

# Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe

Moraga Adobe Newsletter

April 2012

## Moraga Adobe Suffers More Vandalism



FJMA members Kent Long and Bobbie Landers visited the Moraga Adobe in February and were dismayed to find the Adobe in such declining condition. Windows were broken, there were doors standing wide open, and lots of graffiti including

words like "This house was built to party." All historical plaques are now missing including the City of Orinda landmark plaque. Most disturbing was a spot on the interior wall where it has been dug away, exposing the original adobe bricks underneath. The developers of the property have again boarded up the windows and doors to deter further damage, but more security may be required to keep out vandals. Thanks to a local resident, FJMA was alerted to the latest break-ins at the Adobe.

More Adobe photos are available online at:  
[www.moragaadobe.org/documents/AdobePhotos-Feb2012.pdf](http://www.moragaadobe.org/documents/AdobePhotos-Feb2012.pdf)

## J&J Ranch Project Update

The Orinda Planning Department is still waiting for additional reports (storm water control and landscaping plans) to be submitted by the developer. Once this is done, the J&J Ranch proposal will be reviewed and there will be a 30 day notification & comment period. This means that the soonest that the proposal could go before the Orinda Planning Commission is May 22, but it will more likely be June or July.



February 2012 - Moraga Adobe with lots of graffiti.  
Photos by Kent Long

## Important Dates

April 16 - FJMA Meeting  
7:30 pm

May 6 - Cinco de Mayo  
Fiesta

May 21 - FJMA Meeting  
7:30 pm

## Cinco de Mayo Celebration



The Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe will participate in the 'Cinco de Mayo Fiesta' at the Town of Moraga's Hacienda de las Flores on Sunday May 6th. Activities will be from 3 pm to 7 pm. To build community awareness of the Moraga Adobe and to emphasize its historical significance, the FJMA will have an information booth dedicated to the Adobe plus various fun, kid-oriented activities. Thanks to FJMA member Lance Beeson, the National Park Service will be there with informational displays about the de Anza exhibition and reproductions of historic Presidio uniforms that kids can dress up in. We are also planning on having a roping activity. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per family. For more information go to [www.cincomoraga.com](http://www.cincomoraga.com).

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