

# Rancho Laguna Park Play Structures

By Sophie Braccini



Empty space at Rancho Laguna Park

Photo Sophie Braccini

It is a sad sight for any family – the two play structures where young Moragans once bounced, jumped, climbed and swung at Rancho Laguna Park are gone.

“The play structures’ posts were

decaying, rotting, and were not deemed safe by the engineer from the Municipal Pooling Authority,” said Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram. The Municipal Pooling Authority (MPA), located in Walnut

Creek, provides Risk Management Services to 14 police departments and 20 municipalities mostly located in Contra Costa County.

Since the Town of Moraga does not employ a playground safety inspector, Ingram called the MPA regarding his concerns about the safety of the playground. When an inspector and engineer sent by MPA determined that the playgrounds were no longer safe, the Town removed them immediately. “These structures were built in the 80’s and were made of wood,” said Ingram, “they had a limited life span.” New play structures are now made of steel, aluminum or plastic.

The Town intends to replace the structures, and a sub-committee of the Park and Recreation Commission is tasked with raising some \$100,000 by December, so new play structure(s) can be installed by June of 2012.

# New Rheem Theatre Anniversary Celebration

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The party kicks off at 3:00 p.m. for the younger crowd. 13-year old actor Zachari Gordon, who stars as Greg Heffley in the film Diary of a Wimpy Kid, will be at the celebration to introduce the movie’s sequel. The afternoon will include games, food and prizes. The catered evening celebration will start at 6:00 p.m.; in addition to a screening of The Majestic, special guest Michael Sloane, who wrote the screenplay, will share inside stories on the making of the movie.

Admission tickets are \$8 for the “The Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2,” and \$25 for the evening reception with light refreshments and special screening of “The Majestic.” Tickets may be purchased at the New Rheem Theatre Box Office, or on the theatre’s website, (www.TheNewRheemTheatre.com). For more details, e-mail info@TheNewRheemTheatre.com or call (925) 388-0752.

## A Year of Community Events at the New Rheem Theatre

### Reopening as the New Rheem Theatre - June 25th, 2010

California Independent Film Festival (CAIFF) Classic Film Series:

- The Sound of Music (with guest Angela Cartwright) During the Sound of Music event, the theater unveiled its Wall of Fame, on which all visiting celebrities write an inscription.
- Old Yeller (with guest Beverly Washburn)
- The Spy Who Loved Me (with guest Richard Kiel)
- High Tea event with the film, “Eat Pray Love”
- Haunted House event - a haunted house was built on the back stage.
- Teen Dances - attracting approximately 500 teens from all over the Bay Area
- Jazz Band Concerts - Rossmoor Jazz Band and Mike Vax Jazz Band
- Poetry Reading
- Goats of Denmark production; cast mainly from Miramonte High
- Private outings for local swim clubs
- Birthday and engagement parties
- 13th Annual California Independent Film Festival—most successful and most well-attended in the 13-year history of CAIFF
- World Cup Soccer Finals in the Big Auditorium—attended by 600 patrons
- Baseball World Series in the Big Auditorium
- St Mary’s Basketball Games in the Big Auditorium
- Jan Wahl Reel Lecture Series
- Christmas Party and Classic Films—presented by Charles Schwab

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**\$689,000 Carolyn Way**



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