



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. *cancelled*
 Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.
 Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,
 1010 Camino Pablo

Planning Commission

Monday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
 Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

Design Review

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.
 Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

School Board Meeting Moraga School District

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 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
Town of Moraga:
 www.moraga.ca.us
 Phone: (925) 888-7022
Chamber of Commerce:
 www.moragachamber.org
Moraga Citizens' Network:
 www.moragacitizensnetwork.org



Moraga Police Department

Not so civil dispute, 9/11/14 A neighbor on Via Joaquin yelled at the person next door and his son about his car being towed. The reporting person witnessed the car being towed but had no part in making it happen. The subject was advised to contact the homeowners association and to attend the next meeting. The yeller was also advised to "stay away from the reporting person's residence or face arrest for trespassing."

Black backpack found, 9/11/14 It had been placed near a tree at the Rheem Shopping Center all day. Only clothes and some personal items were found inside but, alas, no identification. See Moraga police if it belongs to you.

Car versus pedestrian, 9/13/14 A car backing out of a parking spot on Moraga Way struck a pedestrian who was walking southbound through the parking lot. She complained of pain to her wrist and pain to her left hip – she was taken by the fire department to the hospital. No mention of which party didn't see the other.

Loud party, 9/13/14 Apparently school is back in session. The clock had yet to strike midnight, but it was time for Cinderellas and all the fellas to wrap it up. It was 11:45 p.m. when police responded to Eileen Court to check on a loud party. Approximately 40 people left the house and the party hosts were issued a Town of Moraga Party Ordinance warning notice. Wow, say that three times fast.

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Meet the Candidates: Chew, Onoda, Trotter

By Sophie Braccini

Three candidates for two seats on the Moraga Town Council are seeking your vote this November. Incumbents Ken Chew and David Trotter are seeking re-election for a third 4-year term, while Teresa Onoda is running for the first time. The Town Council is comprised of five Moraga residents who volunteer their time in service to their community. The candidates recently shared their thoughts on a variety of issues.

Why are they running?

Both Chew and Trotter say that they love Moraga, have proven track records on the Town Council, and are proud of the town's balanced budget and frugal spending over the last eight years.

Chew points out that he championed the establishment of the Climate Action Plan, while Trotter credits his persistence and tenacity, in part, to the work that led to the passage of Measure K and the restoration of Moraga's roads.

Onoda believes that the town is at a tipping point and that the completion of the many proposed developments could change its character. She wants to preserve the quality of life for Moraga residents.

Development and the Moraga Center Specific Plan

Onoda believes that there is a problem with the implementation of the Moraga Center Specific Plan. "It is too dense," she states, adding that the cumulative impacts of proposed development projects, especially on



Ken Chew

schools and roads, needs to be better understood.

Trotter and Chew served on the Town Council that approved the Moraga Center Specific Plan. Trotter supports the planned 620 units. "The Camino Ricardo project went through with great collaborative effort, this is a successful piece of the puzzle," he says. "The total build up is subject to a traffic budget, it cannot exceed the projected traffic from a single-family residential development of about 334 units." He explains that the plan will have to include a mix of different types of housing with different traffic impacts.

Chew says he is not concerned with the implementation of the Moraga Center Specific Plan because overall it abides by the town's General Plan and every project will be individually scrutinized. "There will be plenty of opportunity to make sure that each project conforms to the



Teresa Onoda

General Plan," he states.

Finance and Asset Management

Chew says that he is concerned that the town has not saved enough for a complete asset replacement plan. The town owns several buildings, police vehicles, and equipment, among other things. "When it breaks, we replace it, but if we want to implement such a plan fully, it will take a lot of money," he says. Chew thinks that the Palos Colorados development fees, several million dollars likely to land in town coffers in 2015, could be used in part to fund an asset replacement plan.

Onoda says she favors conservative management of the town's money. "Moraga has to continue to be managed with a balanced budget," she says. She applauds the work that was done with Measure K and promises that she will make sure that all the money is used for infrastructure maintenance.



Dave Trotter

Trotter promises to continue to push budgetary frugality. "We cut the spending by \$1 million during the recession when I was mayor; the town lives within its means," he states, adding that he will continue to make sure that money from Measure K will be used only for the roads.

Economic Development

Trotter notes improvements in the occupancy rates at Moraga's shopping centers. "What Gayle Somers is doing (HomeMade Kitchen Café and Bakery) is a great example of people investing in the community and finding a niche," he says, adding that there are still unmet needs for things such as a sports bar and student housing.

Chew believes that Moraga has made a lot of progress in the last eight years; processes for businesses have been streamlined and town staff is more supportive.

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Moraga Celebrates!

Daylong Pear and Wine Festival followed by Toast to Moraga

Festivities begin with the 16th annual Pear and Wine Festival at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Moraga Commons Park. This family-friendly event features DJ RyanO, wine tasting, pear pies, jumpies, food, informational booths, youth performances and the famous Pear Recipe Contest. For details go to www.moraga.ca.us or call (925) 888-7045.

The Pear and Wine Festival wraps up around 4 p.m. and will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the Toast to Moraga 40th Anniversary Celebration. The event is a bring-your-own picnic dinner in the park; the deadline to reserve a table was Sept. 18.

Next Up

The Moraga Historical Society is organizing a dinner Oct. 18 to celebrate the incorporation of the Town of Moraga. For more information and reservations contact Susan Sperry at (925) 376-3053.



Identity theft, 9/05/14 A Tharp Drive resident discovered, after a credit check, that there was a possible unauthorized application for a credit card. There has been no financial loss at this time and the fraudulent account has been closed.

Minor traffic incident, 9/16/14 The reporting person said he had been involved in a minor non-injury accident on Campolindo Drive. While stopping for a vehicle that was parking, another car rear-ended him, resulting in minor damage. Bumped driver just wanted to document the incident.

In addition, the following crimes were reported in Moraga Sept. 9 through Sept. 16:

False Alarm

- Calle La Mesa
- Carter Dr
- St. Andrews Dr
- Buckingham Dr
- Alta Mesa Ct
- Augusta Dr

Car Towed

- Dickenson Dr

Welfare Check

- Natalie Dr

Traffic Incident

- Moraga Rd

Danger to Self

- Ascot Dr (2)
- Cypress Point Wy



Livable Moraga Road Community Workshop: Corridor Concept Review and Segment 3 Options

Monday, September 29, from 7:00 to 9:00pm, Hacienda de las Flores, La Sala Building, 2100 Donald Drive.

Come and share your comments on corridor-wide improvements for Moraga Road from the Commons to Campolindo, including new pedestrian and bike facilities, and intersection improvements to improve the connectivity, safety and beauty of the corridor. You will also have the chance to weigh in on options for vehicle lanes, bicycle lanes, parking and pedestrian paths in the area between Donald Drive and Corliss Drive, and decide how the needs of motorists, walkers and cyclists can best be balanced in this area.

To Learn More, visit:
 www.moraga.ca.us/livablemoragaroad
 or contact Ellen Clark, Planning Director at 925-888-7041 eclark@moraga.ca.us, for more information.

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