

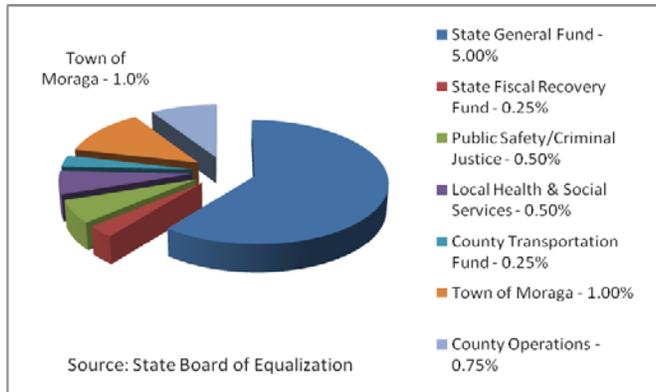


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BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



WHERE DO YOUR SALES TAX DOLLARS GO?



This chart shows how the 8.25% retail sales tax is distributed to government agencies. The State takes the biggest share of sales tax dollars collected in Moraga, a total of 5.75% for the State General Fund, State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and Public Safety/Criminal Justice. The County comes in second with 1.50% for local health and social services, county transportation and county operations. The Town of Moraga receives 1.00%, estimated to be \$895,497 in FY2011-12.

Approximately \$50,000 of the public safety/criminal justice sales tax collected by the State trickles back to Moraga in the form of Prop 172 sales tax allocations. The Town also receives a share of the quarter percent transportation fund collected by the County, estimated at \$245,384 for FY2011-12.



LAFCO REPORT ON MORAGA LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

The Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has released a draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Law Enforcement Services within our county. The draft report can be accessed online at www.contracostalafco.org/municipal_service_reviews.htm, and public comments will be accepted through August 5. LAFCO will hold a public hearing on August 10 to consider the MSR report, determinations, sphere of influence (SOI) updates, and public comments received. Moraga PD cooperated with LAFCO to provide information requested. Some inaccuracies within the draft were noted and suggested corrections will be submitted to LAFCO, but even with the inaccuracies, the draft MSR represents the Moraga PD favorably. Moraga PD encourages all citizens to read the MSR, comment as necessary to LAFCO, and to please contact Moraga PD with comments.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

A reminder that the Town Council has cancelled the August 10, 2011 Town Council meeting in order to provide a legislative break. The next regular Town Council meeting will be on August 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the JM Auditorium.



LAFAYETTE-MORAGA REGIONAL TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

The East Bay Regional Park District will be repaving a large portion of the Lafayette Moraga Trail. The work in Moraga will begin in mid-August and will involve paving from Westchester (near the Canyon Bridge) to behind Saklan School, and then from the Moraga Commons to the Moraga-Lafayette line. Parking in the Commons will be disrupted adjacent to the trail during repaving, but we hope the end product will be worth it!



ANOTHER LOOK AT RANCHO LAGUNA PARK

At their regular July meeting, the Park and Recreation Commission reviewed four different preliminary conceptual plans for the park. A previous *About Town* article mentioned the removal of two of the three play structures, leaving a variety of planning options open for the park's future. Everyone engaged in the process would like to see Rancho Laguna Park remain as multi-use as possible especially since Rancho Laguna Park is one of our two main "active" parks in Town. How to design that multi-use for everyone's benefit will be the challenge moving forward. Callander Associates, a landscape architecture firm, received great feedback at the meeting, enabling them to eliminate two preliminary plans and refine the other two for future discussions. The Commission will continue their discussion in September.



OPEN SPACE SUBDIVISION AT INTERSECTION OF RHEEM AND ST. MARY'S ROAD

On September 14, the Town Council will consider a recommendation from the Planning Commission, as well as other alternatives, for the possible subdivision of a Town-owned open space parcel near the intersection of Rheem Boulevard and St. Mary's Road. The subdivision and sale of Town property was conceptually approved by the Town Council two years ago as a means of funding the acquisition of the new Town Corporation Yard at 331 Rheem Boulevard. On June 6, the Planning Commission considered a possible 1, 2 or 3-lot subdivision of the approximately 20-acre MOSO parcel. In all alternatives, the potential development site is adjacent to the Lafayette-Moraga Trail near the intersection of Rheem and St. Mary's Road. After considering the alternatives, the Planning Commission recommended the 2-lot alternative for further consideration by the Town Council but did not express support for the proposal. Residential development is permitted in MOSO at a density of 1 dwelling unit per 20 acres upon approval of a conditional use permit. A 2-lot subdivision would require additional findings to increase density including findings that the property is not "high risk." The findings would need to be made by the Planning Commission before the project could be approved.



TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUGUST MEETING CANCELLED

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee will not be holding their regular monthly meeting in August. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7 at the Hacienda de las Flores.



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