



Moraga

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, July 13, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, July 18, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m.
Monday, July 25, 7 p.m. canceled
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

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Moraga Police Report



Patriotic party 7/04/16: A group of high school students at a home on Camino Peral gathered to celebrate our nation's birthday. Police responded to a report of subjects smoking marijuana, but when they arrived, no pot was found. However, there were 10 young adults hanging out in the garage with alcohol. Since it was 11 p.m. the resident was issued a warning notice about loud or unruly parties. What would Thomas Jefferson do?

Mystery projectile breaks car window 6/30/16: Near the intersection of Moraga Road and Moraga Way, a woman reported that while she was driving, the right front window was struck by an unknown projectile and shattered. She didn't see any subjects who may have thrown or shot something at the window. Police searched the area, but didn't find anything.

Traffic accident 6/30/16: Two cars collided at the intersection of School Street and Country Club Drive in a non-injury accident during the afternoon. Cops took pictures and information was exchanged, but no drama ensued.

Drunk while parked 6/28/16: Police contacted the sole occupant of a vehicle parked on Canyon Road and could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from inside the car. Thank goodness the driver had parked the car, because the subject was determined to be extremely intoxicated and was taken into custody without incident and booked for public intoxication. Lesson: don't drink and not drive, or drive.

Burglary 6/28/16: A Buckingham Drive resident reported that an unknown person recently entered his garage and stole several items. Officers were able to identify a suspect and recover the stolen property. The case was submitted to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.

Suspicious person 6/28/16: Not far from Buckingham Drive, on Francisca Drive, police were notified about a young adult acting suspiciously inside an open garage. Cops located the suspect during an area search. During the search the suspect was identified as being responsible for several recent burglaries. Some of the stolen property was recovered.

Naming a Park is No Easy Process

By Sophie Braccini



Photo Sophie Braccini

This is a rare opportunity for Parks and Recreation Commissioners in Moraga: naming a new park, simply because new parks don't come along very often.

The new small "pocket park" located across Moraga Road from the skateboard park and to the east of the development along Camino Ricardo, now called Harvest Court, is the third park dedicated to the public in Moraga in the town's existence. Of course, the matter could not be resolved in one session and the commissioners thought they first needed to establish a naming process, should new public

parcs, trails or roads come along.

Commission Chair Jeannette Fritzky and the six commissioners seemed dubious looking at the list of possible names that had been given to them: names of individuals and families that played a role in the development of Moraga, from gold miner Windeler that settled to the east of Carr Ranch, or Russell Bruzzone, who developed a large part of the downtown, or the Briones that had four marriages with the Moragas, or Pear or Walnut for the former agricultural activity of the town.

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Moraga Rotary Plans All-abilities Playground

By Sophie Braccini

As Moraga Rotary nears its 50th anniversary, it wants to make a legacy contribution to the Town of Moraga. The \$250,000 project that seems to have great momentum is the construction of a playground for kids of all abilities to play side-by-side, the first of its kind in Lamorinda.

But even if the project gets unanimous accolades, its possible location raises again an issue that created years of struggle in town: the dog park and shared use of the Rancho Laguna Park.

Rotary President Kevin Reneau recently presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission the refined concept of the playground the Moraga group has worked on for months already. It would be located at Rancho Laguna Park, completely fenced, with play structures for kids with no disabilities, kids in wheel chairs or having some movement issues, and autistic children.

"It would be a playground where all kids can play side by side," said an enthusiastic Renault, stressing the fact that it would not ostracize children with disabilities since the structures would be fun for all.

The 30-member group had not planned for such a high bill when they started brainstorming the project. But reality quickly settled in: just to make the ground surface safe for all abilities will cost \$75,000 to \$85,000.

"There will be 24 different elements including platforms and sunshades," said Reneau, who also detailed musical elements and a quiet dome for kids who might get overstimulated.

For designing such a far-reaching and complex ensemble, the Rotarians met with numerous professionals, from the school district, Benioff Children Hospital in Oakland and groups specializing in children with special needs. "We anticipate wide community support," said Renault.

The keen mood of the evening was somewhat dampened, though, by comments from the public. "It would be a shame that all that momentum built for this all-access park (be in conflict with) some people start(ing to) advocate that dogs there, especially in the morning, are incompatible with the all-access users," said Seth Freeman.

Barry Behr and Jeanne Moreau, who were also at the forefront of the fight to keep the off-leash dog hours at Rancho Laguna Park, explained that to be all inclusive it would make more sense to locate the new structures at the Moraga Commons park, a more visible and



Moraga Rotary would like to build Lamorinda's first all-access playground.

Image provided

central location, close to public transportation.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bill Carman agreed with them but added that there might not be a lot a flat surface currently available at the Commons. However the new park could in fact replace existing structures and be better integrated with other uses of the park, such as the band shell and the new ADA path recently added to give better access to the Common's concerts to people in wheelchair.

Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram responded that the Rotarians had studied all possible locations, including schools, and that the space at Rancho Laguna park, even if located at the end of the town, was the best possibility.

Reneau added that his group was not willing to wait months for a lengthy planning process and that if the town would not support their offer they would put their money and energy somewhere else.

The Moraga Rotary will seek the town council's endorsement on

Wednesday, July 13. Ingram added that it was only reasonable for them to ask for that support before they embark in a major fundraising effort. The meeting will take place at 335 Rheem Blvd. It can be followed online live at livestream.com/moraga.

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Some good crime news: Moraga is No. 9 according to Niche 2016 Best Places rankings in their safest places to live in California category, besting Orinda at No. 20 and Lafayette at No. 47. Check it out on www.Niche.com

Other crimes occurring in Moraga from June 28 - July 5:
Identity theft - Louise Court
False alarm - Hardie Drive, Hazelwood Place, St. Andrews Drive
Bike stolen - Saint Mary's College