



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, July 9, 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, July 14, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Moraga Police Department

A brief flash, 6/24/14 An unknown suspect allegedly burped upon entering a business on Rheem Boulevard. Staff person gave him a dirty look, then the subject pulled down the back of his shorts and shook his allegedly exposed buttocks at the staff person. The subject denied everything.

Somebody's watching, 6/17/14 Cops received a report of a possible shoplift at Safeway. Two subjects were observed entering the store separately, but leaving together – possibly with concealed merchandise. Store management is reviewing closed caption camera footage to see if they snatched anything.

Shattered slider, 6/14/14 A sliding glass door at an unoccupied home on Calle La Montana was shattered with a wooden patio table sometime during a four-day period. Cops confirmed that the house had a functioning security alarm system, but it wasn't activated. It looked like nothing had been taken. The son-in-law of the elderly homeowner, who now lives in Virginia, was contacted by phone and will be visiting in July. Thoughtful next door neighbor helped coordinate the repair of the door and secure the home.

D.U.I. 6/19/14 A disabled car was stopped in the bike lane on Moraga Road at St. Mary's Road. It was after midnight when police found the paused car, the driver smelled of alcohol. When the young man was unable to complete any of the field sobriety tests, he was placed under arrest for D.U.I. He was taken to the Moraga Police Department where he agreed to take a breathalyzer test, but the fellow was unable to successfully complete that. The 20-year-old was then taken to the Martinez Detention Facility where he agreed to a blood test.

Car stolen, later found, 6/18/14 A Camino Peral resident reported that her car was stolen, perhaps because she left the car keys in the door lock. Prior to the vehicle being entered in the missing car database, it was found and towed. She must pay to get her car back.

Bike stolen, 5/25/14 A custom made bicycle was left outside of a Saint Mary's College dormitory for approximately one week, when the owner discovered the bike was missing. No serial number on the bike and nothing seen or heard, therefore no suspects or leads.

Teens hanging out with contraband, 6/22/14 It was just after 9 p.m. when cops responded to a complaint of



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Town to Conduct Focus Groups on Recreation Facilities

By Sophie Braccini

Jay Ingram, Moraga's parks and recreation director, is working to develop a vision for sports and recreation facilities in town; a vision built on community consensus. His strategy is multi-pronged. While the Joint Ad Hoc Facilities subcommittee tackles the practical aspects of visioning – listing needs, existing facilities and potential sites – Ingram wants to organize diverse focus groups to imagine the future.

The focus groups will meet in September, led by Ingram and Maura Wolf of the Leadership Program at Saint Mary's College. Ingram plans

to reach out to groups such as the Moraga Juniors and the Moraga Movers so that all demographics can be represented, and he also wants to hear from residents who are interested in participating; email jingram@moraga.ca.us.

The subcommittee met June 23 to continue its conversation about sports and recreation infrastructure. The group that includes council members and representatives from the school districts and local sports groups is set to give the town council and the school board a report in the fall of 2014.

The meeting began with Ingram

asking each member to reminisce about some of his or her best childhood memories involving recreation. They had plenty to share. Memories of trips to the hockey rink in Massachusetts were conjured up; long summer days spent in open recreation centers where informal activities happened; the local YMCA; bike rides and open space. "What strikes me is that all our prior meetings have been about organized, structured activities," said subcommittee member Shari Simon, "but our best childhood memories are about free form recreational activities. That's something we should pay attention to

as we create a vision of what we want to offer our community."

Ingram also reported that he is working with the Moraga School District, Campolindo High School and Saint Mary's College to cross-reference the availability of sports fields and facilities; he was asked to continue working with these same organizations to sign joint-use agreements for the recreation facilities.

The next meeting of the Joint Ad Hoc Facilities subcommittee is scheduled for 6 p.m. on July 23 in the Mosaic Room at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive.

Final Closure for School District's Painful Past

By Sophie Braccini

The lessons will not be forgotten as the Moraga School District puts a sad, shameful episode of its past to rest with the settlement that was reached mid-June between the district and two women who were sexually abused by middle school teacher Dan Witters in the 1990s.

After the facts came out, Witters committed suicide in 1996. An alleged school district cover-up surfaced when another former student, Kristin Cunnane, revealed her abuse at the hands of a different teacher who was subsequently convicted and sent to jail. Sep-

arate suits were filed against the district by Cunnane and the two unnamed victims who claimed that responsible parties at the time had been repeatedly inactive regarding assertions of sexual misconduct by Witters, which led to prolonged sexual abuse. The district

settled with Cunnane last year.

"We want to again apologize to these women and to their families for the pain that was inflicted on them by former staff of the district," said Superintendent Bruce Burns.

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Moraga Sports Honored

By Sophie Braccini



The Town Council and the Campolindo boys' varsity volleyball team.

The Moraga Town Council issued two proclamations June 25 for two very different sports groups. First it honored the Campolindo boys' varsity volleyball team, which recently won its fourth consecutive North Coast Section Championship and second NorCal Regional Championship. The team was ranked No. 1 in the East Bay and No. 8

nationally by MaxPreps.

The council also recognized the Orinda Moraga Pools Association, a 58-year-old institution in which more than 3,000 young swimmers, age 3 to 18, participate each year. OMPA is comprised of nine recreational swimming teams located in Moraga and Orinda. Its summer swim season features

weekly dual meets and culminates in August with the OMPA Championship meet, one of the largest recreational swim meets in the country, with over 2,000 swimmers expected to participate. Echoing OMPA's theme this year, the council proclaimed Aug. 8, 9 and 10 to be "SwimTown USA" days in Moraga.



Vice mayor Roger Wykle and Lucy Dendinger, OMPA meet director. Photos Andy Scheck

teenagers hanging out near Camino Ricardo at Ashbrook Place. The 17-year-old driver told the cop there was a pot pipe, cigarette rolling papers and a bit of pot in his ukulele case. The driver was issued multiple citations and released to his parents.

In addition, the following crimes were reported in Moraga June 17-24:

False Alarm:

- Birchwood Dr
- Woodford Dr
- Canyon Rd
- Walford Dr
- Paseo Grande
- Sullivan Dr

Suspicious Circumstances:

- Woodford Dr

Bogus Debit Card:

- Moraga Rd

Making Annoying Phone Calls:

- Cypress Point Wy

Civil Dispute:

- Courter Lane
- Ascot Ct

Found Property:

- Center St

Speeding:

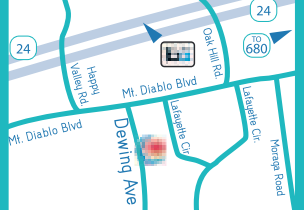
- Rheem Blvd

Alcohol Poisoning:

- Louise Ct

D.U.I.:

- St. Andrews Dr



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