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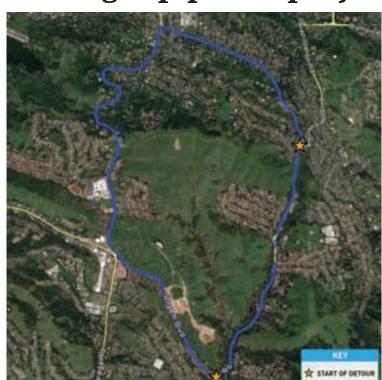
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## PG&E gas pipeline project to begin on St. Mary's Road June 1



Detour: Local traffic only will be allowed in-between the stars; No thru traffic allowed

Images provided

#### By Vera Kochan

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company will undertake a gas pipeline replacement project beginning June 1 that should potentially last for the next 11

weeks. Saint Mary's Road will be closed from South Lucille to the Lafayette Community Center Park while PG&E replaces 450 feet of outdated gas transmission pipe in order to in-

crease capacity.

# Moraga's public facilities and community events update

By Vera Kochan

While the public yearns for the resumption of normal activities, the town of Moraga is adhering to the guidelines issued by the Contra Costa County Health Officer. At this point in time the town offices, Hacienda de las Flores and the Moraga Library remain closed through May 31. The Moraga police department continues to remain open.

With regards to park facilities, all parks, open space, trails, park restrooms, the skate park and most parking lots are open with the reminder to observe physical distancing of 6 feet when near non-household members and to wear a mask.

Still on the closed list are playgrounds and play structures, picnic areas, off-leash hours at Rancho Laguna Park, basketball/volleyball courts and the main parking lot at Moraga Commons.

Unfortunately, the town has had to cancel its summertime family favorite events. The Hacienda Nights food trucks (June/July) and the Summer Concert Series will have to wait for next year. The Fourth of July celebration and fireworks have been canceled as well, but according to Parks and Recreation Director Breyana Brandt plans are in the works for a virtual celebration event. The Family

Campout originally scheduled in June has been postponed for now. The Moraga Community Fair and Classic Car Show, typically held the second Saturday in May, hopes to make an appearance later in the year.

'The county has not allowed social events to resume," stated Brandt. "The private events/rentals scheduled at the Hacienda through june have all been canceled or postponed. With the COVID-19 impacts on the 2020 event season, the 2021 season is booking up fast. The Hacienda will be available for viewing by appointment only starting June 1."

Parks and Rec still plans on launching the Moraga Day Camp for families who will need summer childcare. Strict guidelines set forth by Contra Costa County Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be maintained. The program will run June 8 to Aug. 7.

Enrichment Camps at the Hacienda have been canceled for the summer due to space constraints related to social distancing requirements. One exception is the Skateboard Academy to be offered at Moraga Commons with additional precautions. Many enrichment opportunities will be offered virtually.

For further information: email recdesk@moraga.ca.us or call (925) 888-7035.

According to PG&E Public Affairs Representative Marcos Montes, "Our project team will be meeting with first responders in advance of beginning work to discuss safety precautions and develop a plan in case of an emergency."

PG&E sent letters to Moraga and Lafayette customers detailing the project's schedule, road closure and detour information. Automated phone calls to residents were scheduled the week prior to the project's start date to remind them of the anticipated construction.

PG&E plans on upgrading and strengthening the electrical system to help reduce wildfire threat. They have identified this as a reinforcement and capacity project which will include replacing 80 electric poles, installing 11,000 feet of larger covered power lines, performing vegetation management, installing down-guys and anchors along with updating equipment.

"The Enhanced Vegetation

Management work will include meeting state standards for minimum clearances around the power line and addressing overhanging limbs or branches 4 feet out from the lines and up to the sky,' explained Montes. PG&E also plans on "removing hazardous vegetation such as dead or dying trees that pose a potential risk to the lines and evaluating the condition of trees that may need to be addressed if they are tall enough to strike the lines."

While the work is in progress the road closure will apply to non-residents. No through-traffic will be allowed. Anyone traveling north on St. Mary's Road will have to detour onto Rheem Boulevard. Anyone traveling south will have to detour onto Glenside Drive (there will be posted detour routes). The hours of closure are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning June 1 and ending on approximately Aug. 14.

For project information

contact PG&E Public Affairs Team Member Julian Lacson at (925) 348-3532 or julian.lacson@pge.com.



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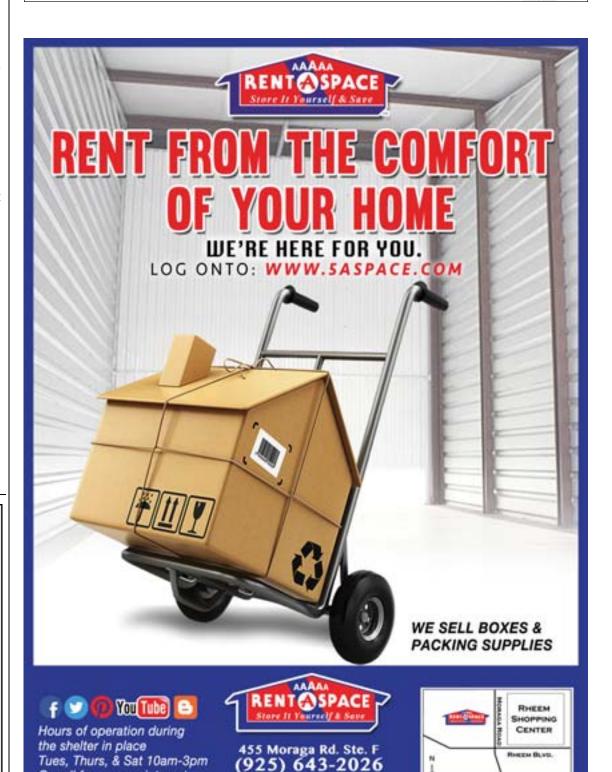
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## **Virtual Town Hall Meeting** scheduled to discuss status of town during pandemic

The Moraga Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Zoom conference from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, June 8 featuring Moraga Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg, Police Chief Jon King, Parks and Recreation Director Breyana Brandt, and Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus, each presenting their area of expertise discussing the current status of the town during this pandemic. Questions from the community sent to Moraga Chamber Executive Director Kathe Nelson (kathe@moragachamber.org) prior to June 3 will be addressed.

Those interested in joining the meeting can use the link below. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5567052644?pwd=end ZVW5EMlhSVWQ1WWFiNUpBdkpuQT09