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Moraga Neighbor Spearheads Roadside Makeover

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From left: Rena and Dave Munson, Linda Foley, Kathy Shieman, Meridel Moulton, Linda Miller, Elaine Smit, John Moulton, Margie Mason, Jan Catalano, Kathy Flett, and Marcia Fisherkeller. Photo Al Foley

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"I think I opened a Pandora's box," laughs Linda Foley of Moraga. If she did, it will soon be filled with daffodils, thanks to a neighborhood group calling itself the Stafford Groomers. Stafford, as in Stafford Road, which is only about 30 feet long, intersects the Lafayette Moraga Regional Trail at roughly the five mile westbound marker, connecting St. Mary's Road and Fernwood Drive. No one lives on Stafford Road, but traffic flows regularly in and out of the adjacent Rheem Valley Manor neighborhood. Until now, it has been a dull, dry, weed-strewn landscape. Foley's plan "to create a welcoming entry to our neighborhood" initially involved a two-hour work crew October 13. She sent e-mail requests to neighbors and members of the Moraga Garden Club, which she is president, and more than a dozen volunteers showed up, shovels and weed whackers in hand. The group filled more than 20 bags of debris. Advanced Tree Service sent Lou Edwards to help with poison oak removal; his company will rototill the soil when conditions are favorable. Foley said Moraga's Parks and Recreation Department will plant the "hundreds" of daffodil bulbs donated by Moraga Garden Club, giving the area "a much needed face lift." She called the initial work-party response "inspiring, fun and rewarding." A second work party was held October 20. Foley invites anyone who wishes to participate in additional work

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