



ABOUT TOWN ▪ NOVEMBER 19, 2012 BI-WEEKLY UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



STATE OF THE TOWN AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NIGHT



In the elegant and newly constructed Moraga Country Club, Town residents and business owners gathered last Thursday to mingle and review the past year's accomplishments as Mayor Michael Metcalf presented Moraga's recent highlights and future plans. The overwhelming passage of Measure K, Moraga's one cent Sales Tax, received energetic applause as did the installation of the new play structure at Rancho Laguna Park by Town volunteers. The evening ended with recognition of all Council-appointed volunteers and presentation of certificates to those whose terms ended this past year. The Mayor's State of the Town presentation is on the [Town's website](#).



NEW MORAGA YOUTH INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE (MYIC) MEMBERS

At the November 14 Town Council meeting the newest members of the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC) took their oaths of office. Welcome to Trent Capurro, Julia Shen, Nikhil Suri, and Justin Targett! Look for upcoming events, activities, and projects as the MYIC begins its new term.



THANK YOU MORAGA VOTERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF MEASURE K!

On November 6, over 70% of Moraga voters overwhelmingly supported Measure K, a one cent Sales Tax measure focused on repairing our roads. Most impressively, the support increased dramatically from the March polling at 53.7% up to 70.07% on election day. It is also interesting that all of Moraga's nine precincts passed Measure K, even those with a high percentage of privately maintained roads. This level of turnout reflects the support residents have for the community and their willingness to invest in the future of their roads. It also reflects the amazing energy and dedication of a small group of volunteers. Now we must set up new processes and accountability measures and, of course, begin repairing our neighborhood roads. Options for bonding the revenue stream will be considered by the Council in January. The Council will discuss how best to create the Measure K Oversight Committee in January and be completed by the end of March, 2013. More information will be available on the Town's website soon.



MORAGA COMMONS MAIN PARKING LOT REPAIRS

The main Moraga Commons parking lot off of St. Mary's Road will be closed on November 26 and 27 for pavement repairs due to damage caused by tree roots.



UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETINGS

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Planning Commission (PC) and Design Review Board (DRB) meetings on November 19 and 26 will be cancelled. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be on Monday, December 3. Signature Properties will present a series of changes to its proposed single-family residential subdivision for the former bowling alley site, across from the Rheem Shopping Center. On December 10, the DRB will consider proposed changes to balconies at 142 - 148 Ascot Court and an arbor at 14 Willow Springs Court. Both meetings are open to the public and will be at the Moraga Library starting at 7:00 pm.



MORAGA HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS – TREE LIGHTING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Join Santa and his Moraga Youth Involvement Committee helpers on Saturday, December 1 for cookies and hot cocoa in the Commons Park for the Holiday Tree Lighting. Refreshments and entertainment from the Moraga Community Chorus begin at 6:30 pm with the tree lighting at 7:00 pm. Your help is needed to light the tree by donating to the Buy-a-Bulb Fundraiser. Please send checks payable to the Town of Moraga to: Town of Moraga, Attn: Buy-a-Bulb, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. Thanks to everyone who helped SELL OUT the Breakfast with Santa and Santa Visits and remember to sign up early for these wonderful events in fall 2013.



UPCOMING STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping occurs twice a year. Starting on Thursday, November 29, all main streets will be swept to avoid conflict with residential garbage pickup. The following day, on Friday, November 30, the remaining residential areas will be swept. The next street sweepings will be scheduled in April before the Triathlon event.



ELECTION DAY RESULTS

Voter turnout for the recent election in Contra Costa County was quite high at 75.87%. Moragans should be proud that local turnout was even higher at approximately 83.01%. The County Elections Division has until December 4 to certify the final election results. The Town Council will hold its annual re-organization on Wednesday, December 12, at which time two new council members, Roger Wykle and Phillip Arth, will be sworn in.



CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Moraga was abuzz last Thursday through Sunday with the 15th annual CAIFF. This year's lineup included programs for children as well as an array of touching and thought-provoking films for adults. A variety of feature films, kids' programs, documentaries, shorts and the 2012 Iron Filmmaker contest filled both the New Rheem and Orinda Theatres with hours of on-screen entertainment. Thank you to Derek Zemrak, President and Founder; Joanne Foy, Program Director and Vice President; Leonard Pirkle, Executive Director; Robert Hill, Treasurer and all the 2012 CAIFF Committee Chairs for providing another magnificent film festival for Lamorinda.



RECRUITMENTS FOR OPEN ENGINEERING POSITIONS

The Town invites qualified candidates to apply for the Senior Civil Engineer position and the Engineering Technician/Inspector position. The application deadline is Monday, December 3, 2012 and the full job announcements are available on the [Town's website](#).



RFQ FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES ISSUED

Town staff issued a Request for Qualifications for Managed Information Technology (IT) Services for the Town of Moraga. The Town's IT services are provided through a contract established in 2005 and are vital to the daily operations of Town government. It is good government practice to periodically re-examine contract arrangements to ensure the Town is receiving quality and timely services at the most economical cost. The submittal deadline is Wednesday, December 5, 2012.



TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Town Hall and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25. The Town offices will re-open on Monday, November 26. All Town staff wish you and yours a happy Thanksgiving with our thanks for your continued support and participation.



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