



Moraga

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Planning Commission

Monday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

Design Review

Monday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
 Council Chambers and Community Meeting Room, 335 Rheem Blvd.

School Board Meetings

Moraga School District
 Thursday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
 Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Auditorium
 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga
 www.moraga.k12.ca.us
 See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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www.moragachamber.org
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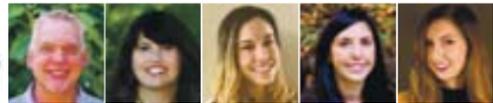
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Moraga Sinkhole repairs on track, Canyon bridge delayed

By Sophie Braccini



Canyon bridge remains closed

Photo Andy Scheck

Moraga public works department announced that the reconstruction and repair work of the Rheem Boulevard sinkhole is progressing according to plan, with an end date scheduled before the rainy season that typically begins Oct. 15.

The work to reopen the circulation on Canyon Road toward the Oakland hills, however, has

been delayed. The next step before the installation of a one-lane temporary metal bridge is the demolition of the existing compromised bridge. Before the bridge is demolished, the utilities that pass under that bridge had to be rerouted.

Shawn Knapp, Moraga senior civil engineer, explains that Sprint needed to dig under the

creek to reroute its cable system. The work was delayed by one month when boring encountered layers of granite. A different approach and a longer process were required.

According to the engineer, the demolition of the bridge will start mid-September, as long as the company that was given that contract, W.C. Maloney Inc., is able to pull all the required permits in time. Knapp explains that the company will then have 21 days to complete the demolition and the hauling of the debris, working seven days a week, with shorter hours on weekends.

The town has started to seek companies that sell, rent and install metal truss bridges. Knapp says that 10 have been contacted, with the objective being to find one that will rent a bridge to the town.

As the demolition starts, the town will start the preparation

work for the installation of the metal bridge: construction of abutments, preparation of the road with new striping, and installation of traffic lights.

Knapp confirmed that the town is aiming to reopen the road in mid-November and added that the town is in touch with the Canyon community, especially the school board, to inform the members of the exact advancement of the work.

Staff is working with the California Department of Transportation on the emergency release program and setting up the reimbursement process. Knapp adds that Moraga is just one of the agencies seeking reimbursement in California and the total amount of repairs from last year's problems amount to about \$1.5 billion in the state – an amount that will pale in comparison with what Texas will certainly require.

Moraga Chamber golf tournament on 9/11 benefits local firefighters association

By Sophie Braccini



Happy participants at last year's event

Photo Lynn Champagne

This year the Moraga Chamber of Commerce annual golf tournament will be held on Sept. 11 in collaboration with the Moraga Orinda Professional Firefighters Association. The annual event this year will also raise money for this local group that was formed to give back to the community.

The executive director of the chamber, Kathe Nelson explains that this is the first time that a partner is involved in the annual event. She says that the date was

a deciding factor. Since Sept. 11 was the only available date for the tournament, Chamber board member Ian Cook suggested involving the local firefighters and take that opportunity to honor those who lost their lives in 2001. Lucas Lambert, vice president of the MOPFA, adds that his association is proud to be part of the event.

Lambert says the association has invited the United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa County Honor Guard to

present the colors and raise the flag at 11:30 a.m. This guard participates in many events including national and state memorials. The Saklan School children's choir will then sing the national anthem.

This memorial ceremony will follow registration at 10:30 a.m. and a general warm-up session led by a professional trainer from 24 Hour Fitness.

During the tournament that follows, participants will have the opportunity to contribute to the association. They will also partake in fun golf challenges such as hitting farther than a professional golfer or getting clos-

est to the pin on shorter holes. Lunch and drinks will be served to participants during the tournament and a dinner at the club is included in the \$175 registration fee.

During the dinner, the association's president, Anthony Stephens, will make a short presentation about MOPFA's objectives and achievements. A silent auction is also scheduled as part of the after-game festivities. Non-golfers can join in for a dinner-only option for \$40.

Nelson said that 10 percent of the proceeds will be given to the firefighters association. Lambert adds that his group not only or-

ganizes the Moraga and Orinda pancake breakfasts, it is also a contributor to research for children with muscular dystrophy and to the Lisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. "All the MOFD fire fighters are part of the association," says Lambert. "It is our way to give back to the community."

The annual golf tournament was initiated by then country club general manager Frank Melon. It has been led by Bob Fritzky for the past three years. Participants can register as foursomes or individually on the Chamber's website at moragachamber.org.

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