



Moraga

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.
Special Council Meeting:
Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Moraga School District
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7 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

Town of Moraga:

www.moraga.ca.us
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Candidates to fill Fritzký's council seat to be interviewed last week of September

By Nick Marnell

Eleven candidates, nine of whom filed on the last possible day, applied to fill the Moraga Town Council seat vacated by the August resignation of Jeanette Fritzký. The position will be filled immediately upon the appointment of an applicant, and the term of office will expire in December 2020.

The council opted to use an application-interview-appointment process to fill the vacancy, similar to the procedure used by Lafayette in 2016 to select Ivor Samson to fill a vacant seat on its governing board. The applications, due on Sept. 12, included questions on the candidate's background and a statement of qualifications. The candi-

date also had to describe a vision for Moraga and key issues facing the community. The town expects to make the applications public by Sept. 25.

The 11 applicants range from a lawyer to a financial advisor to an education consultant to a Moraga planning commissioner to a former director of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. Candidate interviews, the next step in the process, will take place on Sept. 25 and 26 at the Moraga town chambers. The interviews will be conducted by the four town council members.

"We need a half hour with each of them," suggested Council Member Kymberleigh Korpus, and

the council agreed on an interview format of a five minute candidate statement followed by 25 minutes of questions and answers. The Sept. 25 meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and the meeting the following evening will start one hour later.

As an edge might be gained for a candidate who listens to preceding interviews, the council agreed that the order of the interviews would be selected at random by the town clerk and published ahead of the meeting. The fact that some candidates would attempt to grab that edge did not faze at least two council members. "It would not affect my opinion one way or the other as these are open and pub-

lic meetings," Roger Wykle said, and Korpus agreed. "It would not negatively affect my opinion of a candidate at all if that candidate sat through all the prior interviews in an attempt to improve their performance during their own interview," she said.

A decision on the candidate could be made at the end of the Sept. 26 session, or the council could push back the decision to a succeeding council meeting, as long as the council names Fritzký's successor by Oct. 21. Should the council fail to do so, the town would be required to hold a special election at cost that could exceed \$100,000.

Plan for fun at annual Pear and Wine Fest

By John T. Miller



Last year's pear pie-eating contest.

Photo provided

The Town of Moraga will celebrate its 20th Annual Pear and Wine Festival this weekend on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Moraga Commons

Park. Admission is free to the public.

The family-friendly event will include activities for all ages while celebrating Moraga's pear history.

Kids activities will include chalk art, face painting, a petting zoo, inflatable jumpies, and other games and prizes. Local DJ RyanO will provide entertainment.

Three Lamorinda wine growers will be offering tasting at the event, including wines from Captain Vineyards, run by Sal and Susan Captain of Moraga, Meadow View Winery run by Bill English, and Vincenza Ranch Vineyards, owned by Tony Inzerillo.

Captain Vineyards, which has been certified Green since 2009 and uses only dry-farmed organic grapes from the Lamorinda region, will be pouring three varietals from their wines, which may include Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Petite Verdot, Petit Syrah and Granache.

Meadow View Winery will offer Chardonnay, Rosè, Pinot Noir, a Tuscan style blend, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and a

Syrah. All grapes except the pinot noir are grown in Lamorinda.

Vincenza varietals include Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Meritage, Petite Syrah, Sangiovese, Super Tuscan Blend and Zinfandel. They are also known in the Lamorinda area for their exclusive Pear Wine made annually for the Moraga festival.

Beer will also be offered along with pear cider.

Over 30 community groups will have booths at the festival. Food and drink will be available, along with ice cream, and pear pies by the slice or whole. Families can also bring picnics if they prefer.

Scheduled events include announcing the winners of the pear recipe contest at 1 p.m. and a pear pie-eating contest at 1:30 p.m.

While there are no longer any commercial pear orchards remaining in the Moraga region, the event, says Parks and Recreation

Supervisor Breyana Brandt, "is to celebrate the pear history here. In 1913, this was the largest pear growing community in the nation."

Seedlings of pear trees planted by the padres at San Juan Bautista are now, more than 200 years later, the oldest fruit trees in California. According to the Moraga Historical Society, they remain in a fair state of vigor in spite of long neglect, producing large amounts of fruit yearly. Most of the pears in the Moraga Valley are Bartlett pears, planted around 1913 by James Irwin of the Moraga Company.

Brandt reports that the Moraga Park Foundation coordinates an annual pear harvest, gleaned from the town's many trees and donating them to the Contra Costa and Solano County Food Bank.

Moraga Commons Park is located at the corner of St. Mary's Road and Moraga Road.

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- * Dining Room + Vaulted Ceiling
- * Access to Top-Rated Moraga Schools



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