



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ MARCH 25, 2011

### BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

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#### WHAT A SOAKER!

It's been a busy week for the Public Works crews! We've had more than three inches of rain in the past seven days, which has stressed our storm drains, creeks, and trees. A large limb fell on the library, but caused no significant damage. The saturated hills continue to drain and cause localized flooding. Groundwater has broken through the pavement on Via Granada creating some significant potholes. We will be repaving that section, and adding some subdrains to collect this water and get it into the storm drain pipes. Please call Public Works at (925) 888-7026 to report storm damages.



#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Economic Development Team (EDT) has been very busy lately, having met recently with a local retail expert to brainstorm Rheem Center solutions and Town Councilmembers to discuss Economic Development issues. They also spoke at the Moraga Chamber of Commerce meeting to update members on their recent work, discuss survey results and review the Moraga Deals program (which was created by Saint Mary's College students). Additionally, they have been recruiting members for the Economic Development Action Committee so they can start their work in April.



#### RHEEM BOULEVARD REPAIRS

The Town of Moraga is committed to providing essential services to you in an era of reduced budgets and diminishing fiscal resources. While our funds are extremely limited, we are pleased to be answering one of the community's long term needs – repairing Rheem Boulevard. Although the portion of Rheem Boulevard between the top of the hill and the residences toward St. Mary's Road will wait for repair in conjunction with the Rancho Laguna subdivision construction, the Town is now able to direct a portion of our limited budget to repair the other sections of Rheem Boulevard – from the top of the hill almost to Moraga Road, and the residential section near St. Mary's Road.

To ensure the most cost-effective project, the Town is currently conducting competitive bidding for this repair work, and hopes to have construction started shortly after the rainy season ends. In order to expedite the work, we are allowing the contractor to close Rheem Boulevard to through traffic between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. 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 those.

The project should take approximately one month to complete, with the start date to be determined within the next couple of weeks. The project will be completed in early summer. We hope that the temporary inconvenience will be outweighed by correcting this section of roadway. The Town has 56 miles of roads and 40% of the neighborhood streets are in poor or very poor condition. While budget cuts have forced the Town to reduce or delay projects like this and other street and pothole repairs, staff has been working with a Community Task Force to develop an overall plan to address urgent street needs. Questions? Call Public Works at (925) 888-7026.



## DESIGN REVIEW BOARD TO CONSIDER SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE FIELD PROPOSALS

If approved by the DRB on Monday night, new fields could be under construction at Saint Mary's College this summer. The proposed field modifications consist of a relocation of the existing baseball field at the front of the campus and a new artificial turf field with lights in place of an existing field near the current stadium. The new facilities would improve athletic opportunities for all students.



## TRI-CITY HIGH SCHOOL DANCE

On Friday, April 22, 2011 The New Rheem Theatre, with the support of the Moraga, Lafayette and Orinda youth councils will host a sports-themed "Fan Fest" Tri-City High School Dance for current Campolindo, Acalanes and Miramonte students. The Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC), Orinda Teen Advisory Council (OTAC), and Lafayette Youth Commission (LYC) are happy to be working together to promote a fun, safe, local event. The students determined the theme, dress code, advertising scheme, eligibility and rules. In addition to the ticket price, and keeping with the theme, attendees are required to contribute \$2 at the door which will support Lamorinda high school athletic programs. Attendees are encouraged to dress supporting their favorite sports team. Tickets can be purchased in advance at The New Rheem Theatre or the Lafayette Community Center.



## CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA

Join the Hacienda Foundation and the Town of Moraga, Parks and Recreation as we host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at the Hacienda de las Flores. On Thursday, May 5, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. enjoy a live Mariachi band, tortilla making, piñatas, games, authentic Mexican food, margaritas, beer and more. Bring your friends, neighbors and families. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit 501(c)3 Hacienda Foundation of Moraga, so please give generously.



## TOWN GOWN BREAKFAST

On March 22 Saint Mary's College hosted the Town, Chamber, and Moraga School District at its annual Town Gown breakfast to share information, activities, and plans. Everyone expressed enthusiasm for past and upcoming efforts to improve communication and enhance activities for Moraga residents.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MORAGA TRIATHLON

Saturday, April 30, you will see swimmers, bikers and runners of all ages out and about in Moraga. Moraga Parks and Recreation has added two age divisions, 5-7 and 8-11. This is a great "sprint" triathlon for the first-timer or the experienced athlete. Registration fees increase April 1. Receive a free commemorative t-shirt when you volunteer. Please sign up in advance to volunteer by calling the Parks and Recreation office, (925) 888-7036. If you are driving around town that morning please drive with caution, if you are participating - enjoy!



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Moraga depends on its volunteers to assist in a number of venues. All of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees require citizen involvement. If you have an interest in volunteering for the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) or the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC), visit the Town's website for more details at [www.moraga.ca.us](http://www.moraga.ca.us) and click on *Volunteer Opportunities*. TSAC and AFC are each seeking one volunteer.