

## **Lunch with the Mayor at the Centennial Recreation Senior Center April 17, 2019 11:30AM Notes and Follow-Up**

*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the each, Morgan Hill's Mayor, Rich Constantine, has lunch at the Centennial Recreation Senior Center. The lunch provides an opportunity for senior members of the community to have a discussion and share concerns and ideas with the Mayor in the comfort and familiar environment of the Senior Center.*

*The following is a summary of items and questions discussed at the most recent lunch and further follow-up information from City Teammates as appropriate.*

### **Is Claremont Drive scheduled to be redone? It needs more than just pot hole repair.**

*Chris Ghione, Public Services Director, indicated that there are no plans to resurface Claremont Drive in the next two years. The City has very limited work planned for residential streets. The priority is the main arterials. Even with the new funding that we are receiving, the City does not have enough funding to maintain our streets and they will get worse overtime without a new local funding source.*

### **A discussion about immigration was brought up.**

*Mayor Constantine clarified that Morgan Hill is not a sanctuary city and that we expect all residents of Morgan Hill to be law abiding regardless of immigration status. Additionally, the Morgan Hill Police Department serves all Morgan Hill residents regardless of immigration status.*

### **A comment was shared that Morgan Hill is not as safe as it used to be because of quick access to get away on Santa Teresa, 101 and Butterfield.**

*Mayor Constantine shared that Morgan Hill is one of the safest communities in the County. We have seen an increase in crime committed by people who do not live in Morgan Hill.*

### **A woman commented that it seems that Morgan Hill has had an increase in homeless. She wanted to know if the City is doing anything to provide places for the homeless to sleep and live.**

*Mayor Constantine shared that we have had an increase in homelessness in Morgan Hill as we have throughout the County. It is a challenging issue that we cannot deal with alone. We are working closely with our regional partners to develop solutions.*

*The City of Morgan, along with the County and local faith-based groups, offers support for the very successful Safe Parking Program located on property at the Morgan Hill Bible church.*

**Why is our use of water still restricted after so much rain this winter?**

*Water is always a precious resource in Morgan Hill and, our permanent watering restrictions have been designed to best manage the City's potable water supply. These restrictions will help us avoid or minimize the effects of drought, climate change and the unreliability of the imported water infrastructure that serves the City of Morgan Hill. More information can be found at [mhvalueswater.com](http://mhvalueswater.com).*

**When Anderson Dam is reconstructed will that limit our water even more?**

*Mayor Constantine* shared that the reconstruction of the Anderson Dam would not affect our water supply as the Morgan Hill community does not get its water from Anderson.

**There needs to be a bus stop at Butterfield and Tennant.**

*Mayor Constantine* shared that City is working closely with VTA and Caltrain to improve public transit in Morgan Hill. Caltrain is expanding services to south county.

**There needs to be handicap parking and/or loading/unloading for handicap people on residential streets.**

*Mayor Constantine* shared that handicap parking is not provided for on residential streets.

**It was shared that there were break ins in the Cottage Greens community, but that the police had been contacted and were aware.**

**Several seniors expressed that the Mayor is doing a great job.**

**Comments that there is too much building and there aren't enough stores and restaurants.**

**Too much traffic in Morgan Hill.**

