

Veterans Day Ceremony November 12 at 9am Moraga Commons



MORAGA PARKS & RECREATION
925-888-7045 • moragarec.com



EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Linda Ehrich
Realtor
93 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563
925.698.1452
Linda@LindaEhrich.com
www.LindaEhrich.com
DRE# 01330298



LINDA EHRICH



Moraga keeps Contra Costa County Animal Services busy

By Vera Kochan

Countywide, Moraga represents 1.6 percent of the Contra Costa County Animal Services' total service area and uses 0.98 percent of the total services provided. That's a surprisingly low statistic given that wild critter sightings are common in Moraga – whether it be deer, raccoons, skunks, snakes, bats, coyotes and even the less wild variety, guinea pigs. But those are the ones that got away.

Steve Burdo, media and community relations manager for CCAS, delivered an update presentation during the Oct. 24 Moraga Town Council meeting outlining many of the services CCAS provides to the area. According to Burdo, CCAS protects public health and safety by enforcing animal ordinances, uses rabies control measures, runs field patrols and responds to dead animal impounds. The animal services department also encourages and coordinates adoptions and is involved in the transfer and intake of animals, providing daily care in facilities, including care and treatment of injured animals and spay/neuter surgeries. In addition, CCAS utilizes approximately 250 dedicated volunteers who are a valuable asset in the animal socialization process, offering help with adoption paperwork, counseling future pet owners, providing lost and found duties and assisting with mobile adoptions.

Moraga kept CCAS busy in 2017. There were:

- 97 Deceased animal impounds
- 79 Stray animal impounds
- 46 Noise/animal/inhumane ordinance investigations
- 87 Human bite investigations (animals biting humans; not humans biting animals)
- 75 Animal/animal bite investigations
- 68 Inhumane investigations
- 33 Noise investigations
- 65 Other investigations
- 9 Animal rescues
- 6 Local agency assists (with police, fire, code enforcement, etc.)

CCAS response times coincide with priority levels ranging from one to five with Priority 1 having a response time of no more than two hours and Priority 5, five days. Out of 52 dispatches to Moraga, 23 of them ranked Priority 1; two ranked Priority 2 (12 hours) and 27 dispatches were Priority 3 (24 hours). Burdo stressed, "It must be taken into consideration that a crew is dispatched from Martinez. Unless a crew happens to be in the near vicinity of a call, a two hour response time for a Priority 1 is standard for Moraga."

Until the town council adopts a noisy animal ordinance, noise complaints can't be serviced in Moraga. However, on the bright side, a rooster ordinance was passed in 2018, which allows CCAS to investigate and enforce rooster fighting in Contra Costa County.

According to Burdo, "Rising costs are burdening CCAS. We are tasked with balancing life saving endeavors, quality of care and length of stay with an ever increasing volume of animals due to continuous population growth (including pets)." An updated processing system and an increase in staff are necessary to meet the demands.

A \$0.17 rate increase for the fiscal year 2018-19 will raise the per capita costs for Moraga from \$5.94 to \$6.11, according to the county contract. Most Bay Area cities pay approximately \$8.70 per capita.

CCAS encourages pet adoption from a local shelter and stresses the importance of getting pets licensed and microchipped. In doing so, a lost pet has a better chance of being reunited with its owner.

Volunteers are needed at the Martinez or Pinole Shelter; the public can sign up to take a tour of either facility. The tour includes various aspects of what CCAS does – field work, medical procedures, shelters and adoptions. For answers to any questions call the main phone line at (925) 608-8400 or visit the Contra Costa Animal Services website: ccas.org.

Summary of animal activities and actions in 2017

	Total	Live	Dead
Deer	119	38	81
Bird	43		43
Cat	15	12	3
Dog	14	12	2
Raccoon	12		12
Skunk	7	2	5
Snake	5	5	
Bat	2		2
Opossum	2		2
Coyote	1	1	
Guinea pig	1	1	
Squirrel	1		1

Moraga's storm drain maintenance preparations

By Vera Kochan

As the rainy season approaches, it was no surprise to see a Storm Drain Operations and Maintenance Program presentation during the Oct. 24 town council meeting. Edric Kwan, Moraga's public works director, stressed the importance of taking preventive measures to insure minimal future costs to the town.

Moraga has a storm drain system involving 27 miles of pipe and 2,000 related structures. These antiquated facilities are 45-60 years old and have undergone very limited maintenance. Storm sewers, sewer mains and water mains, not to men-

tion underground electrical phone/cable lines and gas mains, operate in a complex network beneath the town.

In order to repair and maintain this system, proactive steps have begun and need to continue. Video inspections perform condition assessments and identify maintenance repairs to prolong pipe life. To remove existing sediment and debris (mud, rocks and trash) a vacuum truck clears out pipes before localized flooding problems can occur.

... continued on Page A13

Host Your Event

At the historic Moraga Barn


- Special Events
- Receptions
- Cocktail Parties
- Rehearsal Dinners
- Wedding Showers
- Wine Tastings
- Art Show



- Business Dinners
- Private Parties
- Mixers
- Birthday Parties
- Class Reunions
- Seminars
- Benefits

CALL FOR RATES!

Contact Greg Gaskin at (925) 376-7335 or visit us at www.moragabarn.com
925 Country Club Drive, Moraga, Ca 94556



Maria Eberle, REALTOR®
(925) 478-7190
Maria@MariaEberle.com
www.MariaEberle.com
CalBRE #01798906



BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY
HomeServices
Drysdale Properties

Good to know:

Bridging the journey from Lamorinda to Rossmoor

"One satisfied client at a time!"



"Maria made the transition from my Orinda home of 40 years to my new Rossmoor home easy and stress-free. I was delighted by her attention to every detail. I highly recommend Maria Eberle to anyone moving from Lamorinda to Rossmoor." Becky G.



Patricia & Ashley Battersby
925-330-6633 925-323-9955
ashley@ashleybattersby.com
DRE# 00854469 & 1407784
www.ashleybattersby.com
@ashleybattersbyhome



JUST LISTED!

Fabulous Glorieta Neighborhood Location!

15 Parkway Ct., Orinda

1915 Sq Ft 3 Bedrooms 3 Baths .30 Acre***



Prime Happy Valley!

4030 Happy Valley Rd., Lafayette

4128 Sq Ft* 4+ Bedrooms 4.5 Baths .50 Acre*



*per Public Records **per Measurement