



### Moraga Firehouse Liaison Meeting

This historic 30-year liaison meeting is held in the conference room of the Moraga/Orinda Fire District on Moraga Way at 8 a.m. on the second Friday of each month. The purpose is to share timely local information with Moraga organizations, businesses, government, schools, associations, service clubs, residents and friends of the community. Check out [www.moraga.ca.us](http://www.moraga.ca.us).

**April 10, 2009**

**Jerry Meyer-Moderator**

- **Town Council-Mayor Dave Trotter**-Members for the Revenue Enhancement Committee have been selected, and the committee will meet late this month or early May. The mission of the Committee is to recommend to the Council potential strategies for enhancing existing, and creating new, revenues sources for the General Fund and special-purpose needs. Wednesday's special Council meeting will discuss the revenue in question with the Orinda/Moraga Fire District and the draft of the joint use permit with the Moraga School District and the Town of Moraga. The April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Town Council will deal with the appeal of Palos Colorados and the off-leash law at Rancho Laguna Park.
- **Town Manager-Mike Segrest**- Recently discussed at the City Managers' meeting is the trend of the State for pushing costs down to the city/town level. Therefore our Town staff is looking closely at budget matters. It will be a tough three or four years and the Town will have to make serious budget decisions in the near future.
- **Town Public Works Director-Jill Mercurio**-The Ascot signal is now operational. Paving from Sky Hy to Buckingham goes out to bid. \$55,000 of Stimulus money will provide overlay paving from Buckingham to Draeger. The Corliss sidewalk is under design and the Library alarm contract was awarded and work will begin April 20<sup>th</sup>. Repairs from the Hacienda fire will take several months to complete. Heat in the brick chimney igniting the cotton insulation is the suspected reason for the fire. After the deductible, insurance will pay for the repairs needed. ADA Advisory Committee meets April 22<sup>nd</sup> to prioritize jobs on Town property.
- **Planning Commission- Mike Segrest**-The Specific Plan for the Moraga Shopping Center should come before the Council before the end of June. The Housing Element Plan should be presented before the end of June in order to be eligible for state money.
- **Park and Recreation Director-Jay Ingram**-This summer offers 38 new summer camps right here in Moraga. Check out the Moraga Parks and Recreation Department Activity Guide recently sent to all Moraga households. The April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Foundation will focus on the Foundation's Specific Plan for parks, trails, etc.(Further talks may take place April 28<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>.)

April 25<sup>th</sup> is the Treeline Triathlon. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is Moraga Beautiful, focusing on work at Rancho Laguna Park. May 9<sup>th</sup> is the Moraga Community Faire.

- **Police Department-Interim Chief Bob Priebe**-The Department was well represented at the Oakland Police officers funeral. Chief Priebe attended the County Chiefs of Police meeting to hear budget woes from other entities. Discussion is taking place with Central Sanitation about establishing a prescription drug drop-off site at the Moraga Police Department lobby. **WARNING:** There are several new energetic Moraga Police officers and they are strictly enforcing Town laws. Therefore make sure you park on the correct side of the street, have a recent registration visible on your vehicle and observe proper driving regulations. Check out the new police website!
- **Fire District-Pete Nowicki**-The Moraga-Orinda Fire District encourages the Orinda, Moraga and Canyon communities to get involved and be a part of the Fire District's Strategic Plan Review April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Joaquin Moraga School auditorium. The District is working on its budget. Chief Nowicki would like to thank Dave Trotter and Mike Metcalf for their help recently with the tri-agency meetings. The joint Lamorinda Emergency Preparedness Committee will hold a workshop April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7-9p.m. at the Orinda Library Auditorium to provide information on wildfire preparedness.(Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.) The community is cordially invited to attend. Keynote speakers California State Assistant Fire Marshall Tanya Hoover and CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Rob Van Wormer will be joined by representatives from our local fire and police services along with local emergency preparedness group leaders. If questions contact Jonathan Goodwin at [CanyonFire@vfemail.net](mailto:CanyonFire@vfemail.net). **Bad News:** vegetation is drying out, fuel moisture low!
- **County Supervisor Gayle Uilkema-Carol Yates**-Supervisor Uilkema is taking her ideas for Senior Evacuation Packs to other communities since she has consumed her budget with the Rossmoor project. Look for the Supervisor at the Moraga Citizen of the Year dinner on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Library- Linda Waldroup**-The County will fund 35 hours of library time and towns must absorb the cost of any extended hours. The Contra Costa County Library Reading Festival runs May 3-9. The Moraga Library will off Memories Are Made of This! The Magic of Memoir Writing Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. How to Improve Your Personal Computer's Performance is Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.; American Artists Abroad: The Lure of Paris in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00p.m., and Peter Fletcher plays Baroque Music for Guitar on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. The Kaplan Test Prep continues at the library as does the children's program.
- **Moraga Education Foundation-Shari Simon**-Although this year's campaign is tracking close to last year's, \$1.3 million will not be enough. Therefore MEF is going back out to the community for help with the MEF SHOWCASE Wednesday, May20th 6-7:30 p.m. at the Commons. Join our community to watch Moraga school children from kindergarten through high school showcase their vocal, musical and artistic talents!
- **Chamber of Commerce- Ellen Bean**- 2009 Moraga Community Faire is May 9<sup>th</sup> 11-4 at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. Classic car show, jazz bands, wine tasting, food court, arts, crafts. Child fingerprinting, climbing wall and bounce house, and chalk art contest will all add to family fun! Come and support our local businesses and non-profit organizations.
- **Park and Recreation Foundation-Judy Dinkle**-The summer concert schedule is now available. The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Cinco de Mayo Festival featuring live mariachi band, food, piñatas and activities for kids will be held at the Hacienda Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!
- **Acalanes Union High School District-Jim Negri**-Because of the loss of revenue from the state and declining enrollment, the District will have to lay off 15 teachers and 35 more from retirement, leaves, etc. Office staff will decline by four over a two year period and custodial service will go to every other day. The District is considering a parcel tax next year. Campolindo, Acalanes and

Miramonte have all been recognized as Distinguished Schools, Del Oro is a model continuation school and Los Lomas is a Blue Ribbon School.

- **Moraga Women's Society-Roberta Klaproth**-10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Spring Fundraiser Brunch, Bridge and Bunco will be held Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-3:00 at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$25 per person. Deadline to sign up is April 20<sup>th</sup>. For ticket information call Nancy Comprelli at 376-3187.
- **Rotary-Gary Irwin**- Rotaract, for junior Rotary members of college age, is now functioning at St. Mary's College!
- **CERT-Gordon Nathan**-Second quarter classes begin May 7<sup>th</sup>. CERT is co-sponsoring the Lamorinda wildfire preparedness meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Orinda Library auditorium.

Next meeting May 8, 2009

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Sperry

