



Moraga Civic News

Public Meetings

Town Council

Wednesday, Nov. 12 canceled
 Wednesday, Nov. 26 canceled
 Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School,
 1010 Camino Pablo

Planning Commission

Monday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m.
 Hacienda De las Flores, La Sala,
 2100 Donald Dr.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
 Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Rd.

School Board Meeting

Moraga School District
 Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.
 Joaquin Moraga Intermediate
 School Auditorium
 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga
 www.moraga.k12.ca.us
 See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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MPD's New Lieutenant – and Next Police Chief?

By Sophie Braccini

Moraga Police Chief Robert Priebe has not kept his retirement plans a secret. He has reached the threshold and although he does not display a particular eagerness to leave his post, he has been thinking about his replacement. When he recently hired experienced police lieutenant Jon B. King, *Lamorinda Weekly* asked him if he was grooming a future chief; his answer did not include a denial – Priebe said that the coming year would be the right time to prepare for a transition.

King's police career has unfolded entirely in the East Bay Regional Park District Police Department. Over a span of 29 years, he's had opportunities to practice his calling for law and

order under a wide variety of circumstances. "I was part of the first Special Enforcement Unit, started a crime prevention program, worked as a field evidence technician and in the helicopter unit as an officer – as a lieutenant, I commanded that unit," he said. "I had a lot of great opportunities that prepared me for this job – in administration, with budgeting and hiring, and supervising the record unit. I also worked in investigation and was the press information officer for a number of years."

At his last assignment, as a watch commander, he reported directly to EBRPD captain Mark Ruppenthal, director of the operations division and Moraga's former police chief. "It was he who recommended I look into this opportunity and told me that I would be a really good fit for the community," said King, also noting that he has collaborated with Moraga police

on a number of cases.

Happiness emanates from King, who says he loves to come to work everyday. He is one of those individuals gifted with optimism, and he nourishes it with his love for his family and his work. Police work did not run in his family. "It was always a passion of mine," he said. He illustrates it with a story set at Crown Beach in Alameda when, as a young officer, he picked up a 2-year-old child who had run away and was having a good time by himself at the beach. "This was an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, to have positive interaction with the public," he said, adding that it made him realize that such occurrences could have ripple effects and that it is critical that this job be done right.

King believes that catching bad guys and preventing crime is fun, too. "Just because right now Moraga is the



Jon B. King

Photo provided

fifth safest city in the state, does not mean that it will always stay that way; it is incumbent upon us to do everything we can, in concert with all our citizens here, to do our very best to keep us there," he said.

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Moraga Police Department

Car stolen, 10/11/14 Sometime during the night a black Honda Accord was taken from an Ascot Drive residence. No suspects or leads at this time. Apparently older model Honda sedans, Accords and Civics, are among the most popular vehicles with car thieves, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

Truancy, 10/12/14 Just didn't feel like attending Campo that day. A 17-year-old female student was located around 10 a.m. near the corner of Moraga Road and Rheem Boulevard. Police picked her up and deposited her at school without incident. She was not arrested.

Another stolen vehicle, 10/22/14 A brand new Dodge Ram 1500 was parked and locked in a Whiting Court driveway when it was stolen at some point during the night. All of the keys were accounted for and no one else had permission to drive it. No suspects or witnesses at this time.

Early riser bike thief, 10/23/14 Sometime between 7:15 and 8 a.m. an unknown suspect removed a Cannondale road bike from inside an unlocked Dodge Grand Caravan parked on Calle La Montana. No suspicious people were noticed around the time of the theft.

Elder abuse, 10/20/14 Police responded to a report of a daughter beating her mother on the front lawn of their home. The daughter was seen kicking and dragging her mom inside their house. Police located the younger woman hiding in the backyard. The mom sustained multiple injuries and

was taken to the hospital by the fire department. The daughter was taken to the Martinez jail and booked for battery and elder abuse.

Identity theft, 10/22/14 A Hodges Drive resident came to the Moraga Police Department office to report that she received a phone call from a credit agency who reported an overdue bill for AT&T phone service. The gal said she had not applied for the phone service that was now delinquent. She then contacted her bank who said they would reimburse her account for any funds that had been used by the stolen identity account. Kudos to the mystery unnamed bank.

The following additional crimes were reported in Moraga Oct. 21-28:

False Alarm

Gaywood
 Moraga Rd
 School St
 Via Barcelona

Civil Dispute

Ascot Dr

Tampering with Vehicle Contents

Camino Peral

Petty Theft

Warfield

Danger to Self

Joseph Drive

Identity Theft

Natalie Dr
 Birchwood Dr

Missing Person

St. Andrews Dr

Residential Burglary

Williams Dr

Unwanted Emails

Ameno Ct

Loud Noise

Birchwood Dr

'Painted Rock' Dream Suspended



Photo provided

Roger Poynts died Oct. 26 in a car accident on Saint Mary's Road in Lafayette. The 64-year-old Moraga resident was the founder and principal of Poynts & Associates, a

civil engineering and land surveying company with offices in Moraga. Poynts owned "The Rock" property in Moraga, roughly 80 acres overlooking the intersection of Moraga Road and Rheem Boulevard. He had a vision for the development of the property that included the construction of homes, a winery, and a performing arts center. He spent many hours discussing the project with local groups to gather input and worked with Moraga's planning staff – the project was scheduled to be presented to the Town Council in January for a first take on how to develop the large but complex parcel. "This project was

his legacy," said Moraga Town Manager Jill Keimach, "it's very sad that he wasn't able to complete it in his lifetime."

Poynts was a registered civil engineer since 1982. He had a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from Saint Mary's College. The coroner's office did not indicate the cause of death, which is still under investigation.

"Roger was a really good and kind man who was becoming an important part of the community, and there is a lot of sadness around town," said Keimach. - S. Braccini

Correction, issue date Oct. 22, 2014, The Cost of Doing Business: Steve Smith and attorney David Shapiro did not sue the Town of Moraga; they appealed a court decision. This article has been corrected in our online archive.



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