



ABOUT TOWN ▪ MAY 13, 2016 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



RHEEM BOULEVARD NOW OPEN!



Rheem Boulevard is now open with one lane in each direction. Based on results from tests conducted along the alignment of the existing 96-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP), the Town's consultants have determined that the Rheem Boulevard and Center Street intersection is safe for vehicles. The two westbound (downhill) lanes of Rheem Boulevard now require the right lane to turn right only and the left lane to go straight or turn left. Eastbound traffic (from Orinda) is defined by delineators creating one lane and the speed limit has been reduced to 25 MPH. The intersection of Rheem Boulevard at Center Street is now controlled by stop signs in all directions. Previous detours through the adjacent shopping centers are no longer required. Please drive slowly and be attentive to other vehicles and pedestrians at all times. This change will continue until repair work begins on the sinkhole. Please remember all businesses are open and need your support. Visit [Rheem Boulevard Re-opened](#) to see the graphic of the new traffic pattern. The Town thanks everyone for their patience and understanding throughout this process.



COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SURVEY UNDERWAY

Moraga residents may receive phone calls or emails in the coming week to participate in a "Community Priorities" survey. The survey of registered Moraga voters will solicit input on community priorities and needs for Town services, facilities and critical infrastructure, as a tool to help inform future budget decisions and prioritize allocation of the Town's limited financial and staffing resources. A report on the survey results is scheduled to be provided to the Town Council in June.



FY 2016/17 BUDGET COMING TO COUNCIL ON MAY 25

Town staff will present the draft FY 2016/17 budget to the Town Council on May 25, with final adoption anticipated on June 8. For various reasons, this budget will be challenging to balance. Monies are needed to provide necessary equipment, technology, facility, and vehicle replacements. In addition, the five-year capital improvement program includes a number of needed infrastructure, parks and facility projects that currently lack a portion of funding or are entirely unfunded. Finally, Town staff continues to wait for information about what portion(s) of the sinkhole repair at Rheem Boulevard and Center Street may be covered by emergency funds. Staff is assuming that Town reserves will be required to pay for the repairs initially, as emergency funding is typically available only as a reimbursement. Continuing to provide quality, essential services to the community for the long-term will require thoughtful prioritization and diligent fiscal planning.



SURVEY ON RHEEM VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER

The Moraga Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with U.S. Realty Partners, the new owners of the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, has created a survey that gives the community of Moraga a chance to weigh in on what they would like to see added to the Rheem Center in the way of services, restaurants, and types of stores. An added bonus of completing the survey is eligibility for one of eight \$25 gift certificates for use at the Rheem Center! The results of the [Survey](#) will be turned over to the new owners for consideration as they move forward to improve the shopping center.



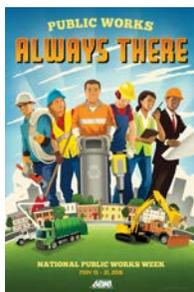
TOWN HALL HOSTS DROP-OFF BALLOT BOX

Moraga residents will find it easier to vote in the upcoming June 7 Presidential Primary Election, as the Contra Costa Elections Office and City/Town Clerks countywide are providing convenient “CoCo Vote-N-Go” drop off locations through Election Day. The secure, steel ballot drop-off box is located upstairs in the Town offices, 329 Rheem Boulevard, during normal business hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm through June 7. Contra Costa voters can drop their vote-by-mail ballot at any city or town hall, regardless of where they live. Please remember Town Hall is closed Friday, May 20 and June 3.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 11

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK



Town Council issued a proclamation declaring May 15 through 21, 2016 as the 56th annual National Public Works Week. In 1960, the American Public Works Association initiated this public education campaign to bring attention to the importance of public works in communities and to recognize the dedicated professionals who serve the public every day. This year’s theme “Public Works Always There” speaks to the dedication and diligence of Public Works services in support of everyday quality of life. The Town’s Public Works Department plans, designs, constructs, and maintains Town infrastructure every day as well as in times of emergency like the recent sinkhole incident.

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES UPDATED

Town Council adopted updated development impact fees and related amendments to the Municipal Code. Impact fees are collected from new development to offset the added demands on Town facilities and infrastructure, including government facilities, storm drainage, public safety, and parks, recreation and open space. Fees for traffic impacts are assessed separately through the regional Lamorinda Fee and Financing Authority (LFFA) program. The new fees will be effective in early July, and will apply to any project approved or “deemed complete” after that date. For more information, contact [Ellen Clark, Planning Director](#).

HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE STEERING COMMITTEE NEW APPOINTMENT

Town Council appointed Councilmember Roger Wykle to the Hillside and Ridgeline Steering Committee, in place of Mayor Mike Metcalf. The Steering Committee will hold its next meetings in June to review draft regulations for the development and protection of hillside and ridgeline lands, based on previous direction from the Town Council. Visit the [project webpage](#) for more information on the Hillside and Ridgeline project.

THIRD QUARTER REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Town Council reviewed and accepted the FY 2015/16 third quarter (through March 31) revenue and expenditure report. Overall General Purpose Fund revenue receipts are slightly down from the same period last year, with sales tax, primarily related to low gasoline prices, falling short of expectations. Expenditures are currently within budgeted expectations. It is expected that current staff vacancies will offset the projected decline in sales tax revenue.



KEEPING CONTROL OF UNLEASHED DOGS

Following an attack by an unleashed dog on a leashed dog at Rancho Laguna Park, the Moraga

Police Department cautions everyone to keep unleashed dogs under voice control while in the park. Please respect those whose dogs remain on leash in the area. Dogs are required to be on leash in all other public areas of the Town. Please report any incidents to the Moraga Police at 925-284-5010.



BIKE TO WORK DAY A SUCCESS!

Moraga hosted an “Energizer Station” at the Commons Park for Bike to Work Day on May 12. Scores of cyclists, some from as far away as Berkeley and Walnut Creek stopped by for refreshments and prizes courtesy of 511 Contra Costa and other sponsors. Support for Bike to Work Day is one of the ways that the Town is helping to make Moraga a more pedestrian and bike-friendly community!



SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS TODAY

Summer is right around the corner and Moraga Parks and Recreation is offering a variety of camps for all ages and interests: Coding, Bricks for Kidz, Little Medical School, Techsplosion, Sports, Science, Kindercool, and more are available! [Sign up today](#). Camp Hacienda Day Camp continues with weekly themed activities for ages five to ten. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 925-888-7036 or visit moragarec.com.



MORAGA COMMUNITY FAIRE AND CAR SHOW - SATURDAY, MAY 14



This Saturday, May 14, celebrate 10 years of the Moraga Community Faire at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center! Activities include classic cars, climbing wall, bounce houses, wine tasting, booth viewing, music from Saint Mary’s College and Campolindo High School, food trucks and more. Faire hours are from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Visit the Town’s Clean Water booth and meet Mr. Funnelhead. Entertainment schedule and more information at moragachamber.org.



HACIENDA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - SUNDAY, MAY 15

This Sunday, May 15, join the fiesta and celebrate the Hacienda de las Flores’ Centennial from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm at 2100 Donald Drive. Free admission, Mexican food and drink, live Mariachi, piñatas, tortilla making, tile painting, cupcake walks and more. Fun for all ages! Limited onsite parking; shuttle from Donald Rheem Elementary, 90 Laird Drive. Presented by the [Hacienda Foundation](#) in cooperation with Moraga Parks and Recreation.



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 21



Come out next Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm* for the Moraga Community Garage Sale. There are over 25 registered garage sales taking place throughout Town. Maps with garage sale listings will be available [online](#) beginning May 18. *Individual hours may vary.



HACIENDA WINE SOCIAL AND ART EXHIBIT - THURSDAY, MAY 26

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga presents the 2016 Hacienda Wine Social, Art Exhibit and Sale on Thursday, May 26, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive. Captain Vineyards will pour their wines and local artists affiliated with Marianne Brown will exhibit their artworks. Entry is free; wine is \$8 per glass. This event is part of Moraga Parks and Recreation enrichment programming. Visit haciendafoundation.org for additional information.



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY, JUNE 3

Kick off your summer like a superhero! The [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#) (MYIC) is hosting a free outdoor screening of *The Incredibles* at the Moraga Commons Park on Friday, June 3! Bring friends, enter the raffle, and enjoy refreshments sold by the MYIC. All proceeds help fund future projects and events benefiting the youth of Moraga. Movie begins at approximately 8:50 pm, depending on darkness. The Moraga Commons Park is located at the intersection of Moraga Road and St. Mary's Road. The event is generously sponsored by the [Moraga Park Foundation](#).



HOST A COMMUNITY BOOTH ON JULY 4TH

Does your organization or business want to have a booth at the Town of Moraga [4th of July](#) event and be a part of the busiest day of the year in the Commons Park? Share your organization with the community between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm; booth space is limited and a small fee is required to reserve a spot. Booth [applications](#) and fees must be received by May 31, 2016.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 16, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Tuesday, May 17, 5:30pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic

Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Monday, May 23, 7:00pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

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



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