



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ OCTOBER 28, 2011 BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

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### RANCHO LAGUNA PARK UPDATE

Town Council reviewed the Park and Recreation Commission recommendation for spatial separation at the park during their October 26 regular meeting. While consensus was not reached to support the Park and Recreation Commission recommendation, a majority of the Town Council referenced safety and a need to spatially separate off-leash dogs and other park users. The item was continued to the regular Town Council meeting on December 14. At that meeting, Town Council will discuss the Park and Recreation Commission's recommendation as well as another proposal that was presented during the Park and Recreation Commission meeting this past July.



### TOWN HOSTS VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Tony Knox's Eagle Scout Project has inspired an annual Veterans Day event to honor those who have served and are serving in our military. This year, the event will take place at the Moraga Commons Park on 11/11/11 at 11:00 am. Please join Moraga Boy Scout Troops 212, 234, and 246 and local community members to celebrate this special event. The ceremony will begin with the Advancement of the Color Guard followed by speakers and refreshments.



### MORAGA YOUTH INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the October 26 Town Council meeting the audience was treated to a presentation by Campolindo student, Layth Ramatala, Chairperson of the 2010-2011 Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC). Layth shared the highlights and accomplishments of the 2010-2011 committee including simple projects like decorating the Commons Park with holiday bows to the term-long backpack and school supply drive. Layth's leadership and enthusiasm will be missed as he is not returning to the 2011-2012 committee; however, his passion lives on and the committee will build on that success. Following the presentation the new members of the 2011-2012 committee took their oath of office; the MYIC welcomes Kylie Burrowes, David Kuckuk, Elodie Kwan, Nora Mohamed, Preshet Moore, Hana Schoenberger and Dhruv Suri. MYIC promotes civic involvement, including community activities, services and interaction with the Town Council on youth-related issues.



### STATE OF THE TOWN AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NIGHT

Please join the Town of Moraga for the annual Moraga State of the Town and Volunteer Recognition Night, Wednesday, November 16, at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm with appetizers and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk with your local elected officials and network with community groups, residents and neighbors. Mayor Mendonca will share her perspective of Town activities from the past year and express thanks to all those who made 2010-2011 a terrific year. New to the 2011 event will be committee volunteer recognition of the citizens who have finished their terms on various Town committees, commissions, and boards. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. RSVP by November 7, 2011 by calling (925) 888-7038 or email [planning@moraga.ca.us](mailto:planning@moraga.ca.us).



## TOWN COUNCIL RECOGNIZES MORAGA POLICE VOLUNTEERS

October 26, 2011 was proclaimed “Moraga Police Reserve Officers’ Day” by the Mayor and Town Council. The proclamation recognized four Moraga Police Department Reserve Officers for a combined total of 100 years of volunteer service to the Town. Reserve Police Officers Ben Ho (29 yrs), Greg Haskell (25 yrs), Jack Lucas (25 yrs), and Darrell Lee (21 yrs) were honored with a standing ovation from the audience for their thousands of hours of volunteer service to support MPD and to keep our Town safe. After the Reserve Officers were honored, volunteer Community Service Officer Thomas Smith was introduced to the Town Council and given the oath of office by the Town Clerk. Smith has been volunteering 15 hours weekly to MPD, performing a variety of support services. Smith is a graduate of the Napa Valley Police Academy and is in process to become a Police Reserve.



## MORAGA ROADS “AT RISK” OF FAILURE

A recently released report of the nine counties in the Bay Area placed Town of Moraga streets and roads in the “At Risk” category—one of the two lowest rankings possible. We rank 93rd out of 109 communities—the bottom 15%. This means that the average Moraga street is on the verge of failure. A failing street is one with large potholes, cracks, and at risk for major breaks and sink holes. We must maintain and repair our streets so that potholes and cracks are prevented or repaired in a cost efficient, effective way—delaying repairs will only increase their cost. Unless we address the problem NOW, our neighborhood streets will continue to degrade and begin to fail, and the cost to repair our roads will increase radically (by some estimates, as much as 300%). We would welcome the opportunity to speak to your group, neighborhood association, service club, or group of friends. If you know of a group we can speak to, please call Town Manager Jill Keimach at (925) 888-7020.



## TOWN CO-SPONSORS CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, October 26, the Town Council agreed to partner with The New Rheem Theatre to host this year’s California Independent Film Festival from February 10 to 16, 2012. Over 80 films were screened last year, including independent, foreign, and mainstream movies, along with shorts, documentaries, and instructional films. The Festival provided intimate ways attendees could interact with and ask questions of the filmmakers and actors. Part of the Town partnership includes permitting signs and helping publicize the event.



## BUY A BULB - LIGHT THE HOLIDAY TREE

Help the Town light the holiday tree in the Commons Park again this December. Our goal is to raise \$6,000 through community donations. Purchase a bulb by sending a check to the Town of Moraga, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556, Attn: Buy-A-Bulb. Suggested donation: minimum \$20, maximum is up to you! Tree lighting will be the night of Saturday, December 3 at 6:30 pm.



## ROADWAY STRIPING

The Town Council approved a contract on Wednesday to provide restriping of a number of roadways throughout Town over a number of weeks, weather permitting. The elements take a toll on the paint as well as the road surface, and it, too, needs to be replaced. The stripers will be in areas all around Town, and will be busy for several weeks trying to freshen up the markings before the majors rains hit for the season. Please use caution when driving around these areas.