



ABOUT TOWN ▪ MAY 10, 2013 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



COMMUNITY FAIRE TOMORROW!

The Moraga Community Faire is tomorrow, Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. This year's Faire will be better than ever with 19 new vendors, an Olympic volleyball player, the biggest car show yet, Chinese American dancers, a Mini-Drama from Town Hall Theatre, wines produced by Moraga's own wineries, culinary treats from food trucks and vendors, and much more! There's a climbing wall for kids, a "dunk local celebrities" at the dunk tank, and special Faire "passport" to win prizes. It promises to be a great day!



CINCO DE MAYO A HUGE SUCCESS



Many thanks to the Hacienda Foundation and volunteers who made the 5th annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta such a success! While the kids enjoyed the jumpies, tile painting, tortilla making, and breaking open piñatas, adults were entertained by Mariachis, great food, authentic margaritas and Mexican beer. All proceeds from this event go to the Hacienda Foundation to improve the Hacienda de las Flores for all to enjoy for years to come!



POLICE DONATION SCAM

A recent Contra Costa Times article explained that the Moraga Police Department (MPD) had received inquiries from two Moraga residents about the validity of phone solicitations they had received. According to the Moraga residents, the caller said he was an off-duty police officer collecting donations for the Moraga Police Department's Fraternal Order of Police, an organization which does not exist. A Nixle alert was sent out to warn subscribers of the scam which led to the CC Times article. Any phone request for donations to MPD is a scam, so please do not respond. If you are not in the Nixle system, please register for this free service at www.nixle.com.



OPEN HOUSE AND MIXER AT TOWN OFFICES

On Tuesday, May 21, beginning at 5:00 pm, please join Town staff and officials at an Open House at the Town Offices to mix with the Chamber of Commerce members and see the new and cost-effective remodel. The remodel was modest to reflect the Town's minimal government ethos but has proven to be a welcome change for staff and visitors.



CITY OF ORINDA BESTS LAFAYETTE IN MORAGA TRI RELAY

Each year, the friendly Lamorinda competition continues as the Cities of Lafayette and Orinda participate with relay teams in the Moraga Triathlon. The City of Orinda won the unofficial 2013 title by just one minute, 15 seconds! Thanks to our neighbors for their sportsmanship and support.



MORAGA HIGHLIGHTED AFTER MEDICAL MARIJUANA DECISION

On May 6, the California State Supreme Court ruled that cities and counties have the right to ban medical marijuana dispensaries within their jurisdictions. Moraga's Mayor Dave Trotter spoke on NBC Bay Area News about the importance of the Supreme Court's ruling upholding the rights of local control and about Moraga's 2011 ban of medical marijuana dispensaries and outdoor cultivation of medical marijuana. To see the video of Mayor Trotter's interview on NBC Bay Area News, click [here](#).



ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN REVIEW

The Town Council received an update on the Town's 2012 accomplishments and progress towards meeting General Plan goals at its May 8 meeting. The update fulfills a General Plan requirement to provide this annual progress report prior to initiating the budget review and adoption process. It also meets reporting requirements from the State to report on progress towards meeting General Plan goals, including quantitative housing targets identified in the Housing Element.



THANK YOU TRIATHLON VOLUNTEERS

The 7th annual Moraga Triathlon was a huge success thanks to all of the volunteers! Boy Scout Troop 246 provided overnight security, Lamorinda CERT and the Sheriff's Office Explorers provided traffic control, and many other community groups and dedicated individuals provided invaluable assistance to ensure a smooth and efficient experience for all athletes and spectators. The feedback from participants ALWAYS mentions the smiles, cheers of encouragement, and feeling of safety that the volunteers provide. The quality volunteers truly make this event the best it can be. Thank you!



TOWN RECEIVES AA+ RATING FROM STANDARD & POOR'S

Standard & Poor's (S&P) conducted a formal credit review and affirmed the 'AA+' long-term rating on Moraga's 2010 Certificates of Participation (COPs). S&P believes that Moraga has maintained a very strong financial position despite recessionary softening of key revenue streams. S&P cites that the Town's financial stability is supported by good financial management and Town performance.



HACIENDA HOME/MADE – CAFÉ AND BAKERY

The Town Council approved an exciting new opportunity for residents and visitors of Moraga by awarding a three-month contract to Café Hacienda home/made to operate from the Hacienda kitchen Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and Fridays from 8:00 to 11:30 am. There is no other venue like this in Moraga – a farm-to-table experience with all locally sourced products in the tranquil setting of the nine-acre estate known as the Hacienda de las Flores. Enjoy freshly baked muffins, scones, coffee cake, breakfast sandwiches, frittata, daily soups, salads, Panini sandwiches, summertime "campers" lunch package, Four Barrel coffee press, specialty teas, juice, and much more. The temporary café is scheduled to open on Monday, May 13. Please stop by!



HALL OF FAME AT THE NEW RHEEM THEATRE

Beginning Friday evening, May 10, enjoy The Classic Film Festival and Hall of Fame event at The New Rheem Theatre. Enjoy an opening night reception, classic films, legendary film stars, and our very own Larry Swindell introducing *Citizen Kane*, right here in Moraga. The weekend ends with a 7:00 pm inductee ceremony on Sunday, May 12. Tickets are generally \$10-25, but check out the website at <http://cffhof.org>.



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE STUDENT RECREATION CENTER UPDATE

The Planning Commission and Design Review Board approved Saint Mary's College's (SMC) student recreation facility last summer. The approval required conditions and mitigation measures to address potential environmental impacts. SMC is making good progress in satisfying the requirements in the conditions of approval, many of which require compliance prior to building permit issuance. The Planning Department and SMC are working closely to finalize the permit soon.



DICK OLSEN HONORED AS 2013 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

On May 3, Dick Olsen was publicly recognized as Moraga's 2013 Citizen of the Year at Saint Mary's College Soda Center. Mayor Trotter, Councilmember Metcalf, and other dignitaries honored Dick with humorous and heartfelt praise. Dick is a long-time Moraga resident with an incredible history of community involvement including participation in the founding of the Town's successful 1974 incorporation drive and later the Moraga Police Department and Moraga-Orinda Fire District. Dick's leadership and commitment to the Town was felt most recently with his efforts on the Revenue Enhancement Community Outreach to Neighborhoods (RECON), where Dick's marketing expertise helped form the committee's road repair presentations used in the multi-year campaign to concisely and urgently educate Moragans on the critical need to fix Moraga's streets and storm drains. Dick's efforts helped Moraga voters understand the issues and overwhelmingly pass Measure K. Dick's response? *"No matter what accomplishments you made, somebody helped you!"*



SUMMER CAMPS AND CLASSES

School will be out and summer vacation will be here in just five weeks! Moraga Parks and Recreation is once again offering Camp Hacienda for children ages 5 to 10 and the Summer Park Program for ages 8 to 13 as well as many specialty camps. Sign up [online](#) for camps and classes for all ages or call the Recreation Office at (925) 888-7036 for additional information.



DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – MONDAY, MAY 13

The Design Review Board (DRB) will meet on Monday, May 13, at the Moraga Library at 7:00 pm. The DRB will consider an application to install an elevator on the exterior of the Rheem Theatre building and an application for a rear addition to a single family home at 26 Fieldbrook Place.



AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, MAY 14

The Town's budget for fiscal year 2013/14, (including updates to the Town's Five-Year Financial Plan), will be presented to the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) on Tuesday, May 14 and then to the Town Council on Wednesday, May 22. The AFC will also discuss the Independent Auditor's process in anticipation of closing the current fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2013. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings to provide input. The May 14 AFC meeting is at 5:30 pm in the Garden Conference Room at the Hacienda de las Flores.



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 20

The Planning Commission will meet on Monday, May 20, at the Moraga Library at 7:00 pm to conduct a study session to discuss the Moraga Town Center Homes project by City Ventures.



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION – TUESDAY, MAY 21

The Park and Recreation Commission will meet on Tuesday, May 21, in the Mosaic Room at the Hacienda de las Flores at 7:00 pm. The Committee will discuss the Moraga Commons Needs Assessment survey conducted by faculty and students from Cal State East Bay. The next phase of the project will include engaging focus groups for additional feedback.



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