Consolidation of Design Review Board and Planning Commission in the works

By Vera Kochan

During the Feb. 27 Moraga Town Council meeting, Planning Director Derek Farmer put forth a consideration by council members to consolidate the Design Review Board with the Planning Commission. Farmer cited the benefits to the town in that the move would reduce staff time and costs, as well as enable Moraga to provide applicants with a streamlined planning review process. The Design Review Board’s main functions are to review architecture and landscaping, while the Planning Commission handles land use elements. ... continued on Page A11

Parenting in the age of technology

By Vera Kochan

Jacob Moraga Intermediate School holds a lecture called Media in the Middle on Feb. 11 aimed at helping parents of middle school kids avoid the mysteries behind popular apps and social networking sites and more. Guest speaker Erica Polson, Ph.D. is a psychologist and licensed clinical social worker with over 20 years of experience specializing in bullying prevention, relational aggression, cyberbullying and cyber flirt resolution. She is also co-founder of My Digital Habit, a nonprofit organization that helps schools and communities address issues and the use of technology in constructive ways. Polson, as a mom in the digital age, doesn’t “just talk the talk, she walks the walk with her own kids, telling parents to “talk to your kids about what’s going on in their social media, stay connected with their interests.” She adds, “Teach kids that they’re responsible for their digital footprint. Let them know that they have control over the device and to get help when they’re in over their heads.”

Nominate a 2019 Moraga Citizen of the Year

Now is the time to consider who you would like to nominate for Moraga’s 2019 “Citizen of the Year.” The selection committee is made up of the 2018 Citizens of the Year Susan and Susan Sperry as well as representatives from the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Moraga’s Downtown Merchants Association, and Moraga Woman’s Club.

The basic criteria for selecting this year’s Citizens are:

1. The nominee must be someone who has given of their time, talent and energy to make Moraga a vibrant community, one where people want to live, work and shop.
2. The nominee must be someone whose body of work has brought the community together and made Moraga proud to be Moraga’s residents.
3. Nominations may include any resident with a Moraga address other than paid public officials, current elected members of the Moraga Town Council, or other elected officials.
4. In making your nomination, please include examples of their contribution to Moraga.

Please email your nominations to nominations@lomorindaweekly.com or send them to “Moraga Citizen of the Year Nominations,” Lamorinda Weekly, PO Box 6318, Moraga CA 94556.

The deadline for receiving your nomination is March 27. The celebration dinner will be held on Saturday, April 27 at Saint Mary’s College Soda Center.

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