



ABOUT TOWN ▪ JUNE 12, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



THE NEW RHEEM THEATRE MARQUEE BACK TO NORMAL



At the June 10 Council meeting, the community expressed overwhelming support to keep The New Rheem Theatre operating as a theatre. With a generous and cooperative spirit, the property owner and operator agreed to continue the Theatre's current operations to allow time for all parties to resolve several key issues, including: terms to prevent the building from being demolished; a process to quickly work with the property owner, as the Town does with others, to determine appropriate development options for the remainder of his property absent an historic

designation for the Theatre; and the formation of a Community Foundation to assist with funding for the Theatre. To make an initial contribution to provide immediate support for this effort, please contact [Go Fund Me](#).



PG&E TO USE HELICOPTERS TO INSTALL NEW POWER LINES IN LAMORINDA

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will be working in Lamorinda through fall to upgrade a major electric power line. The project will result in the upgrade of 27 miles of power lines and electric transmission towers between Antioch and Moraga, improving reliability and capacity. Helicopters are being used to modify the towers and pull new wire across the top of the towers, completing the work in a safe and efficient manner. Use of helicopters also reduces equipment on the ground. Projects like this will increase electric capacity in growing areas and have helped PG&E deliver electric reliability to its customers. For more information, visit [PG&E's](#) website.



FIRST FREE SUMMER CONCERT THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Start the summer off right next Thursday night, June 18, and enjoy the sights and sounds of Moonalice, a popular Bay Area 60's band. Concerts start at 6:30 pm at the Moraga Commons Park. Arrive early and purchase food sponsored by the Moraga Park Foundation. [Full Concert Schedule](#).



4TH OF JULY BUY-A-ROCKET FUNDRAISER

Help the Town reach its goal of \$25,000 for the 2015 fireworks show! To date, only \$1,800 has been raised, so please make a minimum donation of \$50 per rocket to continue this event. Either [Donate online](#) or by mail to: Buy-a-Rocket, Parks and Recreation, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.



COMMONS PARK PATHWAY COMPLETE



The new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant Commons Park pathway was completed just in time for the 2015 summer concert series. Pictured at left, it now provides improved access further up the grass hill for improved bandshell event viewing. Everyone can use and enjoy the cement pathway, but please let the new sod adjust to its new environment and take root for at least the next month before walking on it.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JUNE 10

RANCHO LAGUNA II FINAL MAP

Town Council approved the final map for the Rancho Laguna II development off of Rheem Boulevard. A final map is the legal document for five or more parcels establishing the property lines for each lot and easements within the subdivision. The next steps for the developer are to obtain all permits and approvals necessary to begin construction. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2015.

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES BALANCED BUDGET FOR FY 2015/16

Town Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget that starts on July 1. The budget includes spending authority for both day-to-day operations (\$7.3 million) and capital improvements (\$9 million), along with updates to the Five-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Program.



MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

KIDS DAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Kids Day is a fundraiser for Special Olympics of Northern California, hosted by the Moraga Police Officers' Association and The New Rheem Theatre. A special \$5 matinee of *Despicable Me 2* will be shown at 10:30 am, followed by kid fun with a bounce house, face painting, balloons, carnival games and more! See the flyer at [Moraga Police Department](#) or call Sgt. Brian South at 925-888-7052.

HOME VIDEO SURVEILLANCE MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Please attend an informational meeting on home video surveillance systems at the Moraga Library on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm. A local professional will discuss types of surveillance systems, camera resolution, coordination with Moraga Police and basic requirements for residences.

AUTO BURGLARY PREVENTION

Thefts and burglaries from vehicles continue to occur in Moraga. These are easily prevented by taking a few precautions: lock all cars, even when in driveways; do not leave any valuables visible in cars (or anything that might look valuable – thieves will go after anything); and, report suspicious persons to the Police by calling 925-284-5010. Please be proactive and help stop thefts in Town.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS CONDUCT FIELD VISIT

This week, three of the Town's independent auditors from Maze & Associates conducted testing of the Town's internal controls to ensure that proper checks and balances are in place. They will be back in late September to audit the Town's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30.



KNOCK, KNOCK? WHO'S THERE? PAVEMENT PROJECT VOLUNTEERS!



In preparation for the upcoming 2015 Pavement Reconstruction Project, volunteers will be walking door-to-door in the next two weeks to houses on street segments planned for reconstruction to provide general information, an informational pamphlet, and an FAQ handout about the project. If no one is at home, project volunteers will drop off a door hanger referencing various resources for project information. Please like the Town's [Moraga Measure K Facebook](#) page for daily construction updates.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

MORAGA CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN (MCSP) IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

On June 3, the MCSP Implementation Project Steering Committee held its kick-off meeting with consultant team Opticos Design to discuss the elements of new zoning standards that will guide future development in the MCSP area. New zoning is intended to create an attractive, compact and walkable mixed-use Town center consistent with the adopted Specific Plan. The Committee will continue to meet during summer and fall, with public meetings to follow. For more information, contact project planner [Ella Samonsky](#).

HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Hillside and Ridgeline Steering Committee met on May 28 to discuss various options to improve and clarify Moraga's regulations on hillside and ridgeline development, with additional meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, and later in July. Identified options will be brought back for community discussion at a September workshop. Steering Committee meeting agendas and materials are available online at the [Hillside Project page](#) or contact Planning Director [Ellen Clark](#).



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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Friday, June 12, 5:00 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores
- Monday, June 15, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library
- Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores
- Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 pm – [Hillside and Ridgeline Steering Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores
- Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 pm – Home Video Surveillance Meeting, Moraga Library
- Monday, June 22, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library
- Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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