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MCN Sponsors Town Council candidates' forum

By Vera Kochan



The Moraga Citizens Network sponsored a Moraga Town Council candidates' forum Oct. 3 at Holy Trinity Cultural Center. Unlike the Sept. 17 forum held in the Moraga Library, questions to the candidates were submitted by MCN subscribers.

Current Moraga Mayor Dave Trotter, Mike McCluer and Steve Woehleke are running to fill two council seats in November's election. The event was moderated by Chris Laszcz-Davis and began with each candidate allowed two minutes for opening comments.

One of the questions brought up involved infrastructure and services. The concern is for the current status of storm drains, and the long-term plan, road maintenance, and a community gymnasium.

Woehleke feels it's important to minimize costs by bringing in industry experts and volunteers who live in the community to better predict what the annual costs will be. Maintenance is crucial. He does not advocate a community gym. "All the fa-

ilities are already available and exist outdoors in Moraga," he said, adding that he's not in favor of the town financing one.

McCluer wants to be proactive, stating, "We need to have funds for road replacements and then maintain them." He feels that the town has the ability to save on expenses and apply the savings to infrastructure. McCluer supports a community gym.

Trotter said, "The town budget can probably deal with ongoing maintenance costs for storm drains, but doesn't have a budget for major capital deficits such as repairs." He would like to apply surplus from property tax receipts toward infrastructure. Trotter wants funds from Palos Colorados to pay for a community gym and to partner with the Moraga School District.

The Rheem Theatre in recent years has gone through closures and reopenings. The candidates were asked if they support community ownership.

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Jeanette Fritzky Tribute Walk planned for Oct. 27

By Vera Kochan

A tribute walk honoring late Council Member Jeanette Fritzky will be held at the Moraga Commons Park, 1425 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. The 1.6-mile roundtrip walk along the Lafayette-Moraga Trail on Saturday, Oct. 27, will benefit the American Cancer Society. The goal is to raise \$20,000 and increase awareness about lung cancer.

Fritzky's family honored her wishes for a private Celebration of Life on Oct. 4. The Town of Moraga also chose to honor Fritzky by flying the town flags at half-mast Oct. 4-5.

She was a much admired public figure and many of Fritzky's constituents wanted to express their appreciation for her and her devotion to Moraga. After approaching Fritzky's family, the decision was agreed upon to hold a fundraiser. Fritzky's passion about educating the public to the risk of lung cancer in Asian women who have never smoked, made the American Cancer Society an easy choice as the walk's beneficiary.

Sponsors for the walk include The Jeanette Fritzky Tribute Walk Committee, the Town of Moraga, Moraga Scout Troop 234, Moraga Chamber of Commerce and the Moraga-Orinda

Firefighters Association.

Edy Schwartz, who passed away Sept. 8 after losing her battle with brain cancer, will also be honored at the event.



Event Schedule

- 11 a.m. Registration (free) opens at Moraga Commons Park (look for the signs)
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Complimentary food and beverages (donated by generous Moraga businesses)
- 12:30 p.m. Opening flag ceremony by Scout Troop 234
- 12:35 p.m. Speakers
- 12:45 p.m. Walk begins
- 3 p.m. Walk ends

For more information, to register and/or donate visit www.jeanettefritzkytributewalk.com.

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