



ABOUT TOWN ▪ JANUARY 11, 2013 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



SET THE 2013 WORK PLAN: GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP TOMORROW

Please come to the La Sala, at the Hacienda de las Flores tomorrow morning, Saturday, January 12, at 8:30 am to help the Council establish its work plan and set priorities for 2013. Mayor Trotter put forth draft goals after being selected Mayor on December 12, 2012. The intent of the Goal Setting is to hear input from the community on the larger vision for the work to be accomplished and/or initiated during 2013. Because these goals are in addition to the work already committed and legally required, Moraga's staff cannot physically or financially accomplish all the drafted goals. Therefore, the most important work of the Goal Setting will be to set priorities. Please attend to assist the Council in this effort.



WINTER/SPRING ACTIVITIES – RESOLVE TO RECREATE IN 2013!

Looking to try something new in 2013? A great New Year's resolution is to have fun and learn locally. The Moraga Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety classes and activities for everyone! Browse the Winter/Spring Activity Guide or sign up for classes on the Town's [website](#). Winter/Spring offers Music Together, Wee Hoop Basketball, Rainbow Chefs Cooking, Preschool Yoga, Lil' Baseball, Kidz Love Soccer, Beginning Guitar, Debate, Pet CPR, Tai Chi, Paint with Watercolor, Seniorcize, From Vine to Wine and much more. Additionally, don't miss the many upcoming special events: Mother-Daughter Tea on February 9, Mother-Son Dinner Dance on March 1, Summer Camp Expo on March 2 and many more events through May.



INTEROPERABLE RADIO SYSTEM UPDATE

All Moraga Police radios have been transitioned to the new interoperable system provided by the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA) and are currently working on the system's west cell. In March, the final step in the new system's implementation is anticipated with Moraga switching to the central cell. At that time, the entire county will be operational, providing emergency responders the ability to communicate with each other. At the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference last Thursday night, January 10, the Mayors selected Moraga Councilmember Mike Metcalf to represent them on the EBRCSA Board. The Chief of Police also sits on the Board representing the Contra Costa Chiefs' Association.



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE APPEAL DELAYED

The Town Council asked Town staff to schedule the Saint Mary's College (SMC) appeal regarding its intramural field lights at a Council meeting in February. SMC had asked the Town to delay its consideration of the appeal to allow SMC to meet with neighbors. SMC had appealed the Planning Commission's October 1 direction requiring SMC to turn off its intramural field lights at 9:00 pm, rather than 10:00 pm. As part of their action, the Commission stated that it would consider reinstating the 10:00 pm time if SMC could reach an acceptable agreement with nearby neighbors. The Commission's direction responded to neighbors' concerns related to light and noise.



MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS COALITION LETTER

The Town Council endorsed the Mayor's plan to join more than 770 US Mayors who have signed an open letter to President Barack Obama in response to the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Composed by Mayors Against Illegal Guns, the letter urges President Obama to require every gun buyer to pass a criminal background check; remove high capacity rifles and ammunition magazines from our communities; and make gun trafficking a federal crime.



NEW RHEEM THEATRE UPDATE

On January 18, three of the four screens in the theatre will go dark indefinitely as the historic movie palace succumbs to modern-day Americans with Disabilities Act code issues. An aging wheelchair lift appears irreparable, meaning access to the three upper-level theaters is no longer available to disabled patrons. The lift will cost \$30,000 to replace. Until the issue is resolved, the Rheem will be a one-screen theatre. Zemrak said he and his staff are hoping for support from the community, local businesses and an Oscar night fundraiser scheduled for February 24. At their January 23 meeting the Town Council will discuss possible options to assist the historical theatre focusing mainly on engaging the community and soliciting community outreach/input.



COMPLETE STREETS AND FUTURE ROAD FUNDING

On January 9, the Town Council adopted a resolution finding the Town's General Plan consistent with the *Complete Streets Act of 2008*. All future road and street funding will be consolidated under a single funding source called "One Bay Area Grant" (OBAG). According to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), cities and counties will be required to "self-certify" that the local agency complies with the *Complete Streets Act of 2008* to remain eligible for the OBAG. The first round of OBAG funds will be available in February 2013. The Council's resolution stated that two of the *2002 Moraga General Plan* central principles address reducing vehicular trips and providing for non-motorized transportation.



SOLICITOR AND PEDDLER ORDINANCE PROPOSED

On January 9, the Town Council discussed a proposed ordinance addressing solicitors and peddlers. The ordinance is intended to provide clear rules of behavior for these activities and to provide a permit process including a background check. After discussion, Council provided staff with direction on desired changes for return to Council on January 23 for further review and consideration.



AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

On Tuesday, January 15, the Audit and Finance committee will hold their first meeting of the year. The meeting has a full agenda with the committee review of the independent auditor's report of the Town's financial statements for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2012, as well as the current FY 2012/13 mid-year budget. The public is invited to attend the meeting at the Hacienda at 5:30 pm.



PLANNING COMMISSION AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETING NEWS

The Design Review Board's January 14 meeting and the Planning Commission's January 22 meeting have been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled DRB meeting will be Monday, January 28, and the next Planning Commission meeting will be Monday, February 4.



LOCAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE CHARTER ESTABLISHED

On January 9, the Town Council provided direction to staff on the terms, composition and duties of the new Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee pursuant to the passage of the Measure K sales tax. The Committee will be comprised of seven Moraga residents charged with annually reviewing the receipts and expenditures of the local sales tax and presenting this information to the Town Council. The Town Council will appoint members to the Committee using the same application and interview process currently used to appoint volunteers to other Town committees. The Town Council is expected to approve the Charter at its next meeting scheduled for January 23.



PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (P-TAP) GRANT

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission awarded Public Works a P-TAP grant to update the Town's Pavement Management Program (PMP). The Town utilizes StreetSaver, a standard PMP software as a decision-making tool to assist with developing the Town's pavement program to maintain the Town's pavements in a systematic and cost-effective way. In accordance with section 2108.1 of the Streets and Highway Code, all public agencies must update their PMP inventory information for all public streets every two years in order to be eligible for pavement project funding. The Town streets survey was last conducted in June 2011.



FY 2012/13, MID-YEAR, REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT RELEASED

The Town Council adopted the FY 2012/13 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget on June 13, 2012. The budget provides a working financial plan for the year. At mid-year, there is the opportunity to assess the revenues and expenditures for the first half of the fiscal year (through December 31) for the purpose of identifying major variances between actual transactions and estimated budget amounts. Based on an analysis of actual transactions to-date, estimated budget amounts and information available through State and regional funding resources, staff has determined that revenue receipts and expenditures at year-end will meet budgeted expectations overall. No mid-year budget adjustments are proposed at this time. The complete report will be discussed at the AFC meeting on January 15.



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