



## Moraga

### Public Meetings

#### City Council

Wednesday, March 7, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

#### Planning Commission

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

#### Design Review

Monday, March 12, 7 p.m.  
Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

#### School Board Meetings

**Moraga School District**  
Tuesday, March 13, 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  
Phone: (925) 888-7022

#### Chamber of Commerce:

www.moragachamber.org

#### Moraga Citizens' Network:

www.moragacitizensnetwork.org

#### Moraga

#### Police Department Incident Summary Report



#### Jan. 30 to Feb. 12

Alarms	16
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	7
Traffic	87
Suspicious Circumstances	13
Suspicious Subject	0
Suspicious Vehicle	6
Service To Citizen	31
Patrol Request/ Security Check	67
Noise Complaint	4
Supplemental Report	15
Welfare Check	7

#### Abandoned Vehicle

Country Club Dr./S. Sandringham

#### Accident Property

Moraga Way/Orchard Rd.

#### Battery

Not Available

#### Civil

Rheem Blvd./Moraga Rd.  
300 Block Rheem Blvd.  
100 Block Brookline  
2000 Block Donald Dr.  
1300 Block Camino Pablo  
3900 Block Campolindo Dr.  
Not Available  
Campolindo High School

#### Court

Walnut Creek Superior Court  
Walnut Creek Traffic Court

#### Death Non Criminal

30 Block Kinston Ct.

#### Dependent Child

Shuey Dr./Rimer Dr.

#### Disturbing the Peace

300 Block Rheem Blvd.

#### Excessive Speed

Rheem Center  
Moraga Way/Hardie Dr.  
Moraga Way/Eastwood Dr.

#### Fire/EMS Response Info

700 Block Crossbrook Dr.

#### Found Property

Subway

#### Grand Theft

Canyon Bridge

#### Grand Theft From Building

St. Marys College

#### H&S Violation

Greenfield Dr./Camino Ricardo

#### Identity Theft

60 Block Lynwood Pl.  
600 Block Rheem Blvd. (2)  
10 Block Magee Ct.

#### Juvenile Disturbance

20 Block Idlewood Ct.

#### Lost Property

Moraga Country Club  
Police Department

#### Mentally Ill Commit

Campolindo High School

#### Ordinance Violation

1000 Block Alta Mesa Dr.

#### Other Felony

Police Department

# Cynthia Battenberg is ready to take on Moraga

By Sophie Braccini

She may be small in stature, but new Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg is tough and she comes to her position with determination and a large ambition. She will meet residents, like the folks of Viva Moraga, who want increased economic vitality and plans to confront the roadblocks her predecessors faced: a limited budget, unyielding groups for and against development, historical complex processes, and residents that seem to relish a good controversy now and then.

Battenberg worked for the city of San Leandro where she progressed up the ladder over the last 16 years. A large part of her experience, including her latest responsibility as Community Development Director, pertained to economic development and planning.

As the development director,

Battenberg worked on very large and significant projects for the city, such as the Shoreline development: 75 acres being developed with private partnerships to build a 220-room hotel and restaurants, apartments, single family homes and condominiums, a golf course, a boat-launch, plazas and pedestrian and bike paths, and 15 acres of park land. She explains that the process took years of collaboration with multiple stakeholders. She also worked with industrial operators such as Torani, the syrup company that is transforming a part of the industrial community and creating jobs.

Battenberg has also worked on city finances, including revenue measures passed in San Leandro. She worked to set up assessment districts. Prior to her career in San Leandro she was an avid environmentalist. She started solid waste

diversion programs, including one with the city of Beverly Hills. She considers herself a businessperson, something she discovered when she was working on her bachelor's degree at UC Berkeley and decided to continue with an MBA at UCLA focusing on finance.

An energetic and optimistic woman, Battenberg believes that even if the situation has been somewhat stale in Moraga, previous efforts have set the stage for change and that new blood and new energy can be the catalysts for transformation. She believes that the town's job is to establish a vision for what the community wants and get buy-in. She believes that the Moraga Center Specific Plan is a fantastic opportunity to generate excitement, and she believes that people want a more vibrant retail scene, some choices for restaurants and more places to hang out.

Battenberg says that Moraga has been on her radar for some time for her professional progression. The town has what she wants: a smaller size where she could get to know most people and become a part of it all, close to home in Oakland's Crocker Highlands with her two teenage children, and a town full of charm and potential. Battenberg does not think that she will get bored in Moraga. The new town manager spends some of her high energy on hikes, on her bike or doing yoga.

Battenberg starts officially in Moraga on March 12, but has started to participate in the recruitment of new department directors for the vacant positions: planning, administrative services and parks and recreation. Her priority when she puts her bags down at 329 Rheem will be to work on the passage of the storm drain fee.

## Stormwater assessment fee public hearing March 14

The Town of Moraga is seeking residents' support to pass a stormwater assessment fee. The process for approval is for the town to garner a majority of supporting ballots sent to the town clerk. Before the mailing of the ballots to residents even starts, the town has to make sure that a majority is not opposed to the measure. To voice possible objection residents can file a written protest with the clerk at the public hearing scheduled for March 14, or before that date by mailing it to her. The March 14 hearing will start at 7 p.m. in the town chambers at 335 Rheem Blvd. For more information, visit <http://www.moraga.ca.us/StormDrainFunding>.

# Betting on quality and creativity, Moraga family opens new Town Bakery & Cafe

By Sophie Braccini



John and Rose Reyna (front) and two of their children, with team members. Photo Sophie Braccini

John and Rose Reyna opened their doors to the public for the first time at 5:30 a.m. Monday, March 5, giving day-breakers the opportunity to taste the organic coffees and teas, and the homemade breads and pastry of the new restaurant in town. Town Bakery and Café in Moraga is now opened for breakfast, lunch and early dinner (until 5 p.m.); later hours will be added this spring and summer.

Located at 337 Rheem Boulevard (across from the theater), the new entity replaces HomeMade Kitchen Cafe and Bakery that closed a few months ago. The business owners come with a simple but quality-oriented formula and want to please the residents in their hometown and beyond.

Only coffee, teas and pastries

are available in the early morning hours, but at 7 a.m. the full breakfast/brunch menu becomes available with classics like buttermilk pancakes, house-made pork sausage and eggs, Yukon gold potato hash, egg sandwiches or bacon and mushroom quiche, as well as more unusual fair like the Anson Mills Polenta and Eggs with roasted vegetables, fried eggs, maitaki mushroom, Veggie Madame, with

sprouted bread, roasted eggplant, fried egg, gruyere cheese, or the Wild Mushrooms and Anson Mills Farro Bowl, with fried eggs, arugula and English peas.

The bakery and cafe will feature breads and pastries made in the kitchen daily. Reyna says that his grandfather was the first in the family to open a bakery in his native Philippines; he is simply carrying on the tradition, with additional flavors such as the challah bread that will be baked every Friday.

Lunch hour will feature an entirely different menu, with flatbreads, sandwiches and toasts (open face sandwiches). There are lots of fresh and interesting vegetable combinations on the lunch menu like the Eggplant and Burrata with caper toast, roasted garlic puree, basil, golden raisins, sweet balsamic, parsley, toasted pine nuts, and sourdough whole wheat. But Reyna does not forget the omnivores in town, offering Mary's Chicken Breast Panini, Grass Fed Beef Hamburger, or Rocky Jr. Buttermilk Fried Chicken.

Reyna already has a following in town as owner of Sliders Truck, a food truck that was featured several times last year during the now famous Hacienda Nights. The bakery is his first brick-and-mortar restaurant, but he comes to it with over 15 years of cooking and restaurant management experience gained in Las Vegas with Roy Yamaguchi, at Black Oak Grill in Danville where he met his mentor Scott Sasaki, and more.

The restaurateur says that over the years he has developed his touch with simple yet flavorful dishes and he says that it has to start with the quality of the ingredients that are chosen - as local and organic, or at least hormone and pesticide free, as possible.

In the restaurant patrons will have a chance to meet Rose Reyna, John's wife and, Campolindo schedule permitting, one of their three children. Reyna says that he loves to be working where he lives, involving his family and hiring other community youth and adults.

## Just Listed!



### 3445 Solana Court, Lafayette | Exclusively Offered at \$2,499,000

Newly remodeled 4BR + Office/3.5BA Lafayette Mediterranean home with 3660± sq. ft. on a .36± acre lot showcases sweeping rearviews, stunning natural light, and an open floor plan on a highly sought after cul-de-sac in a Central Lafayette neighborhood.

Conveniently located minutes from downtown, Highway 24, BART, trails and highly acclaimed Lafayette schools. Rural country setting: an outdoor oasis featuring level lawn area, expansive patio, and rear deck with plenty of room for entertaining, relaxation, gardening, and play.

Impressive interior highlights include the perfect blend of formal and casual living spaces, secluded bedroom retreats, and a home office. Chef's kitchen is sure to impress with high-end appliances, tile back splash, custom cabinetry, and an island with a sink. Spacious master retreat includes a dream walk-in closet and oversized en suite full bathroom. Three secondary bedrooms share two hall bathrooms. Interior mud/laundry room off garage entry.



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