



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ AUGUST 26, 2011

### BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



#### COME ENVISION A VIBRANT RHEEM VALLEY

This weekend on Saturday, August 27, from 9:00 to 10:30 am and Monday, August 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm the Moraga Economic Development Team is hosting a community effort at The New Rheem Theatre to hear what residents, property owners, and businesses envision for the Rheem Valley area. Attendees will be asked what they like about the area, what they want to enhance, and what they want it to become. Come share your thoughts, dreams, and ideas for the Rheem Valley and later work with us to facilitate key components of the community's vision. Please come to share your enthusiasm and dreams for making the Rheem area more vibrant for Moraga. Call 925-888-7038 to reserve a space now!



#### SHELL GAS STATION DEMOLITION PLANNED

Unfortunately, Shell Oil has begun closing a number of its stations throughout the country, including our own Station on Moraga Way in the Moraga Shopping Center. Subcontractors for Shell submitted, and the Town approved, an application (with conditions) this week to demolish the Shell station.

The demolition permit approval requires the applicant obtain a tank removal permit from the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs. The County Health Department's Hazardous Materials Program will require soil and groundwater testing once the tanks are removed. If testing indicates that any of the three 10,000-gallon underground tanks leaked (called "unauthorized release"), the County will require soil remediation (correction) and additional testing. The demolition permit conditions will ensure that when the service station is demolished, the underground tanks will be removed, and the soil and groundwater will meet the County's health safety standards.



#### THANK YOU FOR A GREAT SUMMER



Moraga parks were busy with kids of all ages this Summer. The Commons hosted several week-long summer camps including Mini Hawks, Volleyball, Skateboarding and the new Summer Park Program. The Hacienda hosted many camps including Camp Hacienda, String Thing Music, Magic, Carpentry, Handwriting, and Young Rembrandts. Rancho Laguna was home to Moraga Sports Camp and Eurosoccer while kids attended Tennis Camp at Saint Mary's College. Each of the local elementary schools hosted at least a week of Camp Kinder Cool, a tremendously successful program for incoming kindergarteners. The Commons was also busy thanks to the 2011 free summer concert series hosted and funded by the Moraga Park Foundation. Thank you to the Park Foundation for their efforts in living our motto of "Parks Make Life Better."



#### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

The Town Council has tentatively cancelled the September 28 Town Council meeting as it falls on a Jewish holiday this year. The Council will meet as usual on September 14 and October 12, 2011 to conduct Town business. A special meeting will be scheduled if needed.



## PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL

Look for exciting and new additions to this 13<sup>th</sup> annual event in the Commons Park on Saturday, September 24, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Enjoy plenty of food and drink, jumpies, artist vendors, wine tasting, pear pie sales, the pear recipe contest, events at the bandshell emceed by local resident Ryan Oettinger (aka DJ RyanO), and music in the afternoon by Stone Soup. Rumor has it there may also be a grape stomping opportunity! Event details and flyers will be distributed shortly.



## NEW LED STREETLIGHTS COMING SOON

The Town's major streets will soon be environmentally brighter. The Town Council voted to partner with PG&E to begin upgrading the streetlights on major thoroughfares with new LED technology. In addition to reducing the Town's energy costs, the new lights will provide more even lighting for the roads, reduce maintenance, and last longer than the lights in place today. Moraga joins Walnut Creek, Danville, and San Ramon in our efforts to reduce energy consumption and costs and upgrade our streetlights. Installation is expected to take about a week and will be completed early this fall.



## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

All schools are back in session this week and the Moraga Police Department (MPD) has already noticed several traffic and pedestrian safety issues. MPD asks all drivers to drive slower, respect the 25 MPH speed limit in school zones, be extra cautious, and pay close attention to vehicular traffic and pedestrians in the areas around schools. Please remember to stop for school buses when their red lights and stop signs are activated, and try to be courteous when other vehicles are attempting to turn or merge into traffic lanes.

In particular, parents and children walking to school should be extra cautious. Please remember you are required to walk facing oncoming traffic if you must walk in the roadway, and never step into the roadway from between parked cars until it is absolutely clear. If you have to walk with a child in the roadway, please make sure the child is walking closest to the curb and is firmly in your grasp. Pedestrians must always be aware of vehicles on the roadway and take every necessary precaution to ensure their safety. If everyone pays attention and is aware of their responsibilities, the overall safety in our Town will be greatly enhanced.



## CHECK OUT COUNCIL ACTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE

A reminder that staff prepares 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 clicking <http://www.moraga.ca.us/council/about>



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