

## Civic News Moraga

# Cliff Dochterman – Citizen of the World – Moraga Citizen of the Year

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Two blocks from here there might be two seniors dying of loneliness, people who are hungry, kids who have drug problems, or someone who is being abused. There are problems we can identify everywhere and things we can do.”

There are many stories about Dochterman, from the most local to the most global. When asked why he never hesitates to take on tasks of a global magnitude, he says it might be

because of his naivety. Where obstacles and difficulties would overwhelm others, he just sees a need and applies his talents, reaching out to others, organizing, motivating and making a difference.

Dochterman was honored by the town of Moraga on May 2 during a dinner supported by the Moraga Valley Kiwanis, the Chamber of Commerce, Saint Mary's College, Contra Costa Times and Lamorinda Weekly.

## Moraga's 2014 Pavement Project

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The failed portions of the streets will be excavated then repaired and covered with a solid road treatment; the whole process will take about 40 working days, according to Kwan.

“The treatment we will apply this year is much thicker,” Kwan explains. “Last year it was a rubber emulsion with chips on top and a slurry seal. This year each street will get a specific treatment, such as a 2-inch overlay with the sides ground so it conforms to the gutters; some might be thicker with a 3-inch treatment; every street is treated special.” Kwan adds that some streets will get a rubberized asphalt treatment, which lasts twice as long as regular asphalt.

Each street is being assessed precisely, with techniques such as coring (extracting a deep sample to see what

the asphalt looks like underneath), and deflection testing, which consists of dropping a heavy metal beam on the street while measuring how much of the shock is deflected by the road. The testing determines the pavement structural layer stiffness and the sub-grade resilience.

At this time Moraga's Public Works department is finishing the bid documents for publication in May. The responses will be analyzed and presented to the Town Council for a decision at its July 9 meeting. “This year we will conduct an extensive outreach program to impacted neighbors, as we did last year, and the town's website and Facebook pages will be updated daily so people know exactly what to expect and when,” promises Kwan.

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# How do Lamorinda Cities Deal with Water Cutbacks?

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EBMUD General Manager Alexander Coate celebrates the East Bay sipping Sacramento River water for the first time at a press conference. Photo Ohlen Alexander

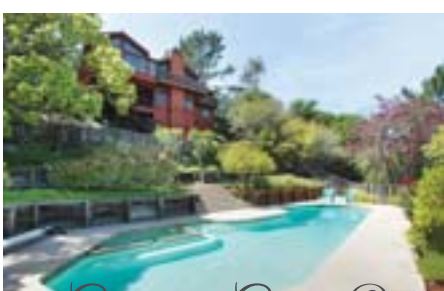
In Orinda, the water feature with the charming frog at the Library Plaza recirculates water – so that will remain on during the summer months, said Michelle Lacy, director of Parks and Recreation. However the water feature at the tot lot, which is currently off, will remain off during the summer. The city is in an unusual situation in that it has added sports fields at Wilder to its portfolio of watering needs. Two of those fields are artificial turf, so don't need irrigation, but Lacy explained it's a safety issue to keep the natural grass fields green to help prevent player injuries. Orinda's plan is to cut back on the watering that may be less noticeable in city-owned medians and planted areas. In addition, they have asked staff to be extra prudent with water usage in city buildings.

Moraga has a similar plan – to modify the watering cycle for town-owned landscaping and turn off the toddler-friendly water feature in the Commons Park. It was installed in 2009; adding a re-circulation component at that time to the “circle” would have doubled the cost, said Jay Ingram, director of Parks and Recreation, so the water used just goes

down the drain. It was shut off in November for the winter and would normally be turned back on in the middle of May. He acknowledges it's not a popular choice, due to its use by little ones during the warm summer months, but something had to go. Ingram adds that during the Thursday evening summer concert series, it can be continually running while the park is full of families and kids enjoying the show. The Biondi fountain near the Commons parking area will also be shut off.

“We've been installing and using water efficiency methods for quite some time,” said Jennifer Russell, director of Parks, Trails and Recreation in Lafayette. “We have installed low-flow toilets, drought tolerant native plantings, and automatic shut-offs on our public restroom sinks. EMBUD sends reports that congratulate us on our wise use of water and indicate we use 75 percent of what they determine to be the amount of water we can use given our acreage.” Automatic shut off valves for all the landscaping irrigation at Lafayette Community Park and Buckeye Fields will be installed in the near future by park maintenance staff.

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