



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

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

Planning Commission

Monday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

Design Review

Monday, Aug. 25, 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

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www.moragacitizensnetwork.org



Moraga Police Department

D.U.I. 8/03/14 Not very many cars on the road in Moraga after 2 a.m. so the Pontiac cruising down Moraga Road at 50 mph drew the attention of police. The 26-year-old male driver was arrested for driving under the influence, and his intoxicated 17-year-old female passenger was transported to the Moraga Police Department and later released to her parents.

Medical Assistance, 8/04/14 Cops responded to a home on Augusta Drive on a report of a 91-year-old woman who had stopped breathing. MOFD paramedics transported her to Kaiser in Walnut Creek after getting a pulse.

Missing bling 8/02/14 Possibly over a period of several months, multiple items of jewelry have vanished from a home on Paseo Grande, totaling roughly \$7,000. The reporting person didn't want cops to contact anyone regarding the theft at this time.

Couch as litter, 7/29/14 Sometime during the night, an unknown suspect or two left a six foot long couch in the driveway of an apartment complex on Ascot Drive. The reporting person suspected tenants who lived across the street had abandoned it after they moved out. Two days later the couch was relocated to the reporting person's driveway. Payback?

Car burglary, 8/01/14 After parking his car on Canyon Road, just north of Pinehurst Drive, an unidentified person went for a run. Upon his return, he discovered the right front passenger window was smashed out and his fanny pack, stowed under the driver's seat, was missing. Pack contained his wallet and four checkbooks.

Commercial burglary 7/29/14 A school located on School Street was burglarized overnight. A flat screen television from a classroom and several power tools from an outside maintenance shed were taken. No leads at this time.

In addition, the following other crimes were reported in Moraga between July 29 and Aug. 5:

- False Alarms** Moraga Wy
Via Granada
- Moraga Rd
Claudia Ct
- Suspicious Circumstances**
Sullivan Dr
- Identity Theft**
Moraga Wy/Center St

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Via Moraga Concept Approved

Eighteen new homes planned on Moraga Road

By Sophie Braccini

After three years of discussion, the Moraga Planning Commission approved Signature Properties' conceptual map for the construction of 18 single-family homes on the two-acre property located at 489 Moraga

Road – the empty lot across from the Rheem Shopping Center. Prior to giving its approval, the commission requested a major alteration to the plan.

When the meeting started on July

21, it appeared that only commissioner Tom Marnane was prepared to support the current proposal for a development that has been under discussion since 2011. "For single-family homes (this development) is just too

dense," said commissioner Teresa Onoda. "People who come here want to have a yard for their kids to play." Onoda thought that six units per acre would be more appropriate than 10.

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Dale Walwark, Rooted Moraga Citizen

By Sophie Braccini



Dale Walwark

Photo Sophie Braccini

Dale Walwark was not always Moraga's beloved elder statesman; he was a corporate communications professional working for large organizations. Now in his 70s, Walwark believes that the later part of his life has been at least as fulfilling as his professional life, if not more so. He's done it all in Moraga, from lending a hand at the garden club to serving on the town council, and he still regularly aims pointed questions at current council members during meetings. A passionate lover of the English language, a well-rounded traveler and reader, Walwark, and his wife Penny, are quintessential Moragans – enjoying life and giving back to their community.

"Being paid nothing for improving the community has turned out to be more rewarding than some of the jobs for which I was paid during my working life," says Walwark, who comes from a family with a history of volunteer service. His father was the president of a service club, and later the chamber of commerce, in the Illinois town where he grew up. His mother headed a Parent-Teacher Association and was a Cub Scout den mother. His parents were what he calls "mid-western, salt-of-the-earth people," simple and hard working. But a young Walwark wanted to explore the world beyond Illinois and shortly after graduating in the early 1960s, from the University of Illinois, he bought a Volkswagen, took delivery in London, and traveled through Europe.

He discovered California shortly after his return to the United States. He quit his job and headed west on Route 66. "We didn't know it at the time, but we were living in a golden era. We just thought it was the American way," he recalls. "Almost immediately, I found a job with an

advertising agency and soon after met my wife, Penny."

The couple moved to Moraga with their two children in 1976 and quickly became involved in the community.

Walwark suggests that even those without a history of volunteerism try joining a service group, such as Kiwanis, Rotary or Lions; he says the experience will open a new door. "If people take an active role, their lives and the communities they serve are enhanced."

"In my own case, I began by vol-

unteering for the Moraga Parks and Recreation Commission." A few years later, he chaired the commission. "A fellow member introduced me to her husband, and he introduced me to the Kiwanis Club," which he later headed as president. And that led to a successful run for the town council, where his service included representing Moraga on the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, a body he chaired for a year. He also served on the board of the Moraga Park Foundation.

Walwark does not like to boast about his achievements – as far as he's concerned, teamwork is everything. As a council member from 2000 to 2004, he is proud to have been part of the team that approved the skate park. "I was the swing vote on the council for that decision," he remembers. "The anti-park didn't like me, and the pro-park didn't like me either because I demanded that things be done right, which took more time." Another achievement of that town council was to reduce the build-out forecasted in the 2002 revision of the General Plan by one-third.

"Moraga needs volunteer work because it has a small staff and a small

budget," he says. "I'm sure many citizens think that the town government does everything, but that isn't true."

Walwark hopes the new generation will be interested in supporting the town and he is adamant that this does not mean everyone must shoulder huge responsibilities. "I have dug for the Garden Club, planted daffodils for Kiwanis, grilled burgers for the Park Foundation, knocked on doors for the street tax, and taken abuse as an elected official, but most people prefer to enter volunteerism through a single door with no stairs to climb," he says. "That's OK. Get the books rearranged in the proper order on the library shelves, work at the Oktoberfest, whatever. There are many needs, large and small. If you want to do more, opportunities await."

And, according to Walwark, there is an added bonus – you'll meet great people. "My friends in Moraga are, by and large, those I have worked with," he says. "I admire so many friends who just keep giving year after year, with no particular recognition and certainly no compensation, simply because they recognize needs and find it rewarding to fill them."

TOWN OF MORAGA PUBLIC MEETING

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday August 18, 2014

7:00 PM

Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road

The Planning Commission will hold a Public Meeting on the date above regarding the following items:

PUBLIC MEETING	Review and comment on the draft Climate Action Plan and consider a recommendation to the Town Council to submit the draft Climate Action Plan to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for review and comment.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	A Climate Action Plan (CAP) is a long-term plan to reduce a community's greenhouse gas emissions. A certified Climate Action Plan can be used for compliance with the BAAQMD California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. The requested action is a recommendation to Town Council to submit the draft CAP to the BAAQMD for initial review and comment. The CAP is not proposed for adoption at this time.
CEQA STATUS	To be determined. An initial study will be prepared prior to approval and adoption.
STAFF CONTACT	Ella Samonsky, Associate Planner (925)888-7042 esamonsky@moraga.ca.us
PUBLIC MEETING	Review and Comment on the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element update.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The Town of Moraga is required by State Law to update its Housing Element for the 2015-2023 planning cycle. The Draft 2015-2023 Moraga Housing Element Update identifies and analyzes existing and projected housing needs. This public meeting introduces the Draft Housing Element to the Planning Commission and provides an opportunity for the Commission to review and comment on the draft.
CEQA STATUS	An Initial Study will be prepared prior to approval and adoption.
STAFF CONTACT	Brian Horn, Associate Planner (925) 888-7044 bhorn@moraga.ca.us

Questions & comments on items before the Planning Commission are welcome any time, but please note the following opportunities to comment: • In writing (email or mail) prior to release of the staff report (generally 3-5 days before the meeting). We encourage you to state your concerns before the staff report is completed so that comments can be reflected in the report.

• After release of the staff report (posted at www.moraga.ca.us)
• At the hearing, during the designated "public comment" period. (Three minute per person limit) See back of notice for mail, email and phone contact.

Persons with disabilities requiring assistance in order to attend and/or participate in this meeting, please contact Town Clerk at 925-888-7022 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. If you challenge the above-described action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Moraga at, or prior to, the public hearing.