



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ OCTOBER 24, 2013 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### PAVILION OPEN HOUSE



On October 18, the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga hosted a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception to debut the newly remodeled Pavilion building, one of the latest capital improvement projects at the Hacienda de las Flores. The Hacienda Foundation partnered with the Town to restore the beautiful 1940's era building to its original splendor. The event also allowed the Foundation and Town to thank those who donated to further the efforts of their mission to enhance, promote and preserve the Hacienda de las Flores.



### CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS

Don't miss the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual California Independent Film Festival (CAIFF) coming to Moraga November 7 through 10. This year's line-up includes incredible feature films, documentaries and four different short film programs. Fun social events include the Opening Night party, the Closing Night festivities and a Retro College Night. Both the Rheem and Orinda Theatres will host the festival this year. For a complete list of events and to reserve tickets, please visit [caiff.org](http://caiff.org).



### BUDGET SURPLUS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/13

The unaudited budget-to-actuals report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013 was submitted to the Town Council at its meeting on October 23. The Town ended the year with revenues exceeding expenditures, creating a surplus of \$386,475. The surplus will be added to the General Fund unassigned fund balance for a total amount of \$3,125,658, which equals 51.8% of operating expenses for the year. The Council's policy is to maintain a General Fund reserve of at least 50%.



### LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD WORKSHOP – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Everyone is invited to the next public workshop for the Livable Moraga Road project on Tuesday, October 29, at 6:00 pm in La Sala at the Hacienda de las Flores. This will be an engaging and interactive meeting where participants can hear what staff has learned about Moraga Road's issues and opportunities, help define the community vision for a more livable street, and participate in a hands-on mapping exercise to develop options and solutions. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Ellen Clark, Senior Planner at [eclark@moraga.ca.us](mailto:eclark@moraga.ca.us) or visit the project webpage at [moraga.ca.us/livablemoragaroad](http://moraga.ca.us/livablemoragaroad).



### SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

The next meeting of the Measure K 1% Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, at 4:30 pm. A review of the Revenue and Expense Report for Measure K Local Sales Tax and review of the 2013 Pavement Repair Project Improvements are on the agenda. Visit [moraga.ca.us](http://moraga.ca.us) for more information.



## JOINT TOWN COUNCIL AND MORAGA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

On Tuesday, October 22, the Town and Moraga School District governing bodies met to discuss the District's financial outlook and to consider establishing an Ad Hoc Facilities Planning Subcommittee to address community recreation issues, such as partnering on joint use of facilities and potentially improving existing sports fields. An agreement was reached to create the Ad Hoc Committee with two members of each body to participate with other representatives of stakeholder groups. A subcommittee Charter will be drafted and recommended for approval in the near future.



## MORAGA PARTICIPATES IN GREAT SHAKEOUT



On Thursday, October 17, Town staff participated in the Great ShakeOut by activating their Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and responded to a scenario facilitated by MOFD Chief Healy and Division Chief Lee. The activation and response drill occurred at MOFD Station 42 on Moraga Road, and tested the Town's EOC equipment, the volunteer radio system, and the ability to communicate with other participating agency EOCs in Orinda, Lafayette, and at Saint Mary's College. After the drill, a critique was held on all facets of the response effort. One of the lessons learned was the importance of communication and shared resources among the Lamorinda agencies to best serve the communities. The Town is committed to participating in the Great ShakeOut drills with the expectation that the future location will be at 331 Rheem Boulevard, where the EOC is being incorporated into the current remodel for the new Town Meeting facility.



## HILLSIDES AND RIDGELINES DISCUSSION

The Town Council directed staff to finalize and issue a Request for Proposals and Scope of Work to review, analyze and develop potential amendments to existing regulations and guidelines related to development on hillsides and ridgelines. The Draft Scope of Work calls for researching and/or creating technical documents regarding hillsides and ridgelines and an extensive community engagement process that solicits balanced input from both sides of the issue. The Council also endorsed creating a Steering Committee for the project comprised of two Councilmembers, two Planning Commissioners, one Design Review Board member, and one Park and Recreation Commissioner. Please contact the Planning Department at 925-888-7040 for more information regarding this 2013 Town Council Goal.



## STATE OF THE TOWN AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Please join the Town of Moraga for the annual Moraga State of the Town Address and Volunteer Recognition Night, Thursday, November 21, at 6:00 pm at the [Moraga Country Club](#) (MCC). Country Club General Manager Frank Melon has once again graciously provided the opportunity to enjoy the country club and their excellent cuisine. Meet your local elected officials and socialize with community groups, residents and neighbors as Mayor Trotter reports Town achievements from the past year and recognizes all of the volunteers who have completed their terms on Town committees, commissions and boards. Please plan to attend the Town celebration to spotlight Moraga's achievements and thank all of the volunteers who make Moraga so special! Email [mbeasley@moraga.ca.us](mailto:mbeasley@moraga.ca.us) to RSVP or for more information.



## TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES SITE PLAN FOR HACIENDA

On October 23, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into a services agreement to have a site plan prepared for the Hacienda de las Flores property. Once completed, the site plan and topographic survey will assist both the Town and Hacienda Foundation of Moraga as they move forward on a community-wide strategic planning process to identify future property improvements. Significant information will be identified in the plan such as the creek, property lines, buildings, access roads, parking lots, retaining walls, fences, gates, trees and utilities.



## CANYON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Canyon Road, the southern gateway connection to the Town of Moraga, facilitates an average daily traffic use of 6,000 vehicles. The bridge spans the west branch of the San Leandro Creek, south of Constance Place. In the next few months, the Town will begin the preliminary engineering and environmental clearance phase of the Canyon Road Bridge Replacement project anticipating construction in 2015-2016. This project will be funded primarily by the Federal Highway Bridge Program administered by Caltrans.



## COUNCIL RATIFIES MOFD CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE

The Town Council ratified a new Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Ordinance at its meeting on October 23. MOFD Ordinance 13-01 adopted the 2013 edition of the California Fire Code with MOFD amendments and the 2012 International Fire Code. MOFD's new ordinance more closely aligns its regulations with those of other Contra Costa County fire districts, particularly relating to sprinklering of buildings and allowing alternative methods of construction to provide fire protection.



## NO PARKING ON ST. MARY'S ROAD

To improve traffic and pedestrian safety on Saint Mary's Road, in the area of Saint Mary's College (SMC), the Town has begun placing and enforcing "No Parking" signs along the north shoulder of the roadway (Lamorinda Trail side). This action is necessary to preserve visibility at the crosswalk near the SMC entrance, and to prevent mid-block pedestrian crossings from vehicles parked in that area for special events at SMC. Please note the new restrictions and park only where allowed.



## SETBACKS ORDINANCE

On October 23, Town Council introduced an ordinance amending regulations regarding setbacks for properties built under County zoning. The regulations would allow additions to single family homes that were constructed prior to 1980 to follow County zoning regulations or development standards that were established at the time of construction. The Council will consider adopting the ordinance at its November 13 meeting.



## MORAGA CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

The Moraga Citizen Corps Council is a grassroots movement working to tap the collaborative spirit of the community by engaging Town government and residents to strengthen individual, organizational, and community preparedness before the next disaster strikes. The Citizen Corps Council promotes community participation in public safety and disaster preparedness efforts and encourages citizens to take active roles to prepare themselves, their families, and the community. Citizen Corps Council members help to develop and review community emergency plans, conduct

neighborhood outreach and education programs, provide training, participate in local emergency exercises, encourage volunteerism and, in the event of a disaster, form an important part of the response. Anyone interested in learning more about the Town of Moraga's Citizen Corps Council, please contact Dennis Rein, Lamorinda's Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, at [drein@mofd.org](mailto:drein@mofd.org) or attend a Moraga Citizen Corps Council scheduled on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores. Moraga NEEDS YOU!



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, October 28, 7:00 pm - [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library  
Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 pm, - [Livable Moraga Road](#), La Sala, Hacienda  
Wednesday, October 30, 4:30 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Mosaic Room, Hacienda  
Monday, November 4, 7:00 pm - [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library  
Tuesday, November 5, 5:30 pm - [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Garden Conference Room, Hacienda  
Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 pm - [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library  
Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 pm - [Town Council](#), Joaquin Moraga School Auditorium  
Thursday, November 14, 7:00 pm - [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Mosaic Room, Hacienda  
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.



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