



Moraga

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, March 8, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, March 22, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, March 27, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Moraga School District
 Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m.
 Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Library
 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
 Phone: (925) 888-7022

Chamber of Commerce:

www.moragachamber.org
Moraga Citizens' Network:
 www.moragacitizensnetwork.org

Moraga Police Report



Feb. 8 to 20, 2017

Accident

Feb 17 Vehicle vs. pedestrian at Moraga Rd. and Lucas Dr. Pedestrian taken to the hospital.

Alarm calls

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Bench Warrant

Feb 12 Cleared by arrest

Domestic Dispute

Feb 9 Husband/wife spat. No visible injuries. Medical treatment declined. The couple agreed to split until they calmed down.
 Feb 9 Woman had a minor finger cut. Hubby was nearby. Woman couldn't explain what happened. She left in a taxi (or a huff).
 Feb 13 Mother upset arguing with 18-year-old son. He left; no one hurt.
 Feb 16 Two adults drinking alcohol argued loudly. Police had them agree to quiet down.
 Feb 18 Subject shut off power to house; powerless to escape police.

DUI

Feb 12 Cleared by arrest

Firearms surrendered to PD:

Feb 8 air rifle
 Feb 13 disabled BB rifle

Found Property

Feb 11 Police stuck with a blood glucose meter.
 Feb 11 unwashed iTems (iPhone and Kindle) found at local laundromat held at police station until the owner E-trieved them next day.
 Feb 12 Suspicious. Black HP computer inside a white plastic bag
 Feb 15 Small amount of marijuana. Ssssssmokin!
 Feb 18 Commercial grade leaf blower St. Mary's at Moraga Rd.
 Feb 19 wallet

ID Theft:

Feb 15 Attempt to open credit card account
 Feb 18 Tax prep false filing foiled.

Larceny:

Feb 10 Three bikes (value \$400) from a Moraga carport. No one spoke up.
 Feb 10 Male stole mail; fled in pickup after pickup. Reporting person must be PO'd.
 Feb 14 Stolen vehicle
 Feb 15 Lost or stolen license plates
 Feb 14 wallet from vehicle

Missing person

Feb 13 Adult male driver, 96, reported missing. Seems he took a wrong turn — into Fremont. A request for DMV re-testing seems prudent.

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Budget, road maintenance lead town goals for 2017

By Sophie Braccini

It took surprisingly little time for the Moraga Town Council to agree on its 2017 goals, once the topic of gun violence prevention had been taken out of the picture (see article page A5).

Town Manager Robert Priebe and his staff had prepared a summary of the discussion that started in January. At the time Mayor Theresa Onoda had proposed only four goals, then ongoing projects had been added, followed by a list of other goals that other council members were pushing.

Some unusual ideas for Moraga were proposed beyond the usual balanced budget, road and drain maintenance, and protection of the open space. The mayor wanted to

put a priority on economic development, asking that the town work with the Moraga Chamber of Commerce to improve the permitting process for local businesses. That goal was unanimously approved, but the town manager warned that the likelihood of completion of this goal in 2017 was low.

Onoda had also listed as one of her goals the completion of successful bargaining agreements with all employees. Council members did approve that goal, but the town manager was not that optimistic about the potential for a positive outcome. He indicated that the town can only offer so much, and that it might not be enough to retain all valued em-

ployees, a recurrent problem for a small town with a reputation for frugality.

Town staff members also stated their skepticism over the completion in 2017 of some of other goals. The continuation of the efforts to establish a private/public partnership to develop the Hacienda de las Flores was in that category, along with the completion of the design of new roundabouts on St. Mary's Road and the efforts to support the Rheem Theater. Council member David Trotter challenged this latter assumption and asked for a medium probability for successfully supporting the local icon.

On the other hand, town staff

said they are feeling confident that the hillsides and ridgelines updated rules and the implementation process of the Moraga Center Specific Plan will be completed in 2017.

Fifteen goals were approved and four new goals were put on hold. Among these was a request by council member Kymberleigh Korpus, supported by Janette Fritzkly, that metrics be introduced in the goal planning process to measure progress and success. Council member Trotter said that public policy could not be measured the same way business is, that processes such as amending planning rules are driven by their value, not by numbers.

Moraga Country Club faces unusual public turmoil

By Sophie Braccini

Three seats are up for renewal on the Moraga Country Club's board of directors, a matter that is usually not heard of outside of the club. But recent turmoil has created a climate of unrest for some homeowners and recreation members alike and the confusion has uncharacteristically crossed from the private to the public domain.

MCC homes represent about a tenth of all homes in Moraga, and adding in all the sports members, MCC impacts close to a fourth of the residents of the town, including youth involved in the popular swim and tennis activities.

The matters of what happened between swim team coaches who were let go, the director of aquatics, and volunteer parents managing the program weave a complex web of rancor, disappointment and misunderstanding that seems to have escalated over several months.

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A landslide blocking access to the trail

Photo A. Scheck

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Muni Code

Feb 17 Loud and large (100) apartment complex party; legions of adult beverages. Party was a no-go, said MPD, and probably also a Bev-no-more.
 Feb 18 35 guests asked to leave.

Outside Assist

Feb 20 Ends in felony battery arrest.

Possession

Feb 17 Not just horsing around; police found 10 grams of meth and drug paraphernalia in a Valley Vista Staging car. Driver was corralled to the hoosegow.

Suspicious Circumstances:

Feb 11 An open garage door led police to investigate the garage, vehicle and residence. They determined no burglary; perhaps just a mess?
 Feb 13 A self-serving customer left the store with unpaid goods and fled in a light colored sedan.

Threats

Feb 7 Police investigated a harassing phone call reported at Moraga Library. Seems the caller (no Dewey-eyed perp) may be checking out other libraries. Will he pay a fine? Who knows; sometimes truth is stranger than fiction.

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