



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, June 25, 7 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,
1010 Camino Pablo

Planning Commission

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

Design Review

Monday, June 23, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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www.moragachamber.org

Moraga Citizens' Network:

www.moragacitizensnetwork.org



Moraga Police Department

Residential burglary, 6/09/14 A Fernwood Drive resident had an estimated \$15,000 worth of computers, digital cameras and other valuables stolen. The home was locked and vacant for a period of roughly three hours. It was determined that the suspects had entered through the garage door using the victim's garage door opener which had been stolen in Antioch earlier in the afternoon.

Hot dog in car, 6/08/14 There was a report of a dog locked in a car with three out of four windows cracked at 7:45 a.m. in 69 degree weather. The dog, a small white and brown terrier, did not appear to be in distress; the owner arrived and said he was in the gym for approximately 45 minutes. The owner was advised of the risks of leaving his dog locked in the car. **Woof!**

Tossing mystery object, 6/3/14 A car was being driven past Campolindo High School when a white male juvenile driving a newer BMW in the opposite direction tossed a hard, unknown object onto the windshield of the other driver's Toyota. Because she was startled, it was difficult for her to make out the license plate number. Due to an existing crack in the windshield it was hard to tell if there was damage done by the mystery item. Perhaps the object thrower should get detention for bad behavior?

Commercial burglary, 6/01/14 Moraga cops responded to a local home improvement store to investigate a report of thefts that had occurred over the previous weekend. Inventory was missing and video surveillance footage showed unknown suspects nabbing the goods over a two day period, exiting the store through an emergency exit. The unspecified goodies are valued at over \$2,000. No suspects or leads, but the case remains under investigation.

Kid versus dog, 6/05/14 It wasn't even 7 p.m. when police responded to a report of a male juvenile abusing a dog on Moraga Road. Cops saw the kid and ordered him to stop as they approached. The youth ran from police, who eventually found him at his dad's house nearby. The fellow was arrested for resisting, delaying, obstructing an officer and was released to his father.



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Balanced Budget for Moraga

FY 2014-15 budget a bit less optimistic than hoped

By Sophie Braccini

Chart 13. General Fund Five-Year Financial Projection

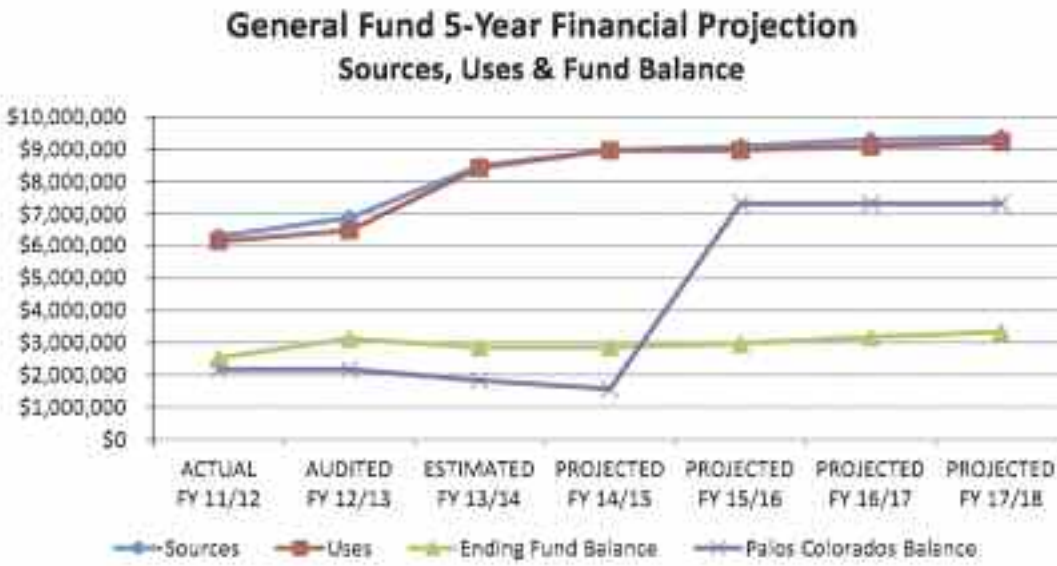


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The Moraga Town Council approved the fiscal year 2014-15 budget on June 11. The town's budget is "structurally balanced, meaning that ongoing, annual expenditures are supported by annual revenue sources," said Stephanie Hom, administrative services director. She noted, however,

that although the economic recovery might be improving revenue at the state level, that's not the case in Moraga.

The town's property tax revenue has remained relatively flat. Hom's research indicates that Moraga has a lower turnover rate for homes than similar East Bay communities; and

Prop. 13 protects residents from tax hikes. And, while the statewide sales tax measure has helped California's bottom line, in Moraga revenue from the local sales tax increase goes only to pay for road repairs.

The FY 2014-15 operating budget is \$7.2 million and the capital

budget amounts to \$5.3 million, some of which was appropriated from prior years, and includes \$4.5 million for road repairs. The town's reserve represents 39.8 percent of the operating budget. Hom projects a slim surplus of \$14,000.

Total revenue has increased since the passage of the local sales tax. Property tax now represents 35 percent of the town's revenue – it used to represent nearly half – general sales tax represents 12 percent, the local 1 percent local sales tax and garbage vehicle impact fee represent 18 percent, and fees for services comprise 13 percent of the town's revenue. Additional revenue comes from franchise fees, the real estate transfer tax and other small miscellaneous sources.

If you take the local sales tax proceeds out of the budget picture, it becomes a bit bleaker. "While revenue has declined or remained flat, health-care and pension costs have increased between 6 and 19 percent yearly, requiring a tighter budget on discretionary expenditures," she said.

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The Hills of Moraga

Discussion about hillside and ridgeline development proceeds

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga citizens who are concerned about what the hills of Moraga might look like in the coming decades are taking part in a discussion that recently began about how hillsides and ridgelines should be developed. There are existing rules and restrictions that already apply, but over the years, different

layers of regulation have introduced ambiguities that the Moraga Town Council wants to resolve. It can be a dry conversation at times, but for many residents it is important to make the effort now because once rules are adopted they cannot be breached; at least, not without risking a legal challenge.

One such ambiguity lies in the varying interpretations of a rule that states that ridgelines should be protected. Some interpret the concept of ridgeline protection to mean there should be no development on ridgelines, while others see latitude to allow some development as long as general views are not impacted.

Another example is in regards to a slope that triggers a hillside permit requirement. What area should be chosen to calculate the slope on a piece of property where development is proposed? Should it be the whole parcel or just the pad where the house will sit?

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Not so handicapped, 6/05/14 A 27-year-old woman was parked in an undisclosed handicap zone. Clever cop figured out that she was not transporting a disabled person registered to the handicap license plate. She received a citation. Bad karma and totally uncool.

Driving while stoned, 6/6/14 Because of the late hour, close to 1:30 a.m., and erratic driving, cops pulled over a Ford Explorer and noticed the smell of non-burnt marijuana inside the car. A search revealed 3.5 grams of marijuana and an open box of American Spirit cigarettes – strong stuff for the 16-year-old driver. Both the driver and his passenger were issued citations.

In addition, the following crimes were reported in Moraga during the week of June 3-10:

False Alarm:

Claudia Ct
San Pablo Ct

Suspicious Circumstances:

Moraga Way
Rheem Blvd

Found property:

Ivy Dr

Violation of probation:

Corte Maria

Domestic Dispute:

Bollinger Canyon Rd
Center St

Battery:

St. Andrews Dr

Danger to Self:

Moraga Rd

Petty Theft:

Camino Pablo

Moraga Park Foundation Summer Concert Series 2014

Food Service begins at 6:00 pm
Concerts from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

<p>Thursday – June 19</p> <p>Mixed Nuts Rock & Roll</p>	<p>Thursday – June 26</p> <p>ZeBop! Latin Rock</p>
<p>Friday – July 4</p> <p>BUSTA & GROOVE! Dance Party</p>	<p>Thursday – July 10</p> <p>aja vu Chicago & Steely Dan Tribute</p>
<p>Thursday – July 17</p> <p>MANIA Beatles Tribute</p>	<p>Thursday – July 24</p> <p>=HouseRockers Rock & Roll</p>
<p>Thursday – July 31</p> <p>60's SUMMER OF LOVE Beach Boys Tribute</p>	<p>Thursday – August 7</p> <p>MOONALICE 60's Classics</p>
<p>Thursday – August 14</p> <p>CHRIS GARDNER BAND Country Western</p>	<p>Thursday – August 21</p> <p>Larry Lynch & the Mob Rock & Roll</p>

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