



ABOUT TOWN ▪ JUNE 10, 2011

BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



DOLLAR TREE GRAND OPENING

The Dollar Tree opened its doors this past Sunday to many curious and busy shoppers. The staff is training over the next two weeks and is planning a “Grand Opening” event on Saturday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a ribbon cutting scheduled for 11 a.m.



FY2011-12 BUDGET STATUS

At the June 8 Town Council meeting, the Council reviewed and considered the FY 2011-2012 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Plan. The General Fund is projected to have revenues/transfers in of \$6,413,418 and expenditures/transfers out of \$6,316,519, leaving net revenues of \$96,899. Capital Improvements proposed for FY2011-12 include crosswalk improvements, energy efficiency projects, and 329 Rheem Boulevard renovation, all funded with grants, energy efficiency loans and rebates, and monies remaining from the 2010 Certificates of Participation issue.



LIBRARY COMMISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Moraga Library Commissioner is the Town’s representative on the County Library Commission. Both Moraga’s Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner recently resigned and replacements are being recruited to complete their terms until June 30, 2012. If you have an interest in volunteering for the Library Commission, visit the Town’s website for more details at www.moraga.ca.us.



FOCUS GROUPS

Last spring, more than 70 residents volunteered several hours of their time to share their impressions of the Town and its future needs. The information gathered has been critical in assisting the Town in focusing its efforts on areas of concern to our residents. Staff has invited these residents back later this month to hear the results of their input. The same information will be presented to the Town Council at their June 22 meeting.



MORAGA POLICE VOLUNTEERS

The Moraga Police Department is actively recruiting for new Police Cadets. This past year was extremely successful with two volunteer Cadets; one a senior from Saint Mary’s College, and the other a senior from Campolindo H.S. With the graduation of both Cadets and their unavailability for the next school year, the Police Department is hoping to replace them and hopefully expand the program. The cadet program provides young persons (ages 16-22) an opportunity to explore a career in law enforcement and to actively participate in the criminal justice system.

For a complete description of the Cadet Program please visit the Moraga Police Department website at <http://police.moraga.ca.us/employment.php>, or contact the program coordinator, Sergeant Brian South, at south@moraga.ca.us or by phone at (925) 888-7052.



WHERE DOES MORAGA'S ROAD MONEY GO? (CHAPTER 1)

The Town has only \$100,000 to \$150,000 each year to spend on fixing cracks and potholes. We receive less than \$550,000 annually in transportation funds. This money goes toward road upkeep – including operations and maintenance. On the operations end, the Town spends roughly \$400,000 to maintain existing facilities. \$175,000 is allocated to cover the staff costs associated with street maintenance (1½ people). \$150,000 goes toward patch paving (digging out the worst portions of the road and repaving a large “patch”), striping, signs, annual weed abatement, and emergency pothole repairs. This money is also used to keep Bollinger Canyon Road clear from debris sloughing off the bluff, and other emergency activities. The remaining operational money covers median maintenance, traffic signals, materials and equipment. All remaining money can then be used for the larger capital projects, but \$100,000 to \$150,000 does not go too far. Traditionally, the town would do one small project, such as crack sealing or slurry sealing of selected streets one year, and save the balance to go toward a larger project, such as a repaving project, the next year. These moneys are also used for non-pavement capital projects, including new sidewalks or traffic signals.



FIRST SUMMER CONCERT JUNE 16

Start your summer off right by joining the Moraga Park Foundation and hundreds of local residents at the first free Commons Park Summer Concert of 2011 on Thursday, June 16. Enjoy the Latin and Reggae sounds of the local band Rukatan. This seven-member band plays dance-oriented music with many Latin and Caribbean flavors. Concessions are available starting at 6:00 pm, with music playing from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.



DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OPENINGS

The Town of Moraga invites applications for two key management positions: Administrative Services Director and Planning Director. The ideal candidate for Administrative Services Director will have a strong foundation in municipal government finance, human resource administration, and risk management. The ideal candidate for Planning Director will have a strong foundation in conservation and preservation, development review, general and specific plans, as well as exceptional community engagement and communication skills. For more information regarding these positions, visit the Employment Opportunities page of the Town of Moraga's website at <http://www.moraga.ca.us/dept/adminsvc/jobs>.



JULY 4 FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Through community donations (as of June 8), the Town has received \$4,455 towards the 2011 fireworks goal of \$23,000. Please consider donating as an individual or organization to this wonderful Moraga tradition. Send checks to Town of Moraga, Attn: Fireworks Fund, 2100 Donald Dr., Moraga.



ASK THE MAYOR OVER COFFEE

Come to Terzetto's the third Friday of the month for coffee and conversation with Mayor Karen Mendonca and Town Manager Jill Keimach. Both will be available to informally listen to your comments and suggestions and discuss ideas. The Mayor and Manager will next be available at Terzetto's, on Friday, June 17, 9:30 to 11:00 am.



MORAGA PARKS AND RECREATION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

On Monday, July 11 the Parks and Recreation Department will start a new six-week park program at the Commons Park for ages 8-12. The Summer Park Program was made possible through a grant from the Moraga Park Foundation. Donations, specifically a ping pong table (with balls and paddles) and a portable radio with CD player, would be greatly appreciated. If you have either of these items and wish to donate to the Town, we would be happy to put them to good use. Donations of other sports supplies are welcomed as well.