



Moraga

Public Meetings

City Council

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

Planning Commission

Monday, June 4, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, June 11, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Moraga School District
Tuesday, June 5, 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
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Chamber of Commerce:

www.moragachamber.org

Moraga Citizens' Network:

www.moragacitizensnetwork.org

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Police Department Incident Summary Report May 8 to May 20



Alarms	13
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	2
Traffic	31
Suspicious Circumstances	8
Suspicious Subject	5
Suspicious Vehicle	6
Service to Citizen	34
Patrol Request/ Security Check	33
Vacation House Check	11
Supplemental Report	21
Welfare Check	3
Abandoned Vehicle	
1300 Block Camino Peral	
Accident Injury	
Moraga Rd./St. Marys Rd.	
Accident Property	
Camino Ricardo/Hardie Dr.	
Battery Domestic Misd	
Not Available	
Beat Info	
Donald Dr./Laird Dr.	
Civil	
Rear Rheem Center	
Police Department	
Civil Disturbance	
10 Block Thune Ave.	
Civil Standby	
1800 Block Ascot Dr.	
Corporal Injury Spouse	
Not Available	
Dependent Adult Abuse	
900 Block Country Club Dr.	
300 Block Rheem Blvd.	
Disturbance-Domestic	
Safeway	
Disturbing The Peace	
Moraga Rd./Moraga Way	
Dui Misd	
Moraga Country Club	
Excessive Speed	
Moraga Rd./Alta Mesa Dr.	
Alta Mesa Dr./Moraga Rd.	
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.	
Fire/Ems Response Info	
200 Block Corliss Dr.	
Found Adult	
700 Block Country Club Dr.	
Found Property	
Police Department (2)	
1000 Block Wickham Dr.	
Identity Theft	
100 Block Greenbriar	
Litter	
100 Block Natalie Dr.	
Lost Property	
No House Number	
Loud Noise	
Corte Marin/Camino Pablo	
Loud Party	
Not Available	
Medical Hospital	
900 Block Bollinger Canyon Rd.	
Mentally Ill Commit	
St. Marys College (3)	
Not Available	
Unknown Location	
Mentally Ill Violent	
900 Block Country Club Dr.	
Motorist Assist	
Canyon/Camino Pablo	
Neighbor Dispute	
1000 Block Sanders Dr.	



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Town officials search for alternate sources of storm drain funding

By Sophie Braccini

During its May 23 meeting the Moraga Town Council and staff expressed their disappointment over the results of the storm drain fee measure that was brought for a vote by property owners in April/May. The measure failed by 137 votes. Nearly 60 percent of property owners returned their ballots; 48 percent voted yes, and 52 percent no.

Each council member drew somewhat different conclusions from the measure's failure, but all agreed that the coming budget should take the results into account and that they should find new ways to fund at least some of the maintenance and the legal mandate per-

taining to the storm drain system. It is likely that addressing the millions of dollars in delayed maintenance will have to wait.

Edric Kwan, Moraga's public works director who has worked for years on a storm drain master plan and was an enthusiast proponent of finding a way to finance the old and at-risk storm drain system, noted that taking care of the town's infrastructure remained a very high priority item and that he and his team would look at alternatives to protect the town from future infrastructure failure.

When the fee was proposed, Kwan explained that the money would be allocated to three categories:

a maintenance budget to prolong the life of the storm drains that are aging but are not too damaged; a second portion to finance the state unfunded mandate to eliminate all pollution in the storm drain system; and, most importantly, money to address the high-priority storm drain areas that were identified most in need of repair three years ago using televised exploration and ground inspection. Without a fee in place, the town has to find the money to at least maintain the existing network and fulfill its clean water mandate.

Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg asked the council if it would consider putting a different funding

measure on the November ballot. None of the four present council members thought it was a good idea. All however agreed to direct the manager, as her team works on the 2018-19 budget, to identify ways to provide funds for the storm drains.

Vice Mayor Teresa Onoda and council members Jeanette Fritzky and Kymberleigh Korpus asked that staff focus from now on only on projects that are essential to the functioning of the town. Mayor David Trotter asked that if more property tax revenue is collected, a large portion be designated for infrastructure.

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Police charm offensive: Boba with a badge

By Sophie Braccini



Jon King, left, engages with residents at I-Tea Moraga Photo Sophie Braccini

The Moraga police department continues its outreach as a community-based policing service by mingling with residents at favorite hangout places around town. The latest, at I-Tea Moraga, called Boba with a Badge, was well received and allowed the officers to reach out to different demographics.

I-Tea Moraga is part of a small local chain of boba tea restaurants that serve the hot and cold flavored tea-latte concoctions complemented with tapioca pearls that are sucked through a large straw. The popular Moraga location is patronized by young residents and their parents as well as college students. Some of the usual customers

others reached for the local drinks that the cops were offering and started engaging with the officers.

Moraga Police Chief Jon King says that the idea is to hold these types of public gatherings several times a year, in different coffee shops in town, preferably locally-owned, to support the local economy while enhancing the connection between the population and its police. Lt. Brian South, the second in command in Moraga, adds that it is important to create that contact and familiarity with the officers. He adds with a smile that there are no guarantees of leniency for residents who are stopped for speeding, even if they have shared boba tea with an officer who cites them.

I-Tea Moraga definitely has a different vibe than other more traditional coffee places in Mor-

aga. The boba tea served there is not everyone's ... cup of tea, and some residents that had come to ask questions of the officers were discovering the place for the first time. They tried the sweet drinks with circumspection at first, but none left a drop or a boba at the bottom of the cups.

The questions asked of the officers were of all types from how much above the speed limit is the threshold police use before stopping people or how to engage a green left turn arrow when riding a bicycle or a motorbike. Serious topics were also discussed such as what safety precautions to take in a garage in light of recent house fires that started at night in that part of a residence.

King said that next time he might take his team to Moraga Town Bakery or Starbucks.

Orinda Downs



499 Dalewood Drive, Orinda | Exclusively Offered at \$2,995,000
4 Bedrooms + Office | 3.5 Bathrooms | 5000± Sq. Ft. | 1.14± Acres | Built in 1980

This castle-like brick home is located in the prestigious Orinda Downs area. Surrounded by lush trees and greenery, this property offers a rare connection to the outdoors and features incredible natural light, a sun-filled flat backyard with an expansive lawn, pool, welcoming patio, garden and framed by trees providing seclusion for year-round entertaining.

The home's seamless floor plan enhances its inviting indoor/outdoor feel. Entering the home, you find yourself greeted by a grand foyer and staircase, cathedral ceilings and a chandelier. Main floor additional features include: living room with fireplace, large windows and access to back side patio. Formal dining room with hardwood floors. Spacious family room with fireplace and doors to backyard. Eat-In kitchen, center island, and a breakfast nook. The upper story master bedroom suite includes its own fireplace and balcony overlooking the backyard. In addition, there are three secondary bedrooms and an office. Main floor with secondary bedroom and office. Three-car garage. Upper floor additional features include: master suite, two additional bedrooms; one of which has a spiral staircase leading to a secluded loft for use as a play area or office.



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