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# PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL

## SATURDAY, 9/26, 10AM-4PM

### MORAGA COMMONS PARK



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## Interested In Moraga's Bikeability? Take A Ride!

By Sophie Braccini



A runner crosses Rheem Boulevard to reach the sidewalk while a mother keeps her children as close as possible to the side of the road. Missing bike lanes and sidewalks force pedestrians, bikers and drivers to share the road. Photo A. Scheck

Dave Campbell is a pro when it comes to bikeability. The advocacy director and the Bike East Bay team have been working for 33 years to make Contra Costa and Alameda counties more bikeable. They have conducted studies in Piedmont, Pleasant Hill, Fremont and last month Berkeley. Now it is Moraga's turn, as part of the bike and pedestrian plan conducted by the town. Riders of all ages and abilities are invited to partake in a two-hour bike tour of the town with planning staff and Bike East Bay specialists Oct. 3 to explore what it would take to make Moraga

totally bike safe and convenient. "The goal of the Walk-Bike Plan is to make walking and biking in Moraga safer and easier," says Coleman Frick, the town assistant planner in charge of the matter. "As the next step in the development of the plan, the Town is asking residents for their thoughts and opinions on walking and biking in Moraga." Different outreach mechanisms have been devised: an online survey, an interactive map to pinpoint and note current concerns, a public workshop on Sept. 26, and for the first time, the bike-through exercise. ... continued on page A8

## Public Art Policy Proposed in Moraga

By Sophie Braccini

Public art displays have become more prevalent in Orinda and Lafayette, but Moraga has lagged behind, with only a donation policy in place and a few pieces of art donated to the town, such as the statue of kids reading at the library. But recently elected Moraga council member Teresa Onoda, a plein-air artist, is pushing for the adoption of a public art policy.

At its Sept. 9 meeting, council members gave direction for new rules, leaning toward a regulation much like the one in Orinda, where artists loan art to the city that, if well received, is purchased with a mix of public and donated funds.

At the meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram sought direction and focus from the council members and asked them to think in terms of art acquisition as well as future maintenance of the pieces. Ted Urban, the Orinda resident who proposed the Art in Public Places Committee to the Orinda City Council in 2007, came to the meeting to answer questions.

"The purpose was to bring a wide variety of visual art to public spaces for people to enjoy," explained Urban. Since 2007, some 30 artists have agreed to put one of their pieces on display in various public locations through-

out Orinda for a minimum of one year. As some pieces became popular, the committee looked into purchasing them. "A portion of parks and recreation dedication

fee can be allocated to purchase art, and the community has to come up with matching funds," explained Urban.

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