

# Emergency phone provides access to police services

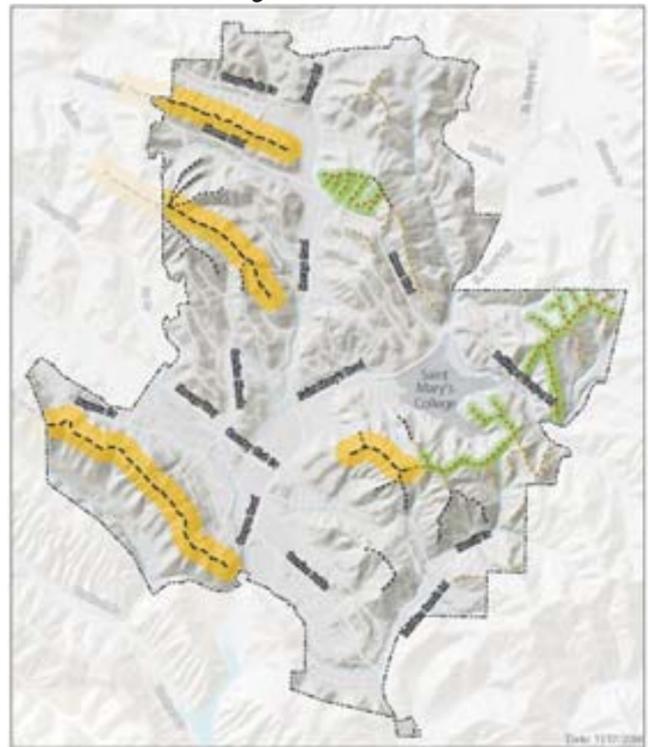


Photo Sophie Braccini

Moraga police officer Michael Dreyfuss shows the new red emergency phone located next to the police department's office at 329 Rheem Blvd. Chief of Police Jon King explains that the phone is accessible 24/7 even if the department's offices are closed and con-

nects people directly to the emergency dispatch. The chief adds that if someone needs immediate access to police services and does not have a cell phone handy, this red emergency phone will always be there. - S. Braccini

# Hillside and ridgeline town council study session Wednesday, Nov. 15



Designated ridgelines figure CD-1 Image provided

Date Source: Team of Maps, 2013; Contra Costa County, 2013; USGS, 2006, 2013; Planitalks, 2016. MOSO Ridgelines: MOSO Major Ridgelines, MOSO Minor Ridgelines, 500 Foot Buffer for Major MOSO Ridgelines, Town Boundary. Non-MOSO Ridgelines: Significant Non-MOSO Ridgeline, Other Non-MOSO Ridgeline, 200 Foot Buffer for Significant Non-MOSO Ridgelines. Scale: 0, 0.5, 1 Miles.

After several years of meetings and study sessions the planning commission submitted its recommendation to the Moraga Town Council regarding new hillside and ridgeline regulations. The commission recommended most of the text with some exceptions, such as a new rule limiting development in high-risk areas to one dwelling unit per 20 acres, even when haz-

ards such as landslides have been mitigated or new ways to calculate visual impacts of new buildings on hillsides. The council will hold a study session about the new body of texts at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the council chambers, 335 Rheem Blvd. The final amendments to existing regulations are still slated for adoption before the end of the year. - S. Braccini

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All agreed that winemakers should send a copy of their county pesticide disclosure to the town. It was noted that it was an after-the-fact document and not a warning to neighbors.

The commissioners supported the restriction to a maximum of 1,000 cases of wine per winery. A producer would have to ask for a specific authorization to produce more. The commission did not support the concept of limiting the number of acres or a percentage of a property dedicated to grapes. They agreed to limit the num-

ber of large events to a maximum of five per year with notification to the town 10 days in advance. They also found it reasonable to limit wine tasting and tours to 10 guests, up to three times a day. The noise level will have to be limited to a maximum of 70 dBA - a weighted decibel level - during events, harvest or use of machinery, and to 60 dBA otherwise.

The next step is for the town council to review and adopt a final ordinance. It should not happen before January, depending on other priorities.

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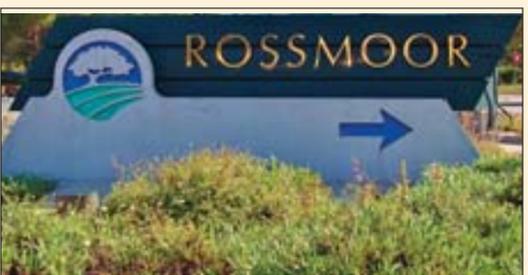
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