

Lamorinda Community

Calendar, Notes, News

Moraga

Calendar	
City Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo	
Wednesday, June 25	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, June 16	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Monday, June 23	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive	
Tuesday, June 17	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way	
Friday, June 13	
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Marijuana and More, 6/4/08 A car was stopped along Moraga Road for a moving violation. Officer discovered that the driver was on parole, the car was out of registration, there was no vehicle insurance, and the driver possessed marijuana.

D.U.I., 6/01/08 At just after midnight a vehicle heading south bound on Moraga Road crossed the double yellow line and veered into the north-bound lane. Objective signs of alcohol intoxication were noted and the subject was taken into custody.

Car burglary, 5/30/08 A Miramonte Drive resident called police to report his car had been burgled. The reporting person said that he parked and locked his van in his carport in the evening. The next morning a neighbor notified him that the front passenger side window had been smashed and the door was ajar. The victim had approximately 200 Indian Bollywood type music CD's in his car, he's a salesman. Dusting for fingerprints came back negative.

Bike riding while drunk, 5/25/08 Something you don't see every day, a 23-year old male riding a girl's "Disney Princess" bicycle at 2:00 in the morning. The cyclist was nearly struck by a Moraga police officer along Moraga Road as he veered out of a condominium complex. The subject showed extreme signs of alcohol intoxication. He was cited and released at the scene into the custody of a responsible adult.

DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE
Moraga Police Department no longer needs property related to case 05-956 for evidentiary purposes. All evidence is going to be disposed of. If you are involved in the case and have ownership of items involved please contact the Moraga Police Department Property Officer Heather Pomeroy at (925)888-7054.
All Evidence will be destroyed after August 31, 2008.

Tashiro Named Interim Manager

By Sophie Braccini

The Town of Moraga has appointed Jay Tashiro as interim Town Manager. Tashiro will start on June 3rd 2008, when Phil Vince steps down. The two men are making the transition as smooth as possible by spending a few days together before Vince leaves to assume his new position as Manager of the City of Martinez.

Tashiro, a long-time resident of Moraga, has worked in the public sector for thirty years. He held different positions in southern California before coming to the City of Orinda in 1988 as Planning Director. He was then appointed to the same position in Moraga in 1991, where he stayed for eight and half years. He was hired by the city of Corte Madera to be the City Manager at the end of 1999 and led the town until his retirement in 2006.

"The Marin County town is very similar to Moraga," says Tashiro, "a highly educated community, where volunteers are a key factor to the success of public affairs." Council members in Corte Madera have praised Tashiro's work, commenting on his grace

under pressure during difficult projects, his thoroughness in preparing material for the Council, and his likable personality.

Corte Madera's Mayor, Michael Lappert, was Mayor then as well and comments, "In small towns like ours the City Manager is the person who runs the town. Jay was very good at taking away some of the pressure from the City Council, so we didn't get in trouble over small issues." He remembers that Tashiro was a natural at leading department heads and that he affected change for the town, improving customer service in key areas. When Tashiro retired from Corte Madera, Lappert told him he was too young and healthy to do so and that he would be back. He was right.

Tashiro heard from another Moraga resident that Vince was leaving. "I know what a Manager means for a town," he said, "and it takes time to appoint somebody. I was not looking for anything, but thought I could help."

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Town Council Hard at Work

By Sophie Braccini

Once again, they worked late into the night. On May 28th, just one week after the previous Moraga Town Council meeting, the five Council members reconvened for a packed agenda meeting that kept them busy until 1:00am. They tackled seven different subjects and had to postpone one for an additional meeting on Monday night. Obviously on best behavior, the members interacted with the level of courtesy that could be expected from five dedicated individuals.

The **Unruly Party Ordinance** was first on the agenda for a second "first reading." Residents once again voiced their frustration and resentment. A Thune Ave resident in particular expressed concerns that the new ordinance would not impose a maximum house occupancy. Most of the parties agreed that the ordinance's main target were property owners who do not act responsibly, letting their properties become "mini-dorms" in residential neighborhoods.

The College, in the person of Jim Farley, presented the series of measures it is taking to address the problem: suspension and warning to students on the punitive side, support for the new ordinance and an interesting proposal to create neighborhood groups that would meet periodically to discuss issues. Farley believes these groups will be a vehicle for dialogue with neighborhoods; he is working on a format and will contact residents before the fall.

Farley's request that the College itself be put off limit of the Ordinance didn't receive any support

from the Town. "We haven't had any issue with the campus' noise level in the past years," said Moraga Chief of Police Ruppenthal, "they do not need to be off limit and have done a good job warning their neighbors when they have celebrations." The second reading should be scheduled for June 11th and the ordinance will be in effect one month after its approval by Council.

The report regarding the **"Bruzzone Initiative,"** one of two competing open space initiatives that are expected to be on the November ballot, was also on the agenda. A first reading had already occurred, but the public and the property owner raised many questions. The purpose of the agenda item was to receive and file the response given by Town staff.

"According to the initiative's proponents, the Attachment A analysis (the response from Staff) is partial and biased," said MaryJo Rossi, spoke person for the Bruzzone family, "They are asking the Town Council to throw it out and decline from placing it into the public record."

The Council decided not to grant this request after the Town's lawyer affirmed that the document was simply a response to questions and not prejudiced. "There's an elephant in the room," said Council member Metcalf, "and that's the MOSO 2008 initiative. We want to apply the same hypothesis when we ask staff to evaluate the impact of that second initiative."

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Hacienda Foundation Seeks Input

By Sophie Braccini



Hacienda Grounds

Photo Dianna Evans

A year ago, the Town of Moraga decided to form a Foundation to help revive the Hacienda de las Flores. The beautiful mansion that was once the home of the Rheem family was bought by the town in 1973 and became one of its public facilities.

Weddings, community classes, meetings and events are held at the Hacienda. Some of the Town offices are still housed there, but more should move to the facility at 329 Rheem before the end of the year. The building is aging; it needs updates.

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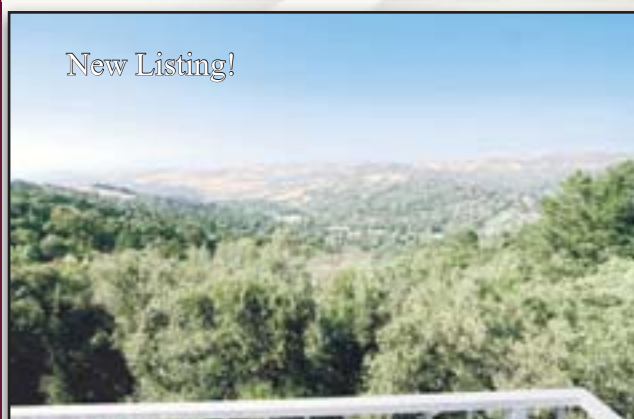


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