



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, Nov. 26 canceled
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,
1010 Camino Pablo

Planning Commission

Monday, Dec. 1, 6 p.m.
Hacienda De las Flores, La Sala,
2100 Donald Dr.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 24 canceled
Monday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

School Board Meeting

Moraga School District
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 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

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

Chamber of Commerce:

www.moragachamber.org
Moraga Citizens' Network:
www.moragacitizensnetwork.org



Moraga Police Department

Annoying phone calls, 11/4/14 A South Sandringham resident reported to the police that she received 24 phone calls from a blocked number between 5:10 and 5:45 a.m. During the first call, a male on the other end stated "B%&#, wakey wakey;" the balance of phone calls were hang ups. No suspects at this time.

D.U.I., 11/08/14 A blue BMW was pulled over near the intersection of Moraga Road and Moraga Way for failing to stop for the red traffic signal at the intersection. The 77-year-old female driver showed objective signs of impairment, her blood alcohol test was just above the legal limit at 0.09. The woman was released to a family friend on her signed Promise to Appear.

Petty Theft, 11/09/14 Two large duffel bags containing women's clothing were taken from the unlocked trunk of an unlocked silver Toyota Corolla sometime during the night while the car was parked on Chalda Way. Total estimated loss is approximately \$500. No suspects or leads at this time.

Recovered stolen car, 11/09/14 A 1993 Chevy Silverado was parked in one of the carpools at 2030 Ascot Drive. The landlord said his tenant left her assigned parking stall around 8 a.m. and the stolen Chevy was in her spot when she returned home at 4:30 p.m. Turns out, the car had been stolen from the Orinda BART parking lot. The car's ignition appeared to be punched. It was towed. Why would a car thief take an older pickup truck on a five mile joy ride to Moraga?

Battery against an officer, 11/10/14 Police responded to a party on Country Club Drive on a report of a person who was intoxicated and unconscious. Upon arrival, cops were met with multiple juveniles who appeared to be intoxicated and not responding to officers' commands. The fire department arrived and took the very intoxicated subject to the hospital for medical treatment. A young man was arrested for battery of a peace officer and resisting arrest. He was later released to a parent.

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State of the Anniversary

By Sophie Braccini



Mayor Ken Chew prepares a toast to celebrate Moraga's 40th birthday.
Photo Cathy Dausman

The theme of the 40th anniversary State of the Town address was as poignant as ever: the more things change, the more they stay the same. For the 150 or so Moragans attending the Nov. 12 presentation by Mayor Ken Chew it was a theme that

struck home as 40 years of the life of Moraga was reviewed.

The evening started out strong with a no-host bar and wonderful appetizers. Guests mingled and interacted with each other in an intimate and casual atmosphere. Many town volunteers and staff members were in attendance, along with current, past and future town council members.

Expectations and spirits were high when the meeting was called to order by the mayor, and everyone took their seats; the remainder of the evening was a composed affair. Contrasting the new with the old, Moraga's 40 years of cityhood was presented in all its glory.

Guests were treated to a presentation of pictures, documents and people that exemplified how Moraga became the semirural, limited government jurisdiction that it is. Among

some of the most interesting contrasts were roads, buildings and landmarks.

The Moraga Shopping Center has remained remarkably the same; "The Barn" went from being a lonely train station, to a popular bar, to a LEED certified office building; and Saint Mary's College, which pre-dates the town, has grown from a few buildings in the middle of nowhere to a world-class campus.

Chew presented metrics that were equally compelling. It was interesting to see the pattern of development in Moraga. Approximately 72 percent of the homes in town were constructed in the 60s and 70s, and only eight homes have been added since 2010. As a result the number of town personnel has remained quite stable since the 80s, and the town continues to be operated with a modest annual surplus of about \$200,000 a year.

Notwithstanding the years of history, Chew turned the crowd's attention to how the town's leadership is laying the groundwork for the future. The mayor placed a heavy emphasis on road work and the recent improvements achieved through Measure K. He highlighted the fact that the sales tax increase is bringing in \$7.7 million so the town can start putting a dent in the \$25 million worth of delayed infrastructure maintenance. Chew, whose term on the town council is ending this year, added a word of caution to future councils and the audience that the storm drain system is antiquated and those repairs are unfunded at this time.

Chew then proposed a toast to Moraga and the crowd broke into a joyous round of "Happy Birthday" before indulging in cake.

Town Accepts the Climate Action Plan

By Sophie Braccini

The Moraga Town Council accepted a climate action plan on Oct. 22 that was developed, over a year and a half, by a task force comprised of 18 volunteers working with a consultant. Moraga has many years of history developing climate action plans, a set of strategies intended to guide efforts for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In March 2006, the California En-

vironmental Protection Agency released its Climate Action Team Report to Gov. Schwarzenegger and the state legislature. At the state level, the goal adopted is a greenhouse gas reduction of 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2020. Many cities have embraced the concept and are designing their own climate action plans to contribute to the general goal.

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for Sustainability, won a grant in 2008 to define Moraga's carbon footprint (as well as those of Lafayette and Orinda); a first action plan was drafted following the inventory and was accepted by the Town Council – but not adopted. Unlike adopting a plan, accepting a plan does not carry a request for further action.

For this year's iteration, the Town Council again decided that accepting

the plan was sufficient.

Because the plan was not adopted, it cannot be certified by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, which has oversight of local climate action plans, negating one of the reasons to create such a plan – streamlining the CEQA process, on required analysis of greenhouse gas impacts, for developers.

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Memorial Service for Roger Poynts

A service for Roger Poynts, who died in a car accident Oct. 26, will be begin at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Orinda Masonic Lodge, 9 Altarinda Way in Orinda. –S. Braccini

Clarification, issue date Nov. 5, 2014, "MPD's New Lieutenant - and Next Police Chief?"

It has come to our attention that this article inadvertently left readers wondering if Moraga Police Chief Robert Priebe would retire within a year. Priebe indicated that he loves his job and the community, and plans to continue his service for another few years. "I have great hopes for Jon (King) as a member of MPD and hope he replaces me when I retire, whenever that might be," Priebe added.



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