



Moraga

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, June 6, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, June 13, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Moraga School District
Tuesday, June 7, 7 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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Police

Report

April 26 through May 3



Fire 5/17/16: An investigation into a vehicle and structure fire at North Sandringham Drive found that the 20-year-old resident, who was not allowed to smoke in the house, was smoking a cigarette in his parked vehicle under the carport. The subject fell asleep while smoking and was later awakened to his car on fire. Luckily he escaped without injury. Cops evacuated two adults and a dog from the house without injury. The fire department arrived and extinguished the fire. The car was toast and there was substantial damage to the carport and garage. Time of the incident was 4:08 a.m. which may have contributed to the incident.

Fraud 5/16/16: A Thorndale Place couple came to the lobby of the Police Department to report a fraudulent joint tax return. They had already reported the incident to the IRS and it was being investigated. The couple also filed a report with the Federal Trade Commission, but in order to complete the FTC claim, they needed to obtain a case number from police. No mention of monetary loss in the police report.

Harassing phone call 5/16/16: A Sanders Ranch Road resident stated he received a voicemail from a subject whose son plays on the same youth baseball team as his son. The caller alleged in his message that the reporting person was "messing" with his kid's playing time at practice. The dad called back and was concerned that the voicemail guy stated he would "bust up" the Sanders Ranch fellow if he messed with the subject or the subject's family. The harass-ee just wanted documentation in case of further issues. Apparently adult bullying is not considered good sportsmanship.

Found bike 5/16/16: A Crossbrook Drive resident reported she noticed a bike hidden in the bushes between two of her neighbors' front yards. Cops checked the serial number of the bike and it wasn't listed in the state stolen property database. If you're missing a bike - it's being held at the Moraga Police Department.

Equipment collision 5/15/16: At the corner of Spyglass Lane and Augusta Drive a Bobcat of the construction variety lost the use of its steering and brakes after its engine seized. The Bobcat rolled approximately 110 feet down a steep hill and

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Old Moraga Post Office To Become a Warehouse

By Sophie Braccini



The old post office on School Street will soon be a warehouse for Beauty Republic.

Photo Andy Schreck

The Moraga Planning Commission recently approved the transformation of the old post office at the corner of Country Club Drive and School Street into a warehouse. About eight people will work there and not much additional traffic is anticipated.

Song Chae Yun owns the building across from Si Si Caffè on

one side and the Moraga Unified School District Office on the other. It used to be Moraga's second post office but was closed when the U.S. Postal service cut costs and has been vacant ever since.

Yun is the owner of Beauty Republic, a beauty products company with retail stores in the Bay Area. Hayoung Lee, the architect

who was representing Yun at the May meeting, said that the owner's first intent had been to open a retail store in Moraga, but that zoning of the property would not permit it. The building is located in a suburban office zone of the Moraga Center Specific Plan.

The commissioners' questioned the type of administrative

and storage business proposed by Beauty Republic. The site is a 17,424-square foot lot, and the one-story building itself is 5,483 square feet. Lee confirmed that it would be oversized for what is intended.

The traffic generated by Beauty Republic would consist in one delivery to the site every two weeks, and rotation of stock between the local stores in Emeryville and San Ramon twice a week. The impact was estimated to be much less than the previous use when the site was a post office. Lee added that internet sales could possibly be managed from the site.

The commissioners noted that Moraga was not positioned well in the Bay Area to become a warehouse hub, and added that this business would probably bring no additional revenue to the town. The use was compliant with local regulation and unanimously approved.

Planning Commission Needs More Time to Study Wine

By Sophie Braccini

Everyone in town who has an interest in Moraga's budding wine industry was holding their breath as the Planning Commission met to regulate wineries in residential districts. But they were able to exhale when, after hearing from staff, residents and considering their own questions, the commissioners made no firm decision. They decided to appoint a study group to delve into the complex ramifications of regulating wineries.

Planning staff has been working for years on creating a new layer of regulation for people who are producing wine on their property. At this time, this activity is subjected to county and state rules that owners have to follow to be bonded and allowed to produce and sale their wines. In Moraga, home businesses are permitted. However, since the town has received at least one complaint from the neighbor of a local winery, it was decided that studying the addition of local protections was necessary.

As they examined what staff was proposing, planning commissioners had additional questions regarding the impacts on neighbors, from the toxicity of allowed

collided with the back of an asphalt grinder. The driver was lucky, only receiving a minor cut on his leg. He was examined by Moraga Orinda Fire District paramedics but declined to be transported to a hospital. Do Bobcats have seatbelts?

Drunk kids 5/14/16: A group of juveniles was hanging out at a local fast food establishment at about 9:30 p.m. when officers came by and found one of the kids extremely intoxicated and unable to care for himself. Paramedics were summoned. The youth was eventually released to his mother at the scene.

Other crimes occurring in Moraga from May 10 - 17:

Bike swiped - in front of Safeway
Probation violation - no address, two suspicious subjects on bicycles, one with methamphetamine
False alarms - Calle La Montana, Fernwood Drive, Arroyo Drive
Domestic dispute - Corte Gabriel
Welfare check - Corte Yolanda

sprayed products, to noise, odors, to setback of equipment, just to name a few.

The local winemakers explained that their profession is already very highly regulated and noted that their properties are located in either open space or study areas where agricultural activities are permitted, including processing

of the crop.

Planning commission chair Steve Woehleke proposed that a group of two commissioners meet with staff and stakeholders to go further into the question, make sure that the proposed regulation is necessary, protects neighbors adequately, and not nip in the bud an industry that is contributing to the

community.

Planning Director Ellen Clark said that the study group made up of commissioners Ravi Mallela and Kymberleigh Korpus met at the end of May with staff and stakeholders, and would meet again early June. June 20 is the target for the next time the planning commission will discuss this topic.

Samira Says



Samira Davi is a Nurse Liaison for ManorCare Health Services in Walnut Creek. Samira has over 10 years of experience working in health care in Contra Costa County, which has gained her a wide view of what is important to the health care consumer. She will be posting common questions and comments in each issue of the Lamorinda Weekly. You are welcome to contact Samira directly at 925.270.8766

Warm Weather Safety

As spring turns the corner to summer, the urge to spend time in the sun consumes many people. The desire to bask in the rays of the summer months results in numerous positive physical benefits, but can be detrimental if certain safety precautions are not followed. Although the sun provides the body with essential nutrients like Vitamin D, it can be very dangerous if the body is overexposed. This is especially true in older adults.

As we get older, our bodies become much more susceptible to dehydration and heat-related illnesses. Our thirst sensations diminish over time, which means that the body loses its ability to alert us when we are becoming dehydrated. The aging body also loses its ability to cool rapidly, increasing the chances of heat-related illness.

Here are a few important safety measures to take to help avoid heat related issues:

- Stay indoors as much as possible during the late morning and early afternoon.
- If you exercise outdoors- do so during the cooler hours of the day.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids, even if you don't feel thirsty!
- Stay away from alcoholic beverages or those that contain caffeine, as they can increase the risk of dehydration.
- Try to stay in the air conditioning if at all possible. If you do not have air conditioning, consider going to places that do- like the mall, library, grocery store, or movie theater.
- If you go outside, wear a hat that can help shield your face from the sun. Wear sunglasses and sunscreen!
- Do not wear heavy or dark clothing.
- Do not do any heavy lifting or other laborious tasks during the hotter parts of the day.

We at ManorCare Walnut Creek and ManorCare Tice Valley are happy to provide you with these Warm Weather Safety Tips.

As always, we at ManorCare offer post-acute medical and rehabilitation care for those recovering from surgery, illness, or injury. The continuum of care provided by our experienced and committed team members (including physical, occupational, and speech therapist) helps our patients to successfully transition back to home.

Please feel free to call for additional information or to schedule a tour.

We invite you to tour both of our ManorCare post-acute rehab centers— we'll answer all these questions for you and more.

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