



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ APRIL 15, 2011

### BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

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#### RHEEM BOULEVARD AND OTHER PAVEMENT REPAIRS

The Town Council awarded pavement repair contracts on Wednesday night. The first contract is for repair of bad potholes and pavement failure at a number of locations throughout town. This will likely include patching of the pavement decimated by the recent rains on Via Granada. The patch paving is tentatively scheduled to start in mid-May. This will be followed by a large pavement repair project on Rheem Boulevard. The Town has directed a portion of its limited budget to repair the two sections of Rheem Boulevard – from the top of the hill almost to Moraga Road, and the residential section near St. Mary’s Road. This work should begin no later than early June, and be virtually completed by the end of June. In order to expedite the work, we are allowing the contractor to close Rheem Boulevard to through traffic between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. Residents on Rheem Boulevard will have access to their properties at all times, but residents who have alternate access to their homes should plan to use it.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORAGA

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Moraga Triathlon**, Saturday, April 30, Campolindo High School. Adult divisions start at 7:30 am and youth divisions start at 9:00 am. Sign up today to participate or volunteer. Find all the details at [www.moragatri.com](http://www.moragatri.com).

**Moraga Beautiful**, Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am to 12 noon. Meet at Moraga Commons Park, wear old clothes for the beautification of the park benches, bocce ball courts and more. The Town will supply the gloves, brushes and stain.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo**, Thursday, May 5, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Hacienda de las Flores. The entire family will enjoy tortilla making, Piñatas, activities for kids, live Mariachi band, Mexican food, beverages and more. This event is hosted by the Hacienda Foundation, one of our wonderful local nonprofit organizations. Come and eat, drink, play, socialize and donate to the Hacienda Foundation.



#### APRIL IS DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

In conjunction with the CHP and the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), the Moraga Police Department (MPD) is participating in the Zero Tolerance Enforcement Campaign to bring awareness to the dangers of driving while distracted. The statewide “It’s Not Worth It!” campaign targets four dates in April for selective enforcement; April 4-5, 14, and 28. MPD is going beyond the statewide dates and is targeting the entire month of April for enforcing laws associated with distracted driving, and has issued 65 citations to violators through April 14. Drivers beware!



## MORAGA COMMONS BANDSHELL TO RECEIVE UPGRADES

The Moraga Park Foundation has embarked on their next large scale improvement to gift to the Town upon completion. Later this month representatives from the Foundation will present drawings to the Design Review Board for a minor expansion. The summer concert audience continues to benefit from the music camaraderie. Some County Health Department regulations have changed since original construction, so the Foundation intends to proceed with a small expansion of the food service area. If all goes as planned, exterior construction will start after the Pear Festival this September and the entire project will be completed by April, 2012.



## MPD OFFICER RUSSELL DOUTHIT HONORED FOR DUI ENFORCEMENT

On Saturday March 26, Officer Russ Douthit, his wife Trisha, and four members of MPD attended the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Law Enforcement and Community Recognition Dinner in Sacramento, where Russ was one of the honorees. Officer Douthit was honored for his outstanding efforts in 2010 to enforce drunk driving, alcohol, and drug violations. Russ led MPD in arrests for these areas, and was presented with a personal hero's award and a plaque for the Town. When the Town Council learned of his achievements, Officer Douthit was invited to attend the April 13 Town Council meeting where Mayor Mendonca presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his exceptional service in protecting the citizens of Moraga.



## TOWN COUNCIL REVIEWS GENERAL PLAN TO BEGIN "BUDGET SEASON"

On April 13, the Town Council conducted its annual review of the General Plan. This comprehensive review is required to occur at the beginning of "budget season" each year so the Council and the community can provide input regarding General Plan Implementation Program priorities for the next fiscal year. One priority that was established in the February goal setting was the General Plan Emergency Preparedness Program. In many cases, however, it was recognized that limited Town resources preclude full implementation of all General Plan programs.



## TOWN TO PROCESS BOLLINGER CANYON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

The Town will be considering contract amendments in the coming month for an EIR analysis of the 186 acre parcel in Bollinger Canyon owned by the Bruzzone family. The Town is obligated to process all applications, although the staff offered to consider land use designations for the larger "Study Area" as part of the upcoming General Plan Update. The Bruzzone family, however, stated they were interested in pursuing three alternatives for development of the area ranging from 100 to 126 dwelling units. The Bruzzone family formulated their development proposal in accordance with a 2002 General Plan policy that calls for a property owner sponsored study of the area. All costs associated with the processing of this development proposal will be paid by the property owner.



## CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON MORAGA ROAD

The Town received two grants to improve the safety at two crosswalks on Moraga Road – one at Corliss Drive, and the second at Woodford Drive (near Campolindo High School). The Town Council awarded the design contract so preliminary plans can be developed to present to the community at a future TSAC meeting. The project is anticipated to provide pedestrian activated warning lights to drivers in these two locations as well as better pavement markings. The new crosswalks will not be raised. Stay tuned for information about the proposed project presentation at TSAC soon.



## TOWN FINANCES – BUDGET PROCESS

It's "Budget Season" – that time of year when Town staff turns its attention to developing the budget for the next fiscal year. Development of the Town's budget is a process that can take several months and involves:

- Town Manager and Department Directors review current programs and services, evaluate needs, compare the current budget against current expenditures, and develop estimates for the next year's budget. This process has begun.
- The proposed budget is presented to the Town's Audit & Finance Committee (AFC) who review the budget projections and provide feedback to staff. This usually happens in May.
- Staff implements AFC recommendations and prepares the budget for presentation to the Town Council.
- At the first meeting in June, the Town Council reviews and discusses the proposed budget and provides direction to staff.
- Staff implements the Town Council's direction and prepares the budget for review at the Town Council's second meeting in June.
- The Town Council adopts the budget at the second meeting in June.

The public has the opportunity to participate in the process by attending the AFC and Town Council meetings and speaking during the Public Comment portions of those meetings.