



Moraga

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 23 cancelled
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 21 cancelled
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Moraga School District
 Thursday, Nov. 8, 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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www.moraga.ca.us
 Phone: (925) 888-7022

Chamber of Commerce:

www.moragachamber.org

Moraga Citizens' Network:

www.moragacitizensnetwork.org

Moraga Police Report



Oct. 18 to Nov. 1

10/18 Injury accident

Police and MOFD responded to a vegetation fire caused by an auto accident on Canyon Rd. A male subject suffering 95 per cent third degree burns was airlifted out, but subsequently died. Fire crews extinguished the fire. Investigation is ongoing.

10/18 Miscellaneous

Police responding to a domestic disturbance call found the wife had been drinking and the husband arguing about personal property and their pending divorce. Hubby-for-now agreed to leave until cooler heads prevailed.

10/20 City Ordinance

Even if you can hear me now, police determined 10 people talking and yelling on Rheem do not a noise violation make.

10/21 City Ordinance

No good deed goes unpunished. The DJ music from a home hosting a school fundraising party had to be toned down a bit.

10/21 Larceny

He saw chain saw. She saw chain saw. They grabbed two and dashed away, opting out of check-out. A third party (male) may have been involved. Loss to Canyon Road store: \$480. Police are investigating.

10/25 Vandalism

Campolindo High cafeteria windows were smashed overnight with an eight-foot pole but vandals didn't touch anything but empty cash boxes. The case is under investigation.

10/25 Vandalism - Take II

Ninety minutes later the unlawful use of rented construction machinery in the Campolindo High parking lot resulted in \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth of property damage and yielded charges of trespassing, vehicle theft and felony vandalism. This too, is under investigation.

10/28 Civil

Possible Moldy Oldy: Renter says their house has moisture and mold and that when they complained to health inspectors, the landlord refused to make repairs and he retaliated, threatening eviction.

10/29 City Ordinance

Fifty college students at a Donald Drive location plus alcohol equal police call and quashing the celebration.

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Tight Election for Moraga's Third Council Seat

By Sophie Braccini



Richard Severy with his wife and friends.

Photos Sophie Braccini

Incumbent Roger Wykle led the race for Moraga Town Council with 30.7 percent of the vote, followed by Kymberleigh Korpus with 24.7 percent.

For the remaining seat, as of Nov. 10, Jeanette Fritzky was leading by 81 votes over Graig Crossley, who had not yet conceded the race.

At issue are many ballots not yet counted.

"I stopped by and spoke with Marty (McInturf, the town clerk) at the town office," Crossley said the day after the election. "As I was there the elections office picked up a large ballot deposit box half full

of deposited ballots and then there are all the ballots postmarked by Nov. 8 that will also be counted."

Fritzky noted that the results were not final and that a few more weeks might be needed to get the results. She reiterated her desire to serve on the council because of all the important issues now being debated, and noted that she had confidence in the quality of all of the candidates running for office.

McInturf confirmed that a large number of ballots have not been counted yet and said that she was not expecting final results until Dec. 6 or 7. She added that the county will update the numbers weekly.

In his home where friends have gathered, Wykle was of course happy to have been reelected for a second term. He said that it had not been such an easy decision for him to decide to run again. Over the next four years, his two children will complete their education cycle at Campolindo High School and he said that he will want to spend more time with them, "I will manage," he added with a calm smile.

Wykle said that he ran because he wants to participate in the completion of some tasks the council



Council candidate Graig Crossley with friends.



Roger Wykle and his wife celebrate his reelection.

has started, such as the Hillside and Ridgeline Regulation Update and the zoning of the Moraga Center Specific Plan.

Korpus also said that she was looking forward to working with her fellow councilmembers on strengthening the protections for hillsides and ridgelines and on getting the Town's planning processes back on track.

Korpus said she was awed by the trust Moraga residents have placed in her. She wants to get to know many more of her fellow residents as she represents them on the town council. She says that she will work to get them more involved in the town's decision mak-

ing processes.

School Board and Measure V

Richard Severy led all opponents (38.6 percent), followed by Joseph Rosenbaum (34.7 percent), both defeating David Harrison (26.3 percent).

On election night Severy was looking with satisfaction at the figures for Measure V, the school district's parcel tax. With over 70 percent approval the measure passed with flying colors.

Severy said that he was very grateful to Moraga residents for their support. It was the first election for the school board member since he had been appointed to his seat a year ago.

Town Council to Study Use of Roundabouts

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga Public Works Director M edric Kwan convinced the Moraga Town Council to approve a study to build two roundabouts on St. Mary's Road.

One will be at the crossing at Rheem Boulevard and one at the crossing with Bollinger Canyon Road. The study will consider the two intersections together and will determine what the best safety mechanisms would be for those intersections. With Saint Mary's College looking to add a roundabout on the same road at the college entrance, there could be three roundabouts in a row on St. Mary's Road.

The project was first met by some resistance from two of the five council members, Teresa Onoda and David Trotter. Onoda said that the town had other priorities when it comes to traffic calming, such as safe routes to school, and Trotter said he doubted that a roundabout located in a curved sloped area — the Bollinger crossing — could ever be safe.

Kwan responded to Onoda that the town would never have the money to build these traffic calming systems, but that if the study was done and the projects shovel-ready, the chance of getting grants was very high and would not impact other projects.

The representative from Kimley-Horn Engineering Services explained that the study the council was asked to approve would start with an objective analysis rating what he called alternative intersection control mechanisms, such as stop signs, traffic lights and roundabouts, and rate them according to cost and effectiveness in improving safety. He briefly talked about a system called a mini-roundabout for narrow intersections, which large vehicles can get over but still slows down most cars.

The design and preliminary engineering contract was approved by all the councilmembers except Trotter.



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