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BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MORAGA TRIATHLON TRAFFIC NOTICE

Attention Campolindo, Camino Pablo, and Carroll Ranch residents, as well as all Saturday Moraga drivers! **TOMORROW** - Saturday, April 28, 2012 from approximately 7:30 to 11:00 am, triathlon participants will be cycling and running in your residential areas as well as on Moraga Road, Canyon Road, and Pinehurst. The Police Department, along with volunteers, will be directing traffic, so please pay particular attention. There will be NO road closures. **USE CAUTION AND EXPECT DELAYS.**



CINCO DE MAYO FESTIVAL- SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Hacienda de las Flores on **Sunday, May 6** from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Gourmet food carts will provide authentic Mexican cuisine. Kids' activities will include piñatas, jumpies, handmade tortilla-making and more! A traditional Mariachi band will entertain everyone with festive music. Free parking is available at 5A Rent-A-Space and a shuttle service will bring you directly to the festival. Admission is \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. All proceeds benefit the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga. For more information visit www.haciendafoundation.org.



MORAGA COMMUNITY FAIRE- SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

On Saturday, May 12, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm the Rheem Shopping Center will be the place to shop for Mother's Day gifts, taste wine, enjoy music, partake in local culinary treats, and have the chance to dunk local leaders! Over 70 local businesses, nonprofits, and artists will be on hand to fill you in on their latest products and services, and show you how you can "Shop Moraga First." For more information, visit the Moraga Chamber of Commerce website www.moragachamber.org/faire.



MORAGA POLICE PARTNER WITH NEW RHEEM THEATRE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Moraga Police Department is partnering with The New Rheem Theatre to present a "Night at the Movies" to benefit the Northern California Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. A special showing of Marvel's "The Avengers" will be shown at The New Rheem Theatre on Friday, May 11, 2012 with a portion of the proceeds donated to Special Olympics. The doors will open at 5:00 pm for a reception prior to the movie including: 1) a raffle of items donated by local businesses 2) pizza, beverages and t-shirts available for purchase and 3) police officers working at the concession stand. A \$15 ticket includes admission to the reception, the movie, and a raffle ticket. For additional information please visit www.sonc.org/events/our-fundraisers/letr-marvel-movie-night.



TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TSAC) OPENING

Moraga depends on its volunteers to assist in a number of venues. Currently, the Town has an opening on TSAC and all interested residents are invited to apply. Applications will be accepted until Friday, May 11, at 4:00 pm. The application and information about the Committee can be found on the Town's website at <http://www.moraga.ca.us/committees/tsac/about>.



TOWN COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES

The Town Council continued its discussion on how best to select its Mayor and Vice Mayor annually and, in the process, reviewed and adopted clearer rules and procedures for Town Council meetings. After a full discussion, the Council agreed 4-1 to add a new statement in the Council rules that reflects the Council's desire to ensure all five Councilmembers "fairly rotate" in order to have an opportunity to serve in a leadership role. The rest of the language for election of officers remained unchanged, maintaining Council discretion to select its Mayor and Vice Mayor every December. Other meeting procedures adopted in the resolution included *Public Participation*; *Addressing the Council*; *Record of Meetings*; and *Rules of Order* to facilitate fair and orderly meetings.



NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Tomorrow is National Prescription Take Back Day. The event calls for police departments to host a drop-off location for residents to safely dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired medications and controlled prescriptions. **Unlike most cities, Moraga provides this service year-round with a disposal bin available M-F from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm in the Police Department lobby at 329 Rheem Blvd.** The pharmaceutical collection program in Moraga collected 848 pounds of prescription medications for disposal in 2011, keeping them out of the water supply and away from children, teens, and drug abusers.



RANCHO LAGUNA PARK UPDATE

On May 9 the Town Council will consider a second reading of an ordinance, Amending Moraga Municipal Code Section 12.08.180, regarding exceptions to prohibition of off-leash animals at Rancho Laguna Park (RLP). At the meeting on March 14 the Town Council voted 3-2 to continue the second reading of the ordinance, extending it to May 9 for reconsideration. Since a lawsuit in this case referenced species of special concern, staff was asked to conduct a biological assessment of the park to address that concern as related to potential plans for spatial separation. Also, a citizens' committee was formed to provide a recommendation for the spatial separation. That citizens' committee met on April 7, 12 and 14 and will provide their work product as part of the May 9 Council meeting. The Council will also consider any other plans submitted by community members.



RANCHO LAGUNA PARK PLAYGROUND UPDATE

At a Special Meeting on April 25 the Park and Recreation Commission selected a Miracle Playsystems replacement play structure that will be presented to the Town Council during the May 9 meeting. The structure includes: a 14 foot tower with long tube slide; Tensile Tower; vine climber; climbing wall; Burma Bridge; Glider; telescope; lean out enclosure and more. If approved, the equipment will be ordered and staff will begin to schedule work parties for the "community build" which will be tentatively scheduled for mid-June.



RECENT PLANNING COMMISSION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ACTIONS

At their April 16 meeting, the Planning Commission approved two uses at 337 Rheem Boulevard (location of the former Mondello's restaurant): a beauty salon/spa and a café with outdoor seating. At their April 23 meeting, the Design Review Board approved exterior building modifications, signage and landscaping for the salon and café. The Board also approved hillside development and grading permits for a new building and antenna for the interoperable radio system for public safety first responders on the Carter Reservoir at 1180 Alta Mesa Drive.



UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ITEMS

On May 7, the Planning Commission will hold a joint meeting with the Design Review Board to discuss a 26-lot subdivision at 489 Moraga Road (the former bowling alley site). The meeting will be held at the Moraga Library Community Meeting Room at 7:00 pm. At their May 14 meeting, the Design Review Board will consider a residential addition on Rick Court and a sign permit application for new signs at the gas station located at 1410 Moraga Road. The meeting will be held in the Moraga Library Community Meeting Room at 7:00 pm. The public is invited to attend.



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