



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ AUGUST 27, 2010

### BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

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#### TOWN REJECTS MORAGA ROAD RUBBER CAPE SEAL PROJECT

The Town Engineer has notified the contractor on the Moraga Road Rubber Cape Seal project that the work is not acceptable. The contractor had offered to do some repairs to the project, but the Town staff believes that will not provide a satisfactory solution since we would have a “patchwork” surface rather than a uniform surface which we expected. Staff is hopeful that the contractor will respond with an acceptable proposal to provide the quality of surface originally specified, but is prepared to take legal action if necessary.



#### SIGN UP FOR FALL CLASSES WITH MORAGA PARKS AND RECREATION

Looking for something to do this Fall? We have something for everyone. Enrichment opportunities include Northern Renaissance, Painting with Watercolor, Images & Ideas – History of Photography, AARP Driver Safety, Art Workshop, Holiday Hors D ‘oeuvres, Basic Thai and/or Vietnamese cooking, Chocolate Truffles, Pies, Cupcakes, Canning – Fresh Fruit to Jam and/or Citrus to Marmalade, French Bread, Yoga, Tai Chi, Castle and Winery Tour, Post-Impressionist Exhibit at the De Young Museum, Apple Hill, Oakland Museum, West Side Story at the Curran, Dunsmuir House and more. If any of these classes or trips peak your interest call us at 888-7036 or register online at [www.moraga.ca.us](http://www.moraga.ca.us).



#### WEBSITE UPGRADES

The Town’s website will be getting a facelift soon! The Town is currently soliciting website designers to re-design the Town’s website making it easier for users to navigate and providing critical information easily, while requiring ease of maintenance for staff. The Town does not have a webmaster, so each department is responsible for posting and maintaining its own information. If you know of anyone interested in proposing on the project, please have them contact Travis McCord, 888-7026, to request a copy of the Request for Proposals.



#### TOWN FINANCES – GENERAL FUND BALANCE (RESERVES)

The General Fund (GF) is the chief operating fund of the Town of Moraga. The Fiscal Year 2010-11 GF budget is \$6,374,068 revenue, \$6,124,655 expenditures, leaving net revenues of \$249,413. The Town Council has established a goal of building up the GF Balance, sometimes referred to as a reserve, to an amount equal to one-half the annual GF expenditures – \$3,062,328 for FY2010-11. The GF Balance is projected to be \$2,680,584 at June 30, 2011. We’re not yet at our goal, but we’re getting closer! The Town ended fiscal year 2009-10 with a \$300,000 surplus and Town Council applied one half of the amount to increasing the fund balance and one half to road repairs for the current year.



## ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION FOR MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT

At the August 25 Town Council meeting, the Moraga Police Department was presented with a California Legislature Assembly Resolution commemorating the department's 30 year anniversary on December 17, 2009. The resolution was signed by Assemblymember Nancy Skinner of the 14<sup>th</sup> District and presented by Anne Grodin, her Field Representative. The resolution is beautifully framed and will be hung in the department's front office, next to the Town Proclamation recognizing the milestone, and a photograph of the original police department members taken on December 17, 1979.



## TRAFFIC CALMING GUIDE

Most of us have had that flash of insight that our neighborhood traffic would be safer if just..... Did you know that the Town has an approved [Traffic Calming Guide](#)? It provides important information if you are interested in developing a neighborhood group to make a traffic safety proposal. The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) meets regularly, and is willing to come to your neighborhood meeting to get you started. Check the Town's website for information on the next TSAC meeting.



## TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In order to increase the revenue generated from Town funds not needed immediately for operations and capital projects, Town Council authorized staff to pursue investing in market rate CD's. Although the projected increase in interest earnings is not large, it is a step in the direction of improving the Town's finances within the legal constraints of investment options available to the Town. The Town has historically keep all idle funds in a pooled fund with other government agencies, but interest earnings in the fund have declined significantly in the last couple of years.



## DOLLAR TREE APPLICATION BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

Over 70 people turned out on August 23, 2010 to hear the Planning Commission's consideration of the Dollar Tree's application to go into the Rheem Shopping Center. Comments were mixed with both support and opposition to the proposed store. The Dollar Tree is an allowed use under the zoning for the center, but the Planning Commission will consider possible conditions to insure that the store design and operation is consistent with the character of other stores within the center. The Planning Commission postponed action until Tuesday, September 7. The meeting will be at JM Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.