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OKTOBERFEST- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Join the fun at the 2nd Annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 10, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive. Live polka music and authentic German food and beverages highlight the festival. For the children there will be jumpy houses, pumpkin painting and chalk drawing. Free parking and shuttle to and from the Hacienda will be provided in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center along Moraga Road. Would you like to take an active part in this celebration? Volunteers are needed for a number of activities, including food service, children's games, traffic control and the photo booth. Please email haciendafoundation@gmail.com to volunteer. Thanks! Oktoberfest is sponsored by the Hacienda Foundation and the Town of Moraga.



SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTION

Staff has begun preparing a Summary of Council Action following each Town Council meeting. This brief update of the latest Town Council meeting will provide prompt information regarding Council action on agenda items. Check it out on the Town's website by following the link on the home page or by clicking on *All Town Council, Committee and Commission Agendas* on the home page.



TOWN COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AN APPEAL OF THE DOLLAR TREE APPROVAL

On Monday, September 20, the Planning Commission approved the permitted use application from Dollar Tree for a retail store in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. The Planning Commission approval included numerous conditions of approvals. The approval, however, was appealed by the applicant to the Town Council due to the adopted conditions. The Town Council is currently scheduled to consider this matter on Wednesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Joaquin Moraga Auditorium. The Town Council will consider the appeal as an entirely new matter. The Town Council is not bound by the Planning Commission decision and all testimony regarding any aspect of the application is welcome at the public hearing. The allocation of time at the Public Hearing is at the discretion of the Mayor, but comments are typically limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Any written information provided to the Town by Thursday, October 7, will be included in the Town Council's packet. Correspondence received by the Town after that date will be forwarded to the Town Council prior to a decision on the application.



CALENDAR YEAR 2009 MORAGA PERSONNEL COSTS

The California State Controller's Office (SCO) has initiated a new reporting requirement for all California cities—the Local Government Compensation Report. This is a supplement to the annual Cities Financial Transactions Report. The report lists, by department and position, salary ranges, 2009 wages subject to Medicare, pension, and health care benefits. Moraga has already filed its report with the SCO. A copy can be found on the Town's website under *Moraga's Important Documents—Administration/Finance*.



MORAGA ROAD RUBBER CAPE SEAL

Staff continues to work with the contractor and the lawyers to develop an appropriate repair strategy for the failing rubber cape seal that was applied last year.



RAINY SEASON IS COMING

Please make sure to keep your ditches and drains clear to enable rainwater to enter the stormdrain system. If you have construction disturbing soil at your property, you need to get an Erosion Control Permit. By law, the Town is required to monitor any construction site that could permit soil or pollutants to enter the stormdrain system, and ultimately into the waterways. If you have any question whether your construction requires an Erosion Control Permit, please contact the Engineering Department at 925-888-7026.



MORAGA POLICE WELCOME NEW OFFICER

At the regular Town Council meeting on September 22, Moraga Police Officer Mary Ann Grubb was introduced and given the oath of office. Mary Ann was born and raised in Walnut Creek, graduated from Carondelet High School and then attended Santa Clara University where she graduated with a BS in Accounting. Mary Ann then taught junior and high school math from 1995-2008. While teaching, Mary Ann coached varsity cross country and her Carondelet team won the California State Championship in 2006. Her coaching efforts earned Mary Ann the 2006 Coach of the Year honor. Mary Ann also served as a reserve firefighter for the Moraga Orinda Fire Department (MOFD) from 2005-2007. At the swearing-in ceremony, several MOFD firefighters attended to show their support along with a large number of Moraga PD personnel, and other community members. Mary Ann had a large group of family and friends attend the ceremony and her 9 year old nephew, Wesley Elliot, pinned her badge on her to complete the ceremony.



COPS GRANT MONEY APPROVED FOR NEW POLICE OFFICER

The Town of Moraga has been awarded \$100,000 for fiscal year 2010-11 from the Citizen's Option for Public Safety (COPS) grant program to help fund front line police services. With the loss of two officer positions since 2008, the Chief of Police requested the money be used to fund an additional officer. The Town Council accepted and approved the Chief's request and the new position will bring the Police Department's authorized strength to 12 officers. The hiring process for a new officer will not begin until January 2011, and the officer hired under this program will have to accept the position with full understanding that if the grant program is discontinued, the position may have to be eliminated.