

Lamorinda Community Moraga

Calendar	
Town Council	7:30pm
Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School 1010 Camino Pablo Wednesday, March 25	
Planning Comm.	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, April 6	
Design Review	7:30pm
Hacienda, La Sala Room 2100 Donald Drive Monday, March 23	
Park & Rec	7:30pm
Hacienda, Mosaic Room 2100 Donald Drive Tuesday, April 21	
Liaison	8:00am
Fire Station 1280 Moraga Way Friday, April 10	
Town of Moraga online: http://www.ci.moraga.ca.us	
Chamber of Commerce: http://www.moragachamber.org	



Possession of pot while driving, 3/08/09 The driver of a Toyota Avalon was pulled over for failing to signal on Moraga Road near Rheem Boulevard. Although the driver was sober, the car smelled of marijuana and alcohol. After consenting to a vehicle search, the officer found 7.54 grams of marijuana in her purse. The 18-year-old driver was cited for possession of pot while operating a motor vehicle, but released at the scene. Her pot was confiscated and booked into evidence at Moraga Police Department.

Walking with big beer, 3/06/09 At just after 10:00 p.m. officers observed a male who appeared to be under 21 walking behind Safeway with a half liter can of Heineken beer. When the subject saw the officer, he tossed the beer in the bushes. The 18-year-old male was contacted by police and his unopened, but still cold can of beer was found. He was cited for being in possession of alcoholic beverage. One might presume his intent was to drink it at some point.

Taxi girl, 3/05/09 A 13-year-old thought she'd be really smart and sneak out without her parent's permission from her Springfield Place home. She visited a friend in Sanders Ranch, and called a taxi for a ride home. The distance between the two homes is approximately one mile. Pro-active Orinda Taxi driver made contact with the police in the Safeway parking lot, who called the juvenile's mother. The young lady was released to the custody of her mom.

Counterfeit \$10 bill, 3/04/09 An unknown student passed a \$10 bill at the Campolindo cafeteria. The same bill was later given out to a different student as change. The second student informed school staff of the counterfeit bill; staff used a special ink pen on the surface of the bill, noting that it did not turn the correct color. Because of the hordes of hungry teens, there is no way to determine who the original passer was.

Ascot @ Moraga Road Will Finally See the Light:

PG&E is scheduled to turn on the new traffic signal, and test it, during the week of March 23. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held the morning of March 21 (tentatively 10:00am, but please check the Town website, www.moraga.ca.us or the marquee across from the Commons to confirm.)

Fire at the Hacienda de las Flores

At press time, the cause has not been determined

By Sophie Braccini



Fire damage to the Hacienda de las Flores Photo Dana Blatner

On the morning of March 9th heavy smoke started to seep through the roof of the Hacienda de las Flores, a Town-owned building that houses staff offices and space for community meetings and classes.

"The building was evacuated in very good order so no one was exposed to smoke," said Battalion Chief Randy Trompf, who arrived at the scene a few minutes later with his men. Since no flames were seen, the firefighters used thermal imaging cameras that had been donated by the Women's League, and were able to find the source inside the wall. The fire

was extinguished in a matter of minutes.

"The cause of the fire is still under investigation," said Trompf on March 12th. He was expecting a result within a week or two. "We need to find the reason for this fire," said Moraga Mayor Dave Trotter at the March 11th Town Council, "and act appropriately to prevent further occurrences."

According to Jill Mercurio, Moraga Town Engineer, the cost of repairs has not been determined and could range anywhere from \$10,000-\$50,000. The Town's insurance policy has a \$5,000 deductible.

Moraga Hires a Consultant to Help File its Housing Element

By Sophie Braccini

Like all other California jurisdictions Moraga has to file, in the coming months, a plan showing how its buildable land will be zoned to accommodate the development of low and moderate income housing. Failure to comply with the State requirements could mean the loss of an annual allocation from the Transportation Agency; about \$250,000 for Moraga, per year.

The deadline for filing the report is the end of June and at the March 11 Council meeting, town staff recommended hiring Baird and Driskell Consultants to help in the process.

"The Town lost many employees that have not been replaced and our current development projects are still taking a lot of time," said Planning Director Lori Salamack. At this time, she is working

on two major development projects with the help of only one part-time assistant. "We want to file our housing element as close as possible to the June deadline," said Mayor David Trotter. All the other Council Members agreed and voted unanimously to approve the contract.

The contract cost of \$67,000 includes discussion with the State agency that manages the process, public sessions, and the responses to both public and agency questions.

Salamack believes that this expense will save money on the development of the Moraga Center Specific Plan. The Planning Commission is expected to start working on this assignment in April. Salamack is working on a schedule that will allow multiple opportunities for public comment.

Spectacular Inauguration for Moraga's New Postmaster

By Sophie Braccini



Jerry DePoe, President of local NALC Branch 71, congratulates Cina Kreisel Photo Andy Scheck

As the voice of postal worker Stephen Pree rose with the notes of the "Star Spangled Banner" for the inauguration of Cina Kreisel, listeners could hear the young man's emotion. On March 6, the voice

echoing in the large postal facility at 460 Center St. in the Rheem Shopping Center was one of the touching elements that made the investiture of the new Postmaster a memorable ceremony. ... continued on page 11

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Upcoming Sunday Mornings At WSC

March 22nd:

"Working With God: the Our Part of Christianity, 2"

April 12th:

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-Pastor Brad, GodThoughts, Volume 1*



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COMING SOON: April 12th, Easter Sunday!

Children's Church (Kindergarten-5th Grade).....10:30am

Youth Service (Junior High and High School).....10:30am

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