



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ DECEMBER 13, 2013 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### STATE OF THE TOWN AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



Thanks to all who attended the 2013 State of the Town Address and Volunteer Recognition on Thursday, November 21. The Moraga Country Club hosted and provided delicious food and wine for the more than 100 guests in attendance. Mayor Dave Trotter celebrated the Town's accomplishments over the past year, highlighting the many successful projects and community events, as well as giving a preview of future Town

projects. The evening concluded with recognition of all Council-appointed volunteers who serve on Town Committees, Commissions and Boards and presentation of certificates to those volunteers whose terms ended in 2013. The Mayor's State of the Town presentation is on the [Town's website](#).



### TOWN OF MORAGA FOOD DRIVE

The Town of Moraga is hosting a food drive to support the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano. Two collection barrels are in the lobby at 329 Rheem Boulevard waiting to be filled. In high demand are peanut butter and 100% fruit juice (in plastic containers), canned foods, powdered milk, iron rich cereal, and enriched rice and pasta. If you are unable to make it to the Town Offices you can make an online donation at [www.foodbankccs.org/moragafooddrive](http://www.foodbankccs.org/moragafooddrive). The Town's goal is to collect 500 pounds of food by December 18 to help the Food Bank's mission to feed the hungry.



### RECRUITMENT FOR TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of the Boards, Committees, and Commissions that require citizen involvement. Details on current and upcoming openings are available on the Town's [website](#). Please submit your application, questionnaire, a letter of interest and resume to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 24, 2014. There will be openings in 2014 for the Audit and Finance Committee, Design Review Board, Park and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.



### HOLIDAY SAFETY

This holiday season, the Moraga Police Department (MPD) is asking everyone to take extra precautions to protect themselves and their property. Thefts always occur during this time of year as thieves prey on easy targets. Deliveries from online shopping are often left on doorsteps or walkways, making attractive targets for theft. Make sure you track expected deliveries and try to accept them at the time of delivery. If away, ask a neighbor to pick them up for you. Keep all doors and windows closed and locked; use an alarm system if available; drive with extra caution; be aware of your surroundings at all times; park in a well-lit area; shop with a partner if possible; keep bags and purses secure while carrying them; and do not walk while looking at your smart phone. MPD wants everyone to be safe and enjoy this special time of the year.



## BUY-A-BULB FUNDRAISER



Thank you to everyone who braved the rain and attended the December 6 lighting of the Holiday Tree! The Buy-a-Bulb fundraiser continues through the holiday season and contributions in any amount are appreciated. The Town's goal is to raise \$5,000 through community donations and, as of publication time, we have raised only \$775.00. Please [donate online](#) or send checks to the Town of Moraga, Attn: Buy-a-Bulb, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. Thank you for your support!



## NEW MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR ELECTED

At the Town Council meeting on December 11, the Council voted to elect Ken Chew as Mayor and Roger Wykle as Vice Mayor for the 2014 term. Outgoing Mayor Dave Trotter was honored by the Council, members of the public, and County and State elected officials for his successful year as Mayor. Both Mayor Chew and Vice Mayor Wykle expressed their gratitude for the election to their respective new offices and looked forward to a productive year. Mayor Chew's proposed Council goals for 2014 will be discussed with the Council and the community at a public meeting in January.



## LAGUNA CREEK STORM DAMAGE REPAIR COMPLETED

On December 11, the Town Council accepted the completion of improvements installed by Pavex Construction for the Laguna Creek Wall Repair and Bank Stabilization project located at the Hacienda de las Flores. Repair of damage caused by the 2005/06 storms entailed demolition of the damaged concrete retaining walls, installation of new retaining walls and headwall, placement of rock slope protection, stabilization of the upstream and downstream creek embankments, and application of erosion control measures. With the help of the Town's construction management team, BKF Engineers, the construction was successfully completed in time for the rainy season.



## 2014 PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT DESIGN WORK UNDERWAY

The Town has begun the design process for the upcoming 2014 Pavement Repair project by televising existing storm drain lines, performing deflection testing, and collecting pavement core samples on potential 2014 street candidates. Results from deflection and core sample tests will allow pavement engineers to calculate the structural needs of each street and design appropriate pavement treatments.



## SHOP MORAGA FIRST FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Remember to *Shop Moraga First* for the holidays to support small businesses and keep tax dollars in town! Shopping in Moraga is better than ever with a variety of merchants providing all of your entertaining, celebrating, and gift-giving needs. Don't forget the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley is selling See's Candies until December 24 next door to Starbucks in the Rheem Center.



## STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION

The Moraga Police Officers Association (MPOA) thanks everyone who has donated to the Stuffed Animals For Emergencies (S.A.F.E.) program. Over 500 stuffed animals have been collected thus far to be distributed to children during times of emergency. Please bring your new or slightly used stuffed animals to the bins in the Police lobby at 329 Rheem Boulevard before January 2, 2014.



## WINTER/SPRING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Looking to try something new in 2014? A great New Year's resolution is to have fun and learn locally. The Moraga Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of classes and activities for everyone! Browse the Winter/Spring Activity Guide or sign up for classes on the Town's [website](#). Residents will receive their Activity Guide in the mail this week! Winter/Spring offers Music Together, Guitar, Piano, CPR, First Aid, Tai Chi, Seniorcize, the much-anticipated return of senior day trips, and more!



## TOWN PREPARES FIRST COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR)

Maze & Associates, the Town's independent auditor, presented the Town's first CAFR to the Audit and Finance Committee on December 2. The CAFR is a major improvement to the typical Basic Financial Statements and provides a full and transparent view of the Town's finances, including trends and historical data. The information in the CAFR will also satisfy the annual Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) disclosure requirements related to the recent \$7.72 million Certificates of Participation supported by Measure K. The CAFR will be presented to the Town Council on January 8, 2014. Maze & Associates issued a clean opinion on the Town's financial statements.



## TRIATHLON SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

What better way to promote your business and support local and healthy events? Sponsor the 2014 Moraga Triathlon! There are currently Gold (\$1000), Silver (\$500), and Product level sponsorships available. If you (or your company) are interested in being a part of the event, please inquire at [tri@moraga.ca.us](mailto:tri@moraga.ca.us) or (925) 888-7035. Event details available at [moragatri.com](http://moragatri.com).



## TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Town recently installed new traffic signal heads at the intersection of Rheem Boulevard and Moraga Road. When traveling east or west on Rheem Boulevard, an additional signal head with a new green left arrow light, just below the standard circular green light, was installed. This protected left turn green arrow will reduce confusion for visiting motorists who think they need to yield to oncoming traffic when making a left turn on to Moraga Road from Rheem Boulevard.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, December 16, 7:00 pm - [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library

Monday, January 6, 7:00 pm - [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library

Wednesday, January 8, 7:00 pm - [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium

Thursday, January 9, 7:00 pm - [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room

All meetings are open to the public. Please visit the Town's website, [moraga.ca.us](http://moraga.ca.us), for updated agendas and packets.



## HOLIDAY CLOSURE OF TOWN OFFICES

The Town offices will be closed Friday, December 20, through Friday, January 3, for the winter holidays, reopening on Monday, January 6, 2014. Happy Holidays to all!