



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



NEW CARTS, COLORS AND SERVICES



Republic Services (formerly Allied Waste) will be replacing all residential waste carts in Moraga – recycling, organics and landfill – **between May and July**. The new carts will have a different color scheme and clearer signage explaining what goes into each, with the goal of reducing landfill. For most residents, the new recycle, organics and landfill carts will be delivered the day before their regular collection day. The old carts will be removed the following day, after they are emptied. Look for details in the mail, or call Republic Services at 925-685-4711.



RHEEM BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURE

On March 11, the Town Council was informed of an upcoming project to repair a portion of Rheem Boulevard, between Fay Hill Reservoir Road and Fernwood Drive, as a part of the Rancho Laguna II development. The repair work will require road closure for the entire construction period, anticipated to be four to six months, likely beginning spring/summer 2015. When the start date is approved, the Town will provide noticing and outreach to residents and commuters.



SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently recruiting seasonal part-time employees. Positions include Recreation Leader I, Recreation Leader II (Camp Director), and Seasonal Maintenance Worker. Working at Camp Hacienda, the Town-run summer camp, Recreation Leaders will lead campers in songs, games, crafts, and more! Working with the Public Works/Parks Maintenance Department, Seasonal Maintenance Workers will assist in the daily maintenance of parks, facilities, street medians, etc. For more information visit moraga.ca.us.



MORAGA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION PARADE

On February 28, the Moraga Baseball Association (MBA) began opening day ceremonies with a parade from Camino Pablo School to Joaquin Moraga (JM) School. Over 250 players and coaches participated in the parade which passed a reviewing stand with team songs and music provided by a DJ and the JM band. Many thanks to the area residents for their tolerance and support of this meaningful event for the MBA which has been serving the Town's youth since 1977.



MORAGA CITIZENS NETWORK CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY



Ten years ago a few citizens decided to devote their time and energy to inform Moraga residents of Town activities in an unbiased, transparent and non-political way. Many said it couldn't be done, but after starting with a membership of only 25, it has blossomed into keeping 1,400 residents--and many more now through Facebook--in touch with issues, activities, and emergency notices. For more information, visit [Moraga Citizens Network](http://MoragaCitizensNetwork.org).



SPRING EVENTS

Spring Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 21, 10:00 and 11:00 am, Moraga Commons Park. Children 8 and under will enjoy an egg hunt, games, and more! Tickets available at moragajuniors.org.

Moraga Beautiful – Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Moraga Commons Park. Please wear painting clothes and be ready to spruce up the Town's beautiful park system. Individuals and groups welcome! An additional work party will remove weeds at Mulholland Open Space Preserve from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please meet at the open space gate on Donald Drive.

Moraga Triathlon – Saturday, April 25, Athletes register at moragatri.com; individuals or groups interested in volunteering please email tri@moraga.ca.us. Volunteers receive a free event T-shirt.

Moraga Community Garage Sale – Saturday, May 16, Moraga residents host garage sales at home and Town provides marketing and maps. [Register online](#); 925-888-7036 for additional information.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

The Moraga Town Council has proclaimed March 2015 as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month recognizing the harmful effects of prescription drug abuse on society and encourages all citizens to actively participate in prevention programs and activities. Everyone is encouraged to maintain strict control over prescribed medications and to dispose of all unused pharmaceuticals. A disposal bin is offered in the Moraga Police Department lobby and has collected over 4,625 pounds since 2010.



TOWN HALL GETS A NEW PAINT JOB

Anyone visiting or driving by Town Hall (329 Rheem Boulevard) may notice the building being repainted to protect it from further weather-related damage. During the painting, Town offices will remain open during normal public hours Monday through Thursday and every other Friday.



TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMISSION AND BOARD MEMBERS

The Town Council recently interviewed candidates for various boards and commissions and have made the following appointments: Planning Commission - Tom Marnane, Suzanne D'Arcy, Ravi Mallela, Lindsay Carr and Ferenc Kovac; Design Review Board – John Glover and Ramona Escano-Thompson; Park and Recreation Commission- Bill Carman, Robin Fielding, Jeanette Fritzky, John Tomei and Tom Schnurr; Audit and Finance Committee – Bob Kennedy and Bradley Ward; Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee – Angela Seitz, Bill Faoro, Steve Balassi and Dennis Fay. Congratulations to all and staff looks forward to working together.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 11

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE APPEAL UPHELD

Town Council held a Public Hearing on an appeal by Saint Mary's College (SMC) to allow intramural

sports field lights to stay on until 10:00 pm up to 305 days per year. The appeal resulted from a 2012 Planning Director's decision to limit hours of operation to 9:00 pm based on neighborhood complaints. Since the initial decision, SMC developed plans to substantially reduce off-site glare affecting neighbors. Council directed staff to return with a revised resolution extending the hours until 10:00 pm after the lighting improvements are completed with direction for a status review after one year from that date.

GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT (GHAD)

Town Council approved formation of the Moraga Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD), appointing the Town Council as the GHAD Board of Directors. Moraga's GHAD was created to protect proposed developments against potential geologic hazards, particularly landslides. The GHAD boundaries include the Hetfield Estates, Palos Colorados, and Rancho Laguna II developments, with GHAD activities funded by the property owners within each area.

HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE PROJECT

Town Council provided direction on topics for discussion in the [Hillside and Ridgeline Project](#)'s next phase, including definitions used in existing hillside and ridgeline regulations, slope calculations, allowable development types, viewshed protection, "high risk" area mapping, and home sizes on hillside parcels. Direction was also given to increase the number of public meetings and forums for community input. Staff will return with a detailed scope of work at a future Council meeting, with work on the project to resume this spring.

UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT UPDATE

Town Council established a Phased Underground Utility District along Moraga Road from St. Mary's Road to Ascot Drive. The Town has sufficient funding to underground utility wires and remove poles from St. Mary's Road to Devin Drive, to be completed with upcoming projects to resurface Moraga Road from St. Mary's Road to Draeger Drive and to close a sidewalk gap from Draeger Drive to Devin Drive. The project start is anticipated spring/summer 2016. When the start date is determined, the Town will provide noticing and outreach to the residents and commuters.

MEASURE K OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE COMPLETES INDEPENDENT REPORT

On March 11, the Measure K Oversight Committee presented its annual independent report to the Town Council. The report covered the fiscal year 2013/14. The Committee concluded that Measure K revenues and expenditures are being appropriately received and spent for the Town's Street Pavement Program. The Town Council publicly thanked the committee for their work.



VINCENT PRICE IN MORAGA?



On March 7, the New Rheem Theatre inducted Vincent Price, the Master of Horror Films, into its Hall of Fame. The all-day event, attended by classic film buffs from all over the Bay Area, included the viewing of his 1990 and last film "Edward Scissorhands;" a video created by his daughter, Victoria, showcasing family home movies; and personal stories about the art collecting, grand chef, and benevolent father she knew. The evening ended with the serving of soup from the Vincent Price Cookbook, wine tasting, and the induction ceremony.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, March 16, 7:00 pm, – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library

Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Thursday, March 19, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

~~Monday, March 23, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library [CANCELLED]~~

Wednesday, March 25, 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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