



## ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### MORAGA LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The Contra Costa County Library system wants to hear from residents on how the Moraga Library can better serve the community. Through a series of Town Hall meetings the County is developing strategies to enhance and broaden the library's contribution to the community. All residents are invited to attend the 90-minute meeting to chart a course for the Library's future at Saint Mary's College in De Le Salle Hall at 7:00 pm. RSVP to 925-376-6852 or [ccclib.org/locations/moraga](http://ccclib.org/locations/moraga).



### MORAGA NIGHT OUT – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

On Sunday, September 22, the Moraga Citizen Corps Council will host the 2013 Moraga Night Out. This is a chance for Moraga residents to join with their neighbors to discuss emergency preparedness, and visit with local officials and public safety responders. Plan a potluck, BBQ, dessert or ice cream social – festivities can begin anytime. The idea is to strengthen the community by encouraging neighborhood residents to become more involved in emergency preparedness. Neighborhood readiness will save lives and property when the next big disaster strikes. Additional information is available at [moraga.ca.us](http://moraga.ca.us).



### PARKS AND RECREATION WELCOMES CLINTON CALKINS



New Recreation Assistant, Clinton Calkins, comes to Moraga after almost five years with the Town of Danville Recreation Division. Spending most of his time working with youth, teens, and facilities, Clinton is excited to start working with all age groups in Moraga. Residents will appreciate his calm demeanor, friendly smile and attention to detail. Clinton will start with the Town on Monday, September 16. Clinton grew up in Livermore, is the youngest of four siblings and enjoys hiking and camping in his free time. Stop by the Parks and Recreation office and join us in welcoming Clinton to Moraga.



### COUNCIL TO DISCUSS HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE PROTECTION

The Town Council will consider one of its 2013 Goals regarding the protection of hillsides and ridgelines at its meeting on Wednesday, September 25. The Council will discuss the Town's existing regulations and policies and provide direction to staff. The public is invited to attend and/or submit comments. The meeting will be held at the JM Auditorium at 7:00 pm.



### MORAGA LIBRARY DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY COOLING CENTER

Until the facility at 331 Rheem Boulevard is completed for public use, Diane McDonnell, Library Manager, has graciously offered the Moraga Library for use as a temporary cooling center on days of extreme heat. Residents who are in distress due to high heat, and in need of transportation, should call the Moraga Police Department at 925-284-5010 and an officer will respond.



## PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE

The Town's paving project passed a milestone on Monday, September 9, when it completed the first phase of construction by finishing the chip seal stage of the job. The second phase, application of the micro seal treatment, is scheduled to be finished Friday, September 20. The final phase, applying traffic striping and final clean-up, is expected to be completed September 30. For a current schedule of paving dates, please visit the paving project page of the Town's website at [moraga.ca.us/paving\\_schedule](http://moraga.ca.us/paving_schedule). If you have any questions about the current paving project, or future paving updates, visit the Town's website at [moraga.ca.us/paving](http://moraga.ca.us/paving). Other questions can be directed to Ryan Perry, Construction Manager, at 925-209-9012 or [rperry@harris-assoc.com](mailto:rperry@harris-assoc.com). Project information is also on Facebook, at [facebook.com/MoragaMeasureK](https://facebook.com/MoragaMeasureK), where project personnel will post information daily, including work locations, pictures, and relevant information.



## NEW LEADERSHIP SERIES

Lamorinda residents are invited to attend a free series of workshops to sharpen leadership skills and connect with others trying to create a bright future for Moraga. On Thursday, September 26, the educational class will focus on *Increasing Engagement and Deepening Commitment*. On Thursday, October 10, the focus will be on *Cultivating a Vision within Your Organization and Connecting the Dots with Possible Partners*. On October 24, the class will share insights on *Working with Conflict in New and Creative Ways*. All classes will be held at the Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. RSVP to Maura Wolf, SMC Leadership Center, [maurawolf@aol.com](mailto:maurawolf@aol.com).



## PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Come out to the Moraga Commons Park on Saturday, September 28, for the 15th Annual Pear & Wine Festival! This is a family-friendly event featuring activities at the bandshell with DJ RyanO, wine tasting, pear pies, jumpies, food, artists, informational booths and more. Calling all chefs and artists - don't miss the Pear Recipe Contest and 2014 Pear & Wine Festival Poster Contest! Visit [moraga.ca.us](http://moraga.ca.us) for additional information.



## HACIENDA FOUNDATION SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga is seeking volunteer candidates for the Board of Directors to support their mission to *Enhance, Promote and Preserve the Hacienda de las Flores*. Candidates should have an interest in: organizing community events to celebrate and increase awareness of the Hacienda; planning and executing Hacienda renovation/enhancement projects; and raising funds for Hacienda projects. Visit [haciendafoundation.org](http://haciendafoundation.org) and click the *Contact Us* tab to express interest.



## LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD – OCTOBER WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCED

The first public events for the Livable Moraga Road project are scheduled for early October. On Thursday, October 3, plan to attend the Welcome Meeting and Open House, starting at 6:30 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, to learn more about the project and opportunities for public input. A Project Walking Tour is scheduled for Saturday, October 5. This fun, interactive event is an opportunity to view conditions "on the ground" and share ideas and observations with the project team at a series of scheduled stops along Moraga Road. Shuttle transportation will be provided, but participants are encouraged to walk, bike or carpool between stops. Please visit the project website at [moraga.ca.us/livablemoragaroad](http://moraga.ca.us/livablemoragaroad) for information or to sign up for email updates.



## **1800 DONALD DRIVE APPEAL**

On Wednesday, September 25, the Town Council will consider an appeal of a Planning Commission decision that approved construction of a single-family residence at 1800 Donald Drive. The Commission's approval included a Conditional Use Permit, Hillside Development Permit, and a Tree Removal Permit. The meeting will be held at the JM Auditorium at 7:00 pm.



## **NEW PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER APPOINTED**

At a Special Town Council Meeting on September 11, Robert Giomi was appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission to fill a vacancy expiring in March of 2014. Mr. Giomi has served on the Park and Recreation Commission, the Moraga Park Foundation, the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga and for ten years served as an original member of the Pear Festival Committee.



## **OKTOBERFEST – HACIENDA FOUNDATION STYLE**

Join the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga as they host one of their major community fundraisers to further their mission of enhancing awareness of the Hacienda de las Flores property. Party Oktoberfest-style with the entire family on Sunday, October 13, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Hacienda. Enjoy a live German band, Bavarian dancers, bratwurst and beer, strudel and pretzels, jumpies, pumpkin patch and pumpkin painting. New this year is the addition of the Diablo Regional Porsche Club. Celebrate the great beer, food, and cars of Germany. Visit [haciendafoundation.org](http://haciendafoundation.org).



## **PLANNING COMMISSION – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

On Monday, September 16, the Planning Commission will commence the update of Moraga's Sign and Zoning Regulations. The regulations have not been comprehensively updated since its adoption in 1980. The Commission will discuss the proposed approach, including ways to provide for community input throughout the process. The meeting will be held in the Mosaic Room at the Hacienda de las Flores and will start at 7:00 pm.



## **MORAGA LIBRARY BOOK SALE – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

The Friends of the Moraga Library will have a sale of donated books on Saturday, September 21, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The prices are unbeatable, from \$1.00 to \$5.00 in all categories. All books have been donated by local residents and all funds go to support the Moraga Library.



## **DESIGN REVIEW BOARD – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

On Monday, September 23, the DRB will review the design of the Camino Ricardo Residential Subdivision; proposed signs at Iron Kitchen Restaurant, 581 Moraga Road; exterior building changes at Union Bank, 1460 Moraga Way; and exterior deck replacements at 101-117 Ascot Way. The meeting will be held at the Moraga Library at 7:00 pm.



## **TOWN COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

On Wednesday, September 25, in addition to considering the appeal of 1800 Donald Drive, the Town Council is tentatively scheduled to discuss ridgelines and hillsides; the Storm Drain Outfall Repair Project with the City of Lafayette at 677 Moraga Road; and the second reading of an ordinance amending the design review regulations. The meeting will be held at the JM Auditorium at 7:00 pm.



## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

On Monday, September 30, the Climate Action Plan Task Force will hold one of its final meetings in the Moraga Library at 4:00 pm. The Task Force has been identifying options for the Town of Moraga to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. The public is invited to attend.



## UPCOMING AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Audit and Finance Committee will soon be reviewing the Town's year-end revenue and expenditure report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30 and considering whether to develop a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR") for the Town (improving on the current Basic Financial Statements). Also anticipated are the results of the mid-year field visit from the independent auditors, Maze & Associates, and discussing recommendations for improving the Town's internal controls. Watch for meeting date, time and location at [moraga.ca.us](http://moraga.ca.us).



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