



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,
1010 Camino Pablo

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

Design Review

Monday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.
Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

Town of Moraga:

www.moraga.ca.us
Phone: (925) 888-7022

Chamber of Commerce:

www.moragachamber.org

Moraga Citizens' Network:

www.moragacitizensnetwork.org

School Board Meeting

Moraga School District

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium
1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga
www.moraga.k12.ca.us
See also AUHSD meeting page A2



Moraga Police Department

Week of Jan. 1

Fraudulent use of credit card, 1/2/14
A Camelford Court resident noticed unauthorized transactions on a credit card statement that occurred on the first few days of the year in Orlando, Fla. and southern California totaling just over \$250. The person reporting the incident had unfortunately been the victim of identity theft before. The case remains under investigation. The charges were credited back by the fellow's credit card company.

Dirt bike vanished, 1/2/14
An Ascot Drive resident parked and locked his pick-up truck in his assigned stall just after 5 p.m. In the bed of the truck was a red Honda XR80 dirt bike. The next morning when the owner was about to leave, he went out to the truck and found the dirt bike gone and the pick-up burglarized. Cops looked around, but no dirt bike was found in the immediate area.

Petty theft, 1/05/14
At the Campolindo High School parking lot, an iPhone 5 and wallet were stolen from an unlocked car while the driver was swimming at the Campo pool sometime between 7 and 8 a.m. No suspects or leads at this time.

Phone briefly lost, 1/05/14
A shopper at TJ Maxx placed her cell phone in a shopping cart and was unable to locate it approximately 15 minutes later. Mystery Good Samaritan saves the day – officers were later contacted and notified that the phone was returned to the original owner.

Traffic incident, 1/07/14
Two vehicles collided at the corner of Moraga Road and Campolindo Drive. The driver of a car going northbound on Moraga Road "diverted" her attention from the roadway, crossed the double solid yellow line and headed into southbound traffic, sideswiping a car. Both parties declined medical attention but their respective cars needed to be towed away.

In addition, the following reports were received:

False alarms (3)

Danger to self/others

Buckingham Dr

Grand theft

Paseo Grande

D.U.I.

Campolindo Dr/Corte del Campo

Car vs. deer

Rheem Blvd

Medical assist

Country Club Dr

Lost property

Center St

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Moraga's New and Improved Financial Report

By Sophie Braccini

It was not the usual financial report that Moraga's administrative services director, Stephanie Hom, presented to the Town Council on Jan. 8; it was the town's first ever Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – containing much more information than a basic financial report, it is a document that tells a story. The fiscal year 2012-13 report details the town's financial picture, often in plain English, and includes historical demographic, economic and financial data.

"If you compared what has been done here with what was done five years ago, you would not think this is the same town," said Councilmember Mike Metcalf, who praised Hom's rare zeal and qualified her work as terrific; he was echoed by the other council members.

Hom explained that since the town contracted debt, such as with the road repair funding model, and since

the rules in the financial world have become stricter, the town is required to submit more detailed information, drilling into the assessed value of town property and historical revenue data. Hom expanded on the requirements to produce the CAFR that will be easier to update year after year.

The 100-page document contains three parts. The introductory section is a narrative developed by Hom and Jill Keimach, the town manager. "It is a more subjective outlook of the town, where you can elaborate more," said Hom. "It explains our philosophy and the way we conduct our business." It talks about the economic condition of the town and compares some aspects to the rest of Contra Costa County. For anyone new to Moraga, or not yet aware of how the town works and is managed, it is a very interesting and easy read.

The financial section includes all

the elements of the previous basic financial reports but adds explanations and analysis – such as one of the entries in the notes section that details pension plans and how the town paid off its unfunded liabilities before joining CalPERS' state-wide pools.

The bottom line is that the town's reserve is now at 51.8 percent of the year's expenditures. In addition, the town has \$2.16 million in the one-time developer fee fund. The town ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$386,000 in its general fund. Expenditures increased by 3.8 percent; the sales tax revenue was \$1,343,000 (of which \$333,000 was generated by Measure K), exceeding expectations. Property tax revenue, at \$3,070,000, was stable and represents 50 percent of the town's revenue.

The last part of the document is a statistical section that provides historical context for understanding what

the financial statement says about the town's financial health. It shows that the town's net position has steadily grown over the years, with a stable property tax revenue and a slowly growing sales tax revenue; it shows the evolution of the town's debt, as well as the larger tax payers and sales tax producers, 10 years ago and now; and it gives long term perspective on property value and demographics.

The CAFR is available and searchable at www.moraga.ca.gov. Look in Documents and Resources under the Administrative Services menu. Hom is so proud of her first Moraga CAFR that she sent it to the Government Finance Officers Association in the hope of receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the town; it would be the first such award in Lamorinda. She expects to receive a response within a month.

Library's Sunday Hours Successful

By Sophie Braccini



The library was bustling, as libraries go, on a recent Sunday afternoon.

Last September the Moraga library began opening on Sundays and book lovers are taking advantage of the extra time. The Sunday hours, from 1 to 5 p.m., are funded mostly by the Friends of the Moraga Library, a volunteer group that raises money for library programs through the sale of donated books and private donations.

"I come here with my grandmother and we read together," said a young Moraga resident as she sat with her grandmother on a recent Sunday. "I come here for a change of scenery," said a studious Saint Mary's student who was working from her laptop. In the children's section, young patrons were reading while their parents browsed the adult

shelves, and older residents were reading magazines in the lounge.

"We do not run activities on Sundays," said the librarian in charge. "The people who work here on Sundays are part-time employees ... it's never the regular staff."

Even though Moraga's regular librarian, Diane McDonnell, does not come in on Sundays she derives great

pride in the success of the Sunday hours. "The average number of patrons on Sundays is 201, with 290 items checked out," said McDonnell. "It's very convenient for residents who have little time during the week; it's a peaceful place to gather and a warm destination on a winter afternoon."

Rodger Lum, who is a member of Friends of the Moraga Library and also represents Moraga on the Contra Costa Library Commission, updated the Town Council on the success of Sunday hours at its Jan. 8 meeting. "We've received comments from patrons about how much they appreciate the Sunday hours," said Lum, who added that they particularly focus on "research services as well as circulation services." Lum thanked the Town Council for its support and added that the Friends of the Moraga Library will approach the Town Council again in the next budget cycle for continuing funding.

The town contributes to the library's Sunday hours by paying for the utilities, about \$4,500 per year, while the Friends of the Moraga Library pay the staff salaries of \$25,000.

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Lunch Entrée	½ price With purchase of one entrée of equal or greater value. Must present coupon and can not combine with other offers. Exp. 2-28-14	
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	Lunch & Dinner Open 7 Days	