



ABOUT TOWN ▪ AUGUST 17, 2012

BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



ROLLOVER TRUCK ACCIDENT



On Tuesday August 7, at 8:05 am, traffic on St. Mary's Rd. was affected by a non-injury rollover collision near the Bollinger Canyon Road intersection. A loaded appliance delivery truck drove too fast into the downhill curve past Rheem Boulevard, causing the driver to lose control. The truck rolled onto its driver side and came to rest on the road shoulder above Las Trampas Creek. St. Mary's Road was closed between Rohrer Drive and Rheem Boulevard for about three hours. The truck had to be winched to an upright position and towed.



FIVE COUNCIL CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION 2012

The nomination period for Council candidates was extended until Wednesday, August 15, 2012, as one of the incumbents did not file to run for re-election on the November ballot. Five residents filed to run for three Council seats: Phillip Arth, Roger Wykle, Seth Freeman, Michael Metcalf and Karen Mendonca. All Moragans are encouraged to meet the candidates and learn about Town issues by attending the Moraga Citizens Network "Candidates Night" on Thursday, October 4, 2012.



PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The 14th Annual Moraga Pear & Wine Festival will be held Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the Moraga Commons Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Join your friends and neighbors for this family-friendly event celebrating Moraga's pear history featuring activities at the bandshell with DJ RyanO, afternoon concert by littledog2, wine tasting, grape stomping, pear pies, jumpies, food, local artists, community and business booths, Pear Political Pavilion and more! Don't miss the Pear Recipe Contest and 2013 Pear & Wine Festival Poster Contest. Check the Town website www.moraga.ca.us for additional information.



WINERIES IN MORAGA

Moraga residents are invited to help create fair and sustainable regulations for wineries in Moraga. Recently, Planning staff has met with winery and vineyard owners to address issues and goals associated with their operations. A small group of non-winery/vineyard owners is also meeting to discuss the issues, and additional community members are encouraged to participate.



SKATEPARK PARKING LOT PROJECT

To relieve congested parking at the Moraga Commons Skatepark, the Town will be replacing the existing street parking on the eastern side of Moraga Road with an off-street parking lot. The new parking lot will be approximately 50 feet by 400 feet, with 29 parking spaces including two for persons with disabilities. The landscape plan includes a 260 foot long planting strip between the new parking lot and Moraga Road. Bids for construction are due on August 24, with construction expected to begin in September and be completed by the end of the year.



SENATOR DESAULNIER AT SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Senator Mark DeSaulnier will be holding Mobile District Office hours on Saturday, August 25, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Saint Mary's College, Filippi Academic Hall, at 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. The event will be an opportunity for the residents of Moraga to speak with him about any problems they may have with a State agency or State legislation. For more information, call 925-942-6082.



MORAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL BBQ - TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Join the Moraga Chamber of Commerce at their Annual End-of-Summer Barbecue on Tuesday, August 28 at 5:30 pm at the Moraga Commons Park. The event is free thanks to Moraga Safeway's generous sponsorship. Visit www.moragachamber.org for additional information.



TANGELO IS LATEST ADDITION IN RHEEM CENTER!



The Rheem Center is continuing to fill vacant space as Moraga's newest frozen yogurt shop, Tangelo, opened this past weekend. Tangelo is owned and operated by May Lo, a Moraga Resident. Tangelo is a self-serve yogurt shop with 10 flavors, including "No Sugar Added" and "Dairy Free" options. With over 35 toppings, the combinations are endless. Tangelo is located in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, between Lamorinda Pizza and Sixto's Hair Design.

Tangelo joins a long list of relatively new tenants, including Shish Kabob Show, Wonderful Spa, The New Delhi Bistro, Moraga Produce, and Weight Watchers, serving the area and revitalizing the Rheem Shopping Center.



MORAGA LIBRARY BOOK SALE – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The Friends of the Moraga Library will have a sale of donated books on Saturday, September 15, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The prices are unbeatable, from \$1.00 to \$5.00 in all categories! All books have been donated by Moraga residents and all funds go to support the Moraga Library.



TOWN COUNCIL AUGUST 22 MEETING CANCELLED

The Town Council has cancelled the August 22 Town Council meeting in order to provide a legislative break. The Council will resume meeting on September 12.



TOWN HALL REMODEL ON SCHEDULE AND UNDER BUDGET

On July 11 the Town Council directed staff to begin a minor remodel of the Town offices at 329 Rheem Boulevard in order to move Finance staff out of the Hacienda and convert space at 331 Rheem Boulevard into a community meeting room and Field Operations Center (FOC). The project has been designed with minimal changes to existing offices, consisting mostly of some additional doors, paint, and carpeting. The project is within budget and on schedule to be completed this year. The minor construction work at 329 Rheem Boulevard is currently out to bid and will begin soon. Everyone, except Parks and Recreation staff, will be relocating their workspaces later this fall. Town Council meetings are expected to be held in the community meeting room beginning in January, 2013.



MORAGA MEN'S 35+ SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

Sign up as a team or a free agent! Call the Recreation Department for details (925) 888-7036.



“MORAGA ART GALLERY, RE-IMAGINED”

Moraga Art Gallery’s new show, opening August 22, highlights the collective creativity, commitment and energy of the gallery’s members. “Moraga Art Gallery, Re-imagined” will feature the work of the entire gallery artist group. The public is invited to join the member artists at the opening reception on Saturday, August 25 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. For more information, visit www.moragaartgallery.com.



ROCKIN’ AT THE RHEEM - SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Support the Rheem Theatre at *Rockin’ At The Rheem* Saturday, August 25 from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Enjoy live performances by Aspect, Dream Posse's Kiki Stack & Friends, Juice, and Gary Peare. This promises to be a fantastic evening with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts, wine and beer available for purchase and great music for \$35 per person. Tickets are available for purchase at www.moragafunfest.com or at the door. Funds raised will help The New Rheem Theatre purchase the digital projectors needed to continue showing blockbuster films.



MORAGA ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

The Town has received \$128,000 in grants to install pedestrian improvements on Moraga Road at the intersections of Woodford Drive and Corliss Drive. The project includes pedestrian-activated, solar-powered systems that have flashing lights or overhead flashing beacons to notify drivers that pedestrians are using the crosswalk. The crosswalk will not be raised in any manner, and will have high-visibility markings to make its location more evident. Construction is expected to begin at the end of August and should be completed by the beginning of November.



SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Saint Mary’s College has started site preparation for the recently-approved student recreation center and baseball spectator facility. The project approval allows grading activity between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, Monday through Saturday, until September 1 to allow the college to complete excavation and on-site hauling prior to the students’ return. The college has also been evaluating its lights at the intramural field to reduce off-site glare. The Planning Commission will hear a progress report about the intramural field lights at its October 1 meeting. The public is invited to attend.



SUPPORT THE MORAGA CHAMBER, EAT PIZZA!

The Moraga Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Mountain Mike's Pizza selling fundraiser coupon cards. The \$20 card has a \$350 value of coupons for multiple locations and \$5 from each card sold goes to the Moraga Chamber! For more information, contact kathe@moragachamber.org.



TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day, reopening on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.



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