Recent land movement results in closure of Canyon Bridge pedestrian access

By Vera Kochan

While libraries are known for their quiet atmosphere, the Moraga Library has been a little quieter since the heating system malfunctioned on Jan. 12.

Public Information Officer Brooke Corcelli with the Contra Costa Library said, “Friggers and ice-up dates remain steady for this time of year, but past winter times are shorter, and those children’s story time sessions were cancelled early on. We have since moved every item accessible to the main program area.” She added that space has been relocated.

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Mother Nature’s periodic angst of mistral has taken its toll around Moraga. This week moisture permeated the buffered Canyon Bridge area.

On Feb. 12, the East Bay Municipal Utility District notified the town of renewed land movement that initially began during construction of the original bridge in 2017. While the temporary bridge itself is safe and open to vehicle and bicycle traffic, the pedestrian crossing is partially blocked.

The pedestrian bridge crossing is a separate structure that is attached to the west side of the temporary bridge,” said Moraga Public Works Director Edith Beeman.

“The asphalt (652) pathway on the south side, because of the current land slide, began to push against the end of the pedestrian bridge. The town quickly mobilized an on-call contractor to reinforce the core of the slab, which was structurally sound. Beeman assured that “the permanent bridge bridge deck itself and the pier and bridge abutments are structural sound. All other concerns are in a control status and are being monitored and protected. The safer bridge remnant will continue to function and protect the bridge from the current land movement.”

As a precaution, Moraga notified the East Bay Regional Park District of the closures. According to the EMR website, the bridge is temporarily closed until further notice.

The bridge is scheduled to reopen when the temporary bridge becomes safe and structurally sound. Moraga Public Works Director Edith Beeman reassured that “the bridge will have a formal return to service.” The town is currently working towards the return of the permanent bridge to serve the public.

Moraga Library HVAC woes continue

By Vera Kochan

During the recent snowstorm, the library experienced a significant HVAC issue that forced the closure of the library for the day.

The Town Manager, Cynthia Baumberger, said that the HVAC system was unable to maintain the required temperature and humidity levels, leading to the decision to close the library.

The Town Manager went on to add that the library will continue to work with the HVAC contractor to ensure that the system is functioning properly.

The library has contacted the HVAC contractor to schedule a maintenance visit to identify the source of the issue and ensure the safety and comfort of the patrons.

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