Calendar

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School

Planning Comm. 7:30pm

City Council

1010 Camino Pablo Monday, October 6

Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, October 6

Hacienda, La Sala Room

Tuesday, October 14

Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive

Tuesday, October 21

Design Review

2100 Donald Drive

Park & Rec

Liaison

Fire Station

1280 Moraga Way

Friday, October 10

Town of Moraga online:

http://www.ci.moraga.ca.us

Minor D.U.I., 10/04/08 A white

Jeep Liberty was stopped on

Moraga Road after speeding on

Ascot Drive. The underage fe-

male drive had a blood alcohol

level of .53%. Cops found

empty alcoholic beverage con-

tainers in her car. That level of

intoxication is not minor, espe-

Got suitcase?, 10/03/08 A good

citizen called police to report

that she found a red Japan Ex-

press suitcase on the sidewalk

next to the Home Goods in

Rheem. Travelers back from

Japan looking for their dirty

laundry just need to call the

Election sign theft, 10/3/08

Police were contacted about

missing, possibly stolen cam-

paign signs around the Moraga

Center. Approximately ten

"Yes on J" and "No on K"

signs have gone missing since

late September. The incident

Unlicensed driver, 10/02/08 A

Chevy S 10 truck was stopped

on St. Mary's Road for a broken

windshield - there was a hori-

is under investigation.

cially for a minor.

Moraga P.D.

Lamorinda Community

7:30pm

7:30pm

7:30pm

8:00am

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Photo Sophie Braccini

The Thomas' live on Camino

The right-of-way (ROW) is

the portion of the land that is under

the control of the local agency. It

may be used for streets, sidewalks,

utilities, etc. It may be much wider

Pablo on a one acre lot and all they

tions can be complicated.

**C** 925-377-0977

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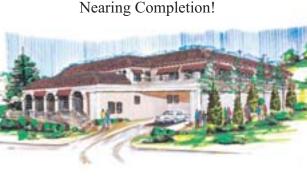
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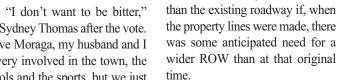
Beware the Right-of-Way **By Sophie Braccini** 

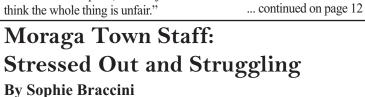
# I DELLA TRADUCTION

#### The wall that started it all

t can become pretty costly to ignore how far the town's right-ofway goes onto your property. Residents on Camino Pablo in Moraga experienced it firsthand when the Town Council voted to declare the wall they had built along the street, to protect their front yard, a nuisance. Now they may have to demolish the new construction at their own cost.

"I don't want to be bitter," said Sydney Thomas after the vote. "I love Moraga, my husband and I are very involved in the town, the schools and the sports, but we just think the whole thing is unfair."







Darlene Colaso takes a minute to sit down in the Town Offices Photo Sophie Braccini

ppearances would indicate A that the Town of Moraga has set in place an informal hiring freeze; two staff members who have resigned recently in the Administration and Planning departments have not been replaced nor have the positions been posted on the Town's website. As Interim Town Manager Jay Tashiro and Financial Director Joan Streit work on scenarios to balance the budget, fear of lay-offs looms over the staff, changing the once friendly and cooperative workplace to a hotbed of rumors, including one that several department heads may be looking for less cloudy skies. Tashiro, who stepped in to help after former Town Manager Phil Vince accepted an offer from the City of Martinez, did not respond to requests for comment on the situation.

claimed to be set for minimal government," says Public Works Director Jill Mercurio, "however, residents expect a high level of service and the result is overworked personnel who get burned out after a few years."

The first to go was Lilinoe Kekoa, the Administrative Assistant who supported the Town Manager. Then Rhonda Bassore, who served as Town Clerk and Assistant to the Planning Director, left for a position closer to home in Pittsburg. Neither Kekoa nor Bassore has been replaced.

Darlene Colaso, who was Resources & Risk Manager/Assistant to the Town Manager, assumed the Town Clerk's role while keeping her other duties as well, and Assistant Planner Kelly Suronen took over the Planning Department Assistant portion of Bassore's job. An interim, part-time Town Clerk was hired to cover the election period. At the time the article was written, this person was on vacation until the end of October and Colaso was handling those duties. "Yes, people expect and are receiving services comparable to what is offered by cities with a much higher ratio of staff to residents," confirms Darlene Colaso. ... continued on page 6

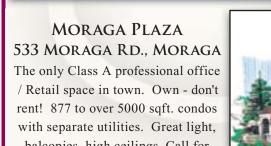
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wanted to do was to protect their children from traffic when they play in front of the house. But regula-

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zontal crack the width of the glass. The 43 year old driver was unlicensed and had a prior unlicensed driver citation. The car was towed and the driver was cited yet again. Our erstwhile driver will have plenty of time to study for his license exam on the bus.

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Gordon Steele, Mortgage Consultant



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