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Moraga mayor declares Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month



Photo Vera Kochan

By Vera Kochan

At the March 27 town council

meeting, Mayor Roger Wykle declared March as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month.

Americorps Vista volunteer, Chris Janssen, representing the Contra Costa County Medication Education and Disposal Safety Coalition, accepted the proclamation certificate.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, "Misuse of prescription drugs means taking a medication in

a manner or dose other than prescribed; taking someone else's prescription, even if for a legitimate medical complaint such as pain; or taking a medication to feel euphoria (that is, to get high)."

There are three classes of medication most commonly abused. Opioids, which are typically used to treat pain; central nervous system depressants, which are used to treat anxiety and sleep disorders; and stimulants, which

are often prescribed to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Fentanyl, an opioid similar to morphine, but 50-100 times more potent, is used to treat patients with severe pain, especially after surgery, and sometimes as a treatment for patients with chronic pain in general. Its abuse has seen the greatest increase in overdose deaths within the last few years.

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Town of Moraga inspects private culvert and earth movement

By Vera Kochan

Out of an abundance of caution, Moraga police erected barricades on private property off Center Street near Rheem Boulevard over the weekend, after the town of Moraga became aware of earth movement at that

location, which is causing the ground to sink.

Although the depression is not in the public right-of-way, the town is concerned about potential impacts to Moraga's storm drain system as the movement is above the 96-inch storm drain culvert

that runs below the Rheem Boulevard and Center Street intersection and the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, according to a statement in Moraga's About Town newsletter: "The Town has obtained permission from the property owner to inspect the private culvert so as to

identify potential impacts to the functionality of the Town's infrastructure. In an abundance of caution, the area has been cordoned off." A video inspection of the culvert was scheduled for Monday, April 1. The Town hoped to obtain useful information from the

inspection despite the flow of water which may obscure visibility of the conditions in the culvert and stated it was acting with a sense of urgency and will continue to closely monitor the situation. Results from the inspection were not available by press time.

Moraga School District looks to fill void on school board

By Vera Kochan

Joe Rosenbaum, former board president of the Moraga School District, has resigned his position as he is moving out of the town of Moraga. Rosenbaum won a seat on the school board in the November 2016 election. As a result of the resignation, the MSD has begun the process to fill

the vacancy. The new board member would be part of a five-member board and will hold the office beginning Tuesday, April 30, until the regularly scheduled governing board meeting in December 2020.

Anyone interested in learning about the responsibilities and duties of the position is welcome to attend an informational meeting at 7

p.m. Tuesday, April 9 in the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School library located at 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga.

Applications are currently being accepted and must be submitted no later than noon on Friday, April 19 to the Moraga School District Governing Board, 1540 School Street, Moraga, CA 94556. Ap-

plications are available on the MSD website www.moraga.k12.ca.us and at the MSD office. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Some of the applicant stipulations include: Must be 18 years old by April 30, a United States citizen, registered to vote, and a resident

within the MSD attendance boundaries. See the MSD website for a complete list of rules under the Application Procedure.

Any applicants who meet the requirements will be interviewed during the April 30 Governing Board meeting.

Info: For additional information call (925) 377-4101 or email: jbaier@moraga.k12.ca.us.

Peace, Love and Pancakes – an event for the whole family



Photo provided

A "check" to JBFC Schools from the 2015 fundraiser

By Vera Kochan

Brett Lorie, the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School math teacher behind the 10,000 Lunches Program to feed the homeless, has another worthwhile cause on the horizon. The Peace, Love and Pancakes fundraiser, entering its sixth year, benefits MainSpring's The Janada Batchelor Foundation for Children in Magu, Tanzania.

JBFC, named after its founder, Janada L. Batchelor, has a mission that "no child should have to grow up in extreme poverty. That's why we

take a holistic approach to change in East Africa by providing refuge for abused and abandoned girls, quality primary and secondary education, access to rural healthcare and economic opportunity through permaculture (permanent agriculture)."

Lorie stated, "My sister-in-law's brother (COO Seth Diamond), helps run the JBFC school in Tanzania. When he first began working there and told us about the school and the kids that they were helping, we decided to try to use that as a learning/helping experience for the kids at JM."

Peace, Love and Pancakes is a family dinner and movie event that takes place at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 12 on the JM campus. Staff members, students and community members make hundreds of pancakes (regular and gluten-free) to serve with eggs, sausage and other accompaniments. On site, tie-dyed T-shirts will be on sale and possibly student art, as well. Later in the evening, the auditorium will host a screening of the movie "Spider-man: Into the Spider-verse."

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Town Council
Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission
Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Park and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Moraga School District Board Meetings
Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m.
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium, 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga
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