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Civic News Moraga

Calling 911

By Sophie Braccini

Two home burglaries in Moraga in March and April serve as reminders that, although the town remains one of the safest in the county, it is not crime-free. The first incident happened at night, in the home of an older resident, and is still under investigation. The other took place during the day—a suspect was arrested on unrelated charges. Moraga police recently talked about these crimes and what residents can do to stay safe.

“Most of the time, burglars want to enter homes while owners are away during the day. They don’t want to be seen. It’s a good idea to keep the doors locked and if you see someone, make noise,” advised Detective Will Davis.

At about 10 a.m. on April 12, a Tharp Drive resident was at home when she spotted a stranger in her backyard. She saw him walk around the house and heard him try to enter through a back window. She called 911 and exited her house through the garage. A nearby mail carrier stayed with her while she waited for police to arrive.

“We surrounded the house and used a Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Office K9 to track the suspect,” said Lieutenant Jeff Price. “Nobody was in the garden or had entered the home. The dog picked up a scent and we followed the foot tracks over a fence, but the trail was lost.”

Later that day, a security guard at Sanders Ranch spotted a suspicious person walking down Camino Pablo and called police. “We finger-printed him

and arrested him on unrelated charges,” said Price, who could not divulge the details of an open investigation.

A few weeks earlier Shirley Lawrence, an elderly Moraga resident, was awakened in the middle of the night by sounds in the home she has lived in for 47 years. At first she thought she was dreaming, she recalls, but then she heard the sounds again and knew someone was there. “I got really scared,” she said. “They knew I was there, locked in my bedroom, because my dog was coughing. I took my cell phone and called 911.”

Lawrence reports that the police were there within minutes. “We are so lucky to have our own police department,” she said. “They are the most marvelous people and I’ve called them many times to thank them.”

Nothing was stolen, but the backdoor had been broken. Lawrence believes that the burglars were after drugs and couldn’t find any in her home.

“If a house looks like it is not inhabited, then people might attempt to enter at night,” said Davis.

Both Davis and Price say that the best way to get help in an emergency is to dial 911 from a landline. “The moment you enter that second ‘one’ your address appears on the screen of the dispatcher in Martinez with whom we contract services,” explained Price, who advises residents to call (925) 284-5010 from a cell phone to reach the emergency dispatcher. “That might be your best option if you can’t use a landline,” he said.

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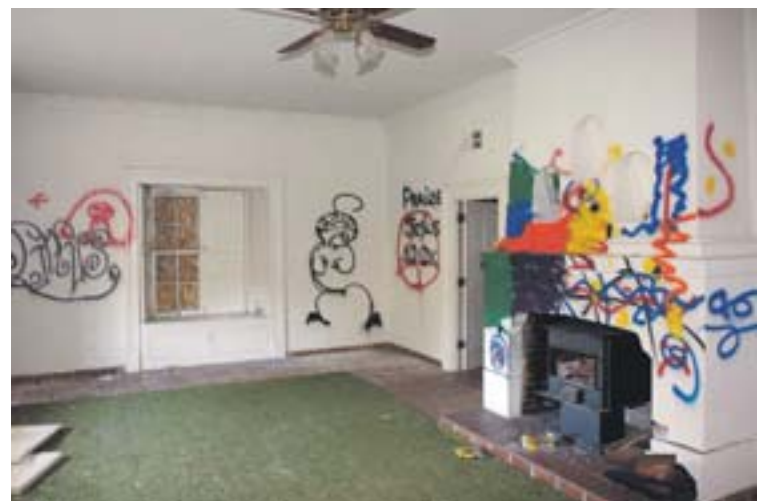
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Joaquin Moraga Adobe recently vandalized

Photo Kent Long

Sadly, the Adobe made news recently for another reason when residents alerted FJMA that the building had been vandalized. When Long arrived at the site he found broken windows, open doors and lots of graffiti. The historical plaques were missing. But what he found most disturbing was a section of wall where someone had

been digging at the old adobe bricks.

The Cinco de Mayo Fiesta will be held on Sunday, May 6, 3 to 7 p.m. at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive in Moraga. For more information about the event go to www.haciendafoundation.org, and to learn more about the Joaquin Moraga Adobe visit moragaadobe.org.

2012 MORAGA COMMUNITY FAIRE

May 12 11am - 4pm

Join us for a day of fun at the **Rheem Valley Shopping Center Entertainment Schedule**

- 11:00am Campo Chamber Singers
- 11-1:30pm Chalk Drawing Contest
- 11:15am Dunk Tank Moraga Celebrity
- 11:30am The Saklan School Musicians
- 11:30-2pm Fingerprinting with Moraga PD
- 12:00pm Dunk Tank Moraga Celebrity
- 12:15pm Oak Grove Bluegrass Family
- 1:15pm Dunk Tank Moraga Celebrity
- 1:30pm EE and Friends (Littledog2)
- 2:30pm Dunk Tank Moraga Celebrity
- 2:45pm Peter Pan Foundation Kids
- 3:15pm Faire Passport Prize Drawing
- 3:30pm Carshow Trophies
- 3:45pm Dunk Tank Moraga Celebrity

Ongoing Activities:

- Classic Car Show
- Wine Tasting
- Food Booths
- Art Show
- Bounce Houses
- Carnival Games
- Dunk Tank
- Speed Pitch
- Chalk Drawing

What Keeps Ellen Beans Going? Moraga's 2012 Citizen of the Year

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Beans is currently at the helm of the Moraga Citizens Network (www.moragacitizensnetwork.org). Town Manager Jill Keimach, who met Beans only recently, says that she is a quiet leader who is all about letting residents know about every aspect of what is happening in Moraga. “She puts that before any of her own interests,” says Keimach. “She communicates, she listens, she shares, and she works tirelessly to make Moraga better and more community oriented.”

Gordon Nathan, last year’s Citizen of the Year and a Community

Emergency Response Team instructor knows her in that capacity. He was also struck by her enthusiasm, hard work and desire to communicate with others. “She came to the CERT training, did some research on her own, and followed up by organizing information sessions with her neighbors,” he remembers.

“My motivation is sharing information and creating connections with the community, bringing people together,” says Beans. “In this town of Moraga, I love to work with so many wonderful people to make Moraga an even more vibrant community.”

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