program that provides incentives to individuals to utilize alternative means of transportation.

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10:00 AM – PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY
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Grand Opening Event



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Saturday, Nov 23 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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