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BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT CORPORAL PROMOTIONS



At the September 12 Town Council meeting, three Moraga PD officers were sworn in as Corporals, a rank between Officer and Sergeant. Will Davis, Randy Pacheco, and Mary Ann Grubb took their oaths of office and were introduced to the Council and community. Each has unique leadership qualities and has contributed greatly to the operations of the Police Department. Although no new officers were hired, the new rank within the department now allows supervision on all shifts.



RHEEM CENTER GRAND OPENINGS

Join New Delhi Bistro for its grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration at 11:00 am this Saturday, September 15. Enjoy Bollywood music, dancing, appetizers and beverages! New Delhi Bistro, located next to TJ Maxx, offers deli sandwiches and Indian cuisine and is open daily 11:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Tangelo, the Rheem Center's new frozen yogurt shop, celebrated its grand opening on Sunday, September 9. Tangelo is located near China Moon and Shish Kabob Show and is open Sunday through Thursday from noon to 9:00 pm and Fridays and Saturdays from noon to 10:00 pm.



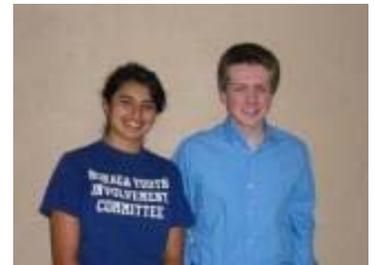
MORAGA BARN 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY NIGHT

Help celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Moraga Barn on Saturday, September 15, from 7:00 pm to midnight. To commemorate this colorful historic landmark, come enjoy the evening and share your stories about the Barn. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 if you share your story!



MORAGA YOUTH INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (MYIC) ACCOMPLISHMENTS

At the September 12 Town Council meeting, the 2011-2012 MYIC Chair and Vice-Chair, Steven Wetterholm and Mina Arasteh, presented this committee's accomplishments. Annual projects and events such as Free Family Movies and the July 4th Pancake Breakfast were highlighted as well as the addition of subcommittees focused on solar energy and development of the Rheem Park area. Staff was proud to work with such enthusiastic, motivated, and remarkable students. Thank you MYIC for all your hard work!



COMMUNITY VIDEOS COMING SOON

Get ready for your close-up, Moraga! The Town is currently working with The Community Video Network to create short videos highlighting all the wonderful aspects of living, working, and playing in Moraga. Sponsorships will be available for local businesses and organizations and CGI Communications will be making contact soon. Filming is tentatively scheduled for October 30 and 31.



SKATEPARK PARKING LOT PROJECT

Town Council approved a construction contract with Bruce Corone Grading and Paving on September 12 to create a one-way in and one-way out parking lot at the Skatepark with 29 angled parking stalls. Two of the parking stalls are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and will connect to an ADA compliant accessible path in Moraga Commons Park. Vehicular access will remain available for deliveries to and from the Bandshell. Landscape and irrigation are incorporated to complement the surrounding park atmosphere. Construction is expected to begin early October and be completed this year.



AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

On September 18, the Audit and Finance Committee will be reviewing the Town's year-end revenue and expenditure report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30. The Town ended the year with a surplus of just over \$100,000, which is added to the General Fund reserve. Also on the agenda are the results of the mid-year visit from the independent auditors, Maze & Associates. Although the auditors had no material findings, the Committee will discuss a few recommendations on how to improve the Town's internal controls. The public is invited to attend the meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Garden Conference Room at the Hacienda de las Flores.



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE INTRAMURAL FIELD LIGHTS

Saint Mary's College (SMC) made adjustments to its intramural field lights this past summer in response to neighborhood concerns and comments. SMC started using the adjusted lights September 10. The college is meeting with the neighborhood to review the adjustments. The Planning Commission will also review the changes at its October 1 meeting.



SLOW DOWN LAMORINDA SUCCESS

The Slow Down Lamorinda traffic enforcement and education campaign ended on August 31, concluding a very successful summer effort by the Moraga, Orinda, and Lafayette Police Departments. A total of 433 citations were issued including 225 for speed violations and 101 for cell phone violations. Additionally, 48 arrests were made for Driving Under the Influence. Many positive comments and messages of appreciation were received by the three departments.



PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Come out to the Moraga Commons Park on Saturday, September 29 for the 14th Annual Pear & Wine Festival! This is a family-friendly event featuring activities at the bandshell with DJ RyanO, afternoon concert by littledog2, wine tasting, pear pies, jumpies, food, artists, informational booths and more. Calling all chefs and artists - 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.



COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

Want to know what the Council candidates have in mind for Moraga? Attend the Moraga Citizens Network "Candidates Night" and learn about the five candidates for Town Council this year: Phillip Arth, Roger Wykle, Seth Freeman, Michael Metcalf and Karen Mendonca. All Moragans are encouraged to attend on Thursday, October 4, at 7:30 pm at the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church.



MORAGA ROAD CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS

A pre-construction meeting for the installation of high-visibility crosswalk improvements and solar powered signals on Moraga Road at Corliss and Woodford Drives was held on September 13. A certified biologist will monitor the habitat of the California red-legged frog during construction. This project is anticipated to be completed by November.



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE SESQUICENTENNIAL (150TH ANNIVERSARY)

The Sesquicentennial Mass on Saturday, September 15, at Saint Mary's College (SMC) marks the beginning of the year-long celebration of its 150-year anniversary. The Mass will be held in the Chapel at 5:00 pm. The biggest event for the sesquicentennial will be the Gaelebration on Saturday, October 6, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. The Open House and celebration will include interactive displays, highlights of SMC's current programs, an exploration of 150 years of history, live music and drama, rides, athletic and academic demonstrations, gourmet food trucks and more.



PROPOSED CAMINO RICARDO SUBDIVISION

On September 19 the Planning Department will hold a scoping session on the proposed 28-lot Camino Ricardo Subdivision. The community is invited to attend. The initial study can be viewed on the Town's website at www.moraga.ca.us. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm in the Pavilion at the Hacienda de las Flores. Individuals can submit written comments regarding the EIR contents to the Planning Department until October 10. The Planning Commission and Design Review Board will hold a joint meeting to review the proposal on Monday, October 1 at 7:00 pm at the Moraga Library. Story poles depicting the proposed height and location of selected residences will be on site between September 17 and October 2. Please contact the Planning Department if you are interested in visiting the site.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING (ACOA) APPOINTMENT

The Town Council voted unanimously to appoint Cliff Dochterman as Moraga's representative to the Contra Costa County ACOA. The ACOA does much of its work through its committees, including Health, Housing, Legislative Advocacy, Membership, Planning, Senior Mental Health and Transportation. Mr. Dochterman will report to the Council on matters of interest to Moraga seniors.



UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION & DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ITEMS

On September 24, the Design Review Board will consider a proposal to add 1,800 square feet to a single-family residence located at 330 Draeger Drive. The Planning Commission will consider options to amend the General Plan for Signature Homes' proposed 20-unit subdivision at the former bowling alley site at its October 1 meeting. The public is invited to attend both meetings. Contact the Planning Department for more information, 925-888-7040.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

The Town Council has cancelled the September 26 Town Council meeting as it falls on a Jewish holiday this year. The Council will meet as usual on October 10, 2012 to conduct Town business.