



### MORAGA

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## Moraga's town goals and public suggestions for 2019

By Vera Kochan

While Moraga's council members and supporting departments have many goals for 2019, the public also gave voice to a few concerns for the upcoming year during the Jan. 23 town council meeting.

Many of the following goals were once hot button topics during Moraga's recent council member elections: Open communications between town staff, business applicants and landowners or

developers to avoid hold-up of projects; complete the Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Project; open up leasing potential for a possible restaurant or other commercial business at Hacienda de las Flores; continue to have the Moraga Police Department work with the Moraga-Orinda Fire District regarding emergency preparedness evacuation plans, routes and temporary refuge areas; and improve fiscal spending by examining all town expenditures and iden-

tify areas for potential savings. Other desires included completing the Surface Seal Project of rubberized cape seal treatment on selected roads; pursuing the Canyon Road Temporary Bridge reimbursement from the Federal Highway Administration; examining increasing traffic congestion in Lamorinda; and maintaining transparency.

During the public comment portion, Bob Fritzky, president of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, stressed the importance of

making the town easier to work with in order to keep old businesses and attract new ones. He also proposed working with Saint Mary's College grad students to create a Small Business Catalyst Program, whereby students would help small businesses for free.

Other suggestions from the public included implementing a Community Emergency Response Team program that would help the town be self-sufficient for at least a week in the event of a

natural disaster; opening town offices from Monday through Friday to make Moraga easier to work with; and using any available funds to preserve open space.

Brent Meyers, on behalf of SMARTMoraga, suggested adding several oversight functions to the town.

With each new year come new year resolutions, and with it the hope that the community will continue to work together to make life better in Moraga.

## Chamber honors Moraga Business of the Year and Nonprofit of the Year



Moraga Citizens Network board members standing, from left: Tory Courtney, Larry Beans and Diana Obrand. Ellen Beans seated.  
Photos Vera Kochan



The Olsen Team's Ben Olsen and Sue Olsen

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In a departure from past procedures of naming a Business Person of the Year, the Moraga Chamber of Commerce decided to change things up by honoring a Business of the Year. And, since three of the nominations were nonprof-

its, a separate category, Nonprofit of the Year, was added.


The 2018 business winner is The Olsen Team – the 13th recipient of the Business award – headed by Sue Olsen and Ben Olsen, and the nonprofit winner is Moraga Citizens Network.

The nominations were gathered for five weeks and

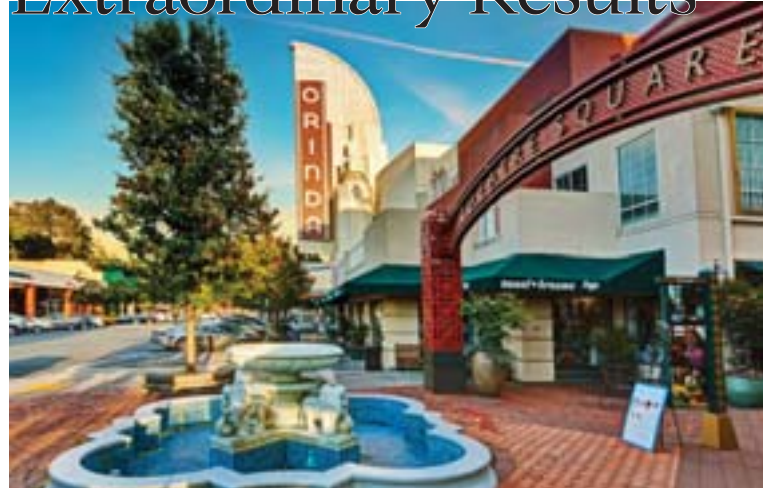
voted on by the executive committee of the Chamber board. All of the nominees had to meet six important criteria: be a Chamber member in good standing; demonstrate ethical business practices; have good customer relationships; practice good business strategies; serve as a good business role model and support the Moraga community.

The Olsen Team's founder, Sue Olsen, initially had a career as a triage nurse in the Midwest. In the late 1970s, while looking to purchase a home in the Lamorinda area, she was disappointed in the lack of compassion that real estate agents showed to potential home buyers. Olsen decided to take real estate classes and one thing led to another.

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	<b>Town Council</b> Wednesday, Feb 13, 7 p.m. Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.	<b>Commission</b> Tuesday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m. Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.	<b>Planning</b> <b>Design Review</b> Monday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.	<b>Moraga School District Board Meetings</b> Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7 p.m. Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium, 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga www.moraga.k12.ca.us
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