



ABOUT TOWN ▪ MARCH 1, 2013 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MEASURE K OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE NOW RECRUITING

The Council has created a new Town of Moraga Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee to foster an objective and transparent review of the use of Measure K revenue. The Town is recruiting candidates to serve on the Committee with expertise in public sector finance and accounting; pavement management and engineering; and capital project management. Please submit your application, supplemental questionnaire and resumé to the Town Clerk's office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 20, 2013.



SUMMER CAMP EXPO – TOMORROW, MARCH 2!

Finalize the family's summer camp plans early by joining staff at the Hacienda for a sneak preview of the best youth summer camps in Moraga. Meet counselors, participate in sports and activity demonstrations, and enjoy a free hot dog lunch. This Saturday, March 2, Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Those that register for camps on March 2 will receive a 10% discount.



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE APPEAL DENIED

The Town Council considered the Saint Mary's College (SMC) appeal regarding operating hours for its intramural field lights at its February 27 meeting. SMC had appealed the Planning Director's decision to turn the lights off at 9:00 pm, rather than 10:00 pm. The decision had followed a provision in the Design Review Board's March 2011 approval that stated if noise was an issue, the planning staff would investigate the problem and could require SMC to turn off its lights at 9:00 pm. Members of the public and SMC presented testimony regarding the noise issues associated with the intramural fields at night. The Council voted 3 to 2 to deny the SMC appeal. As part of the motion, the Council encouraged SMC to take steps to reduce the impacts of noise and glare from the lights on the neighborhood and return with a request to reinstate the 10:00 pm time to turn off the lights.



HELP CREATE COMMUNITY AND GET PAID FOR IT!

Moraga Parks and Recreation is currently hiring part-time seasonal recreation leaders for the 2013 Camp Hacienda and Summer Park Program summer camps. Camp Hacienda, for children ages 5-10, will be offered from June 17 to August 16. The Commons Park Summer Park Program will be offered to children ages 8-13 starting July 8 and ending August 16. The Town will be hiring two directors and four to six recreation leaders. The pay scale is \$8.59 - \$16.16/hr. For more information please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (925) 888-7036 or visit the Town [website](#) for an application.



TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Do you have questions or comments about your trash or recycling service? The Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (CCCSWA) manages the residential and commercial solid waste programs for

Moraga. You can find out more about their programs at www.wastediversion.org. The Town is represented on the CCCSWA Board by Mayor Dave Trotter and Vice Mayor Ken Chew.



MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRING PROCESS

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) recently lost two officers to other police agencies. With an authorized strength of twelve sworn officers, losing two in a short time creates staffing issues and is costly to the Town. The approximate cost of all expenses associated with the hiring process for one new officer, before the officer is completely trained and able to work alone, ranges from \$63,000-\$73,000. To fill the Town's two vacant positions, the Department completed an extensive recruitment and selected two of the best qualified applicants to start the lengthy background process, which includes a polygraph, an extensive personal background check, and medical and psychological exams. MPD is hopeful that both candidates will successfully complete the process and can begin field training within the next few months.



BOLLINGER VALLEY DRAFT EIR RELEASED

The Bollinger Valley Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was released Friday, February 22, and is now available for public review and comment. The Planning Commission will hold an informational hearing on the DEIR on Monday, April 1, at the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. Copies of the DEIR may be viewed (or purchased for \$35) at Town offices. In addition, the DEIR is on the Town's [website](#), at the Hacienda de las Flores, and at the Moraga Library. For further information, please contact the Planning Department at planning@moraga.ca.us. The public comment period will close on April 8.



SECOND ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT RETURNS

Join the Moraga Movers for the second annual Casino Night Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23! Funds raised will support youth, adult and senior enrichment programs. Tickets are on sale now at the Parks and Recreation office; \$40/advance or \$50/at the door. Entry fee includes play money, drink ticket, appetizers from New Mecca and 4 hours of FUN! All players over 21 are eligible to play and win prizes! For more information contact Kim Burrowes at (925) 888-7036.



WHAT ARE THOSE WHITE MARKS ON MY STREET?

The 2013 Pavement Repair project's design is underway! Starting March 11, you may see engineers walking the streets, measuring distances, taking notes, and marking the pavement with temporary white paint. These engineers are collecting field data on candidate street segments that may be repaired this summer. They are quantifying all expenses, such as utility manholes and valves that need adjustment, the need for new traffic striping, and the need for structural upgrades. Once the data is collected, construction estimates will be calculated to determine which street segments fall within the construction budget for this year's pavement repair project beginning in July.



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION DISCUSS A NEW PARK

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed a proposed new park off Moraga Road in the Moraga Center Specific Plan area at its February 19 meeting. SummerHill Homes is proposing to dedicate and improve a park as part of its proposed 26-lot subdivision off Camino Ricardo. The improvements would include trail connections and two pedestrian bridges. The proposed 2.53 acre park parcel is adjacent to a 4.49 acre Town-owned parcel which together create great potential for a community

amenity. The Commission appointed a subcommittee to walk the parcels before their next regular meeting to acquire a better understanding of the park parcel. The item was continued to next month for the Commission to provide staff and SummerHill Homes with further direction.



PAVILION BUILDING RENOVATIONS APPROVED

Town Council awarded a construction contract to GECO Incorporated for the renovation of restrooms and ADA access improvements to the Pavilion building at the Hacienda de las Flores. Many thanks to the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga for focusing on these improvements that will benefit all facility users for years to come. Construction is scheduled to be completed just in time for the Foundation's annual Cinco de Mayo event and the wedding season.



TOWN RECEIVES CLEAN FINANCIAL AUDIT

On February 27, the Town Council received and filed the Audited Financial Statements for the most recently completed fiscal year 2011/12. Maze & Associates served as the Town's independent auditor as the result of an open Request For Proposal process last year. The audit process is iterative and took more than six months to complete. Maze & Associates opined that the Town's financial statements are clean and conform to generally accepted accounting principles. The audit showed that the Town's reserves stand at 43.5% of the General Fund operating expenditures.



CONTINUING THE VISION FOR RHEEM VALLEY

The Planning Commission, members of the public, and former Economic Development Action Committee (EDAC) members met on February 20 to discuss the Community Commercial zoning district, including options that would allow desirable businesses to open more easily. The Commission also considered which types of businesses should require a Planning Commission public hearing through a Conditional Use Permit. This effort is one of several actions the Planning Department is undertaking to follow recommendations EDAC provided to the Town Council and Planning Commission in November 2011.



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) is recruiting to fill the vacant Moraga seat. Applicants should be interested in, and knowledgeable of, the needs of Moraga's senior population. For further information or to complete an application, please visit the Town's website.



UPCOMING DECISIONS ON THE NEW RHEEM THEATRE

The New Rheem Theatre has a number of improvements it is working on, including improving accessibility to the second floor auditoriums, improving the accessibility of the restrooms, purchasing digital projectors, and hosting its innumerable community events. Two of those efforts will be discussed at upcoming Town meetings. The Design Review Board (DRB) will meet on Monday, March 11, to consider a proposed external elevator lift for The New Rheem Theatre. On Wednesday, March 13, the Town Council will consider options for hosting additional recreational enrichment activities utilizing the stage area and possibly having that revenue used for ADA upgrades.



PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 6 - 8, 2013

The Recreation office will be closed Wednesday, March 6, through Friday, March 8, while staff attends the Parks and Recreation State Conference. The office will reopen Monday, March 11, 2013.



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