



Moraga

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Moraga School District
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium
1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga
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McCluer and Woehleke secure two slots on Moraga Town Council

By Vera Kochan

The three town council candidates, incumbent Mayor Dave Trotter, current Moraga Planning Commissioner Mike McCluer and former Planning Commissioner Steve Woehleke, found themselves running in a tight race on Nov. 6. Election Day results put McCluer in the top slot, with 3,544 votes, Woehleke second with 3,018 votes, and Trotter following at a close third with 2,832 votes.

The candidates ran on similar platforms that addressed the feedback of concerns from Moraga residents. The General Plan and open space, public safety, balanced budgets, healthy local business, attracting new retail, infrastructure and schools were all hot topics on the campaign for office.

After the election, all three candidates were asked if they had any observations or comments re-

garding the election, as well as go-forward plans for Moraga or for themselves personally.

McCluer stated, "I would like to thank the residents of Moraga for all of their support, and I am truly humbled and grateful to serve this wonderful town. I look forward to working with my town council and staff colleagues, and pursuing my campaign goals of protecting open space, improving financial management (especially infrastructure/pension costs), bringing in new retail, and finally, improving relationships/collaborations, better communication and more transparency in all that we do throughout the town."

Woehleke's post-election thoughts took him back to the campaign trail, and the time he spent canvassing Moraga's neighborhoods, engaging the residents in

conversation about issues that were important to them. Two issues that seemed to reverberate were Moraga's ability to safely evacuate in the event of a fire and increasing traffic congestion within the town via Canyon Road. He also acknowledged the significant role social media played in election-related dialog.

Woehleke said, "Moraga's town council, supported by the town commissions and boards, represents the practice of democratic governance as intended for our great nation. I am honored and humbled to have been elected. I thank all voters for participating in this important process. I will strive to listen to, represent and serve all Moraga citizens." He added, "While a theme of the election may have been 'time for change,' the town council is definitely going to miss Dave Trotter,

including his extensive institutional knowledge. The town owes a debt of gratitude to Dave."

Trotter acknowledged, "While I'm disappointed, I'm also at peace regarding the result of the election. It's been a rare and true privilege to serve on the town council and represent the people of Moraga for three full terms. I'm so grateful to have had that opportunity. I had a very good run. During my 12 years on the council we accomplished many good things, both great and small, that benefited the Moraga community. I congratulate Mike and Steve and wish them, and the entire council, good luck and best wishes moving forward."

The Contra Costa County Elections Division has until Dec. 4 to certify the final election results, which could include absentee, mail-in or provisional ballots.

Veterans Day Tribute at the Commons

By Vera Kochan



Veterans Day is meant to honor the service of all United States military veterans.

In 1926, the U.S. Congress adopted a resolution requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for an observance of Nov. 11. World War I formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

It took 12 years for a Congressional Act to officially make Nov. 11 an annual legal holiday. Originally known as Armistice Day, the name was

changed to Veterans Day in 1954.

Moraga Commons Park played host in honoring America's veterans in a patriotic 9 a.m. ceremony on Monday, Nov. 12. Moraga Boy Scout Troops 212, 234, 246 and 249, along with Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts from Orinda/Moraga Service Unit 327, were on hand for the Advancement of the Color Guard before the Pledge of Allegiance.

Retired U.S. Navy Capt., SC, John Haffner served as master of ceremonies. "I spent

four years in Vietnam. I'm really pleased with today's turnout, and the involvement of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts," Haffner said. "It's the first time I've ever heard the National Anthem played on a saxophone."

A common thought expressed by guest speakers Mayor Dave Trotter, Supervisor Candace Andersen and State Assembly Member Catharine Baker, was to remember and honor the ultimate sacrifice given by America's fallen military personnel and thank those who made it home, for their service to our country.

Retired U.S. Navy Capt. John Haffner, right, leads the Pledge of Allegiance with former Saint Mary's College president, Brother Mel Andersen, FSC. Photo Vera Kochan

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