



ABOUT TOWN ▪ APRIL 24, 2014 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TRIATHLON THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 26

It's not too late to find that swimsuit, dust off your bike and put on your running shoes. Race day registration will close at 7:00 am, this Saturday. If you are not up for exercise, you can always check in by 6:15 am at the Campolindo High School Quad and volunteer to assist. Volunteers receive a free event t-shirt and light breakfast snacks for their service.

Attention Campolindo, Camino Pablo, and Carroll Ranch residents and all Moraga motorists! On Saturday, April 26, from approximately 7:30 am to 11:00 am, Triathlon participants will be cycling and running in your residential areas as well as on Moraga Road, Canyon Road, Camino Pablo and Pinehurst. The Police Department, along with volunteers, will be monitoring and directing traffic, but there will be NO road closures. Please be patient, use caution and expect delays.



RESCUE ONE FOUNDATION DONATING FOUR AED'S TO MORAGA PD

In a presentation at the April 23 Council meeting, Gordon Nathan, on behalf of the Rescue One Foundation and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) presented the Moraga Police Department (MPD) with donated automated external defibrillators (AED's). The new AED's offer the latest technology and will be placed in MPD patrol cars for use in future life-saving efforts. MOFD Division Chief Darrell Lee explained the local history and success of the AED program. Moraga and Orinda Police Departments will each receive four new AED's valued at about \$2,000 each.



MORAGA OPPOSES LEGISLATIVE ACTION

On Wednesday, April 23, the Council discussed a recently approved House Resolution (HR29) and its call for legislation restricting contracted services by local governments. The Council voted unanimously to send a letter to Assembly member Joan Buchanan opposing the resolution in the strongest possible terms since HR29 and any future legislation would be in direct conflict with Moraga's well-documented and cost-effective success in contracting many of its services including the Town's legal representation, police dispatch, plan check, building inspection, survey services, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) preparation and other services. The Town does not have the financial ability to provide these services in-house.



PG&E PIPELINE PATHWAY UPDATE ON TREE-CUTTING

PG&E's "Pipeline Pathways" project to remove trees and structures along its gas transmission lines has begun in other cities. Although Moraga is scheduled for late summer, PG&E has already heard from residents, Council, and staff about the desire to protect both public and private trees along the Saint Mary's Road corridor. While PG&E has yet to inform the Town of the specific locations, properties impacted, and the potential trees at risk of removal, they have agreed to delay their plans until they meet with Moraga residents and officials.



2014 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR DINNER– FRIDAY, MAY 2

Cliff Dochterman, Former Rotary International President, Moraga Rotary Club President and long-time Rotary Club member was selected as the 2014 Citizen of the Year. Cliff will be honored at the Friday, May 2 Citizen of the Year dinner, 6pm at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center. Email Kathe Nelson (kathe@moragachamber.org) or call 925-323-6524 to purchase tickets at \$45 each.



CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA – SUNDAY, MAY 4

On Sunday, May 4, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm enjoy a live mariachi band, authentic Mexican food and drink and activities at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive. This annual family event is sponsored by the [Hacienda Foundation of Moraga](#) and is intended to provide another community-wide fundraising event so the Foundation can continue to partner with the Town to improve the Hacienda de las Flores.



BALLOT BOX FOR MEASURE A – TUESDAY, MAY 6

The Town is hosting a ballot box for the vote-by-mail-only election for Measure A. Measure A would extend a parcel tax for the Acalanes Union High School District. The ballot box will be located upstairs in the Town Clerk's Office between 9:00 am-5:00 pm Tuesday, May 6. Voters are encouraged to cast their ballots to be heard.



BIKE TO WORK DAY – THURSDAY, MAY 8

Celebrate National Bike Month by joining in Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 8! Bike to Work Day is a national event to encourage all workers to commute by bicycle. Energizer stations will be set up throughout the county to provide refreshments and promotional items to cyclists on their way to work. Visit The Bike to Work Day page at 511.org for more information on bike routes, energizer station locations, and contests.



THANK YOU MORAGA BEAUTIFUL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of the volunteers that assisted with improvements to Rancho Laguna Park and the Mulholland Open Space Preserve. Weeds were picked and benches, picnic tables and restrooms were painted. Efforts like this help keep our award-winning parks looking good. Next year, Moraga Beautiful will be April 18, 2015. Your volunteer service is greatly appreciated!



AFC REVIEWS THE FY 2013/14 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET-TO-ACTUALS REPORT

At its meeting on April 22, the Audit and Finance Committee reviewed and provided feedback to staff on the revenue and expenditure report for the current fiscal year 2013/14 through the third quarter (March 31, 2014). Overall, revenue receipts are consistent with receipts for the same period in the prior year, though gas tax receipts from the state are expected to come in slightly below budgeted expectations at year end. Total expenditures across all departments are on track to stay within the overall budget. The Town's current operating budget is \$6.9 million.



LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION AT THE HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES

A hydraulic study on the portion of Laguna Creek at the Hacienda de las Flores was completed, analyzing 10 alternatives to protect the Pavilion building during a 100-year flood event. On April 23,

Town Council concurred with the study's recommendation to remove the existing 8' diameter culvert and daylight that portion of Laguna Creek back to its natural state to prevent flooding. The Town is aggressively seeking grant opportunities to fund the estimated 1 million dollar project.



HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE UPDATE

The Town recently began the first round of public outreach for the Hillside and Ridgeline project, including Steering Committee meetings, a workshop, and stakeholder interviews on April 10 and 16. At the Steering Committee meetings, representatives of the Town Council, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission and Design Review Board highlighted their goals and concerns regarding hillside and ridgeline policies and regulations, focusing on the need to clarify the existing requirements and reduce ambiguity. The public workshop on April 16 had over 80 community members sharing their concerns and perspectives on key issues including the nature and type of development in hillside areas, specific aspects of the existing regulations, the ability of property owners to exercise development rights, and the effects (positive and negative) of growth in the community. Summaries of each meeting are being prepared by staff and the consultant team to be published on the Town's website. Another public workshop is anticipated to take place in early June. Please join the discussion on Open Town Hall at www.moraga.ca.us/opentownhall. For more information go to <http://www.moraga.ca.us/hillsides>.



FUNDING APPROVED FOR THE CANYON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

On April 16, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) approved the cooperative agreement to authorize Measure J Major Streets funding as the matching source for the Federal Highway Bridge Program grant that the Town received for the Canyon Bridge replacement project. On April 23, Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into the co-op agreement with CCTA. Coupled with the Measure J Major Streets funding, the project should be fully funded.



PROPOSED CODE ENFORCEMENT AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCES

Town staff has prepared two ordinances, one repealing and replacing Moraga Municipal Code Title 7 Health and Safety, Chapter 7.16 Nuisance Abatement and another adding Title 1 General Provision, Chapter 1.28 Administrative Penalties. The intent of these ordinances is to enhance the code enforcement capability of the Town and to improve the effectiveness of Town processes. Both ordinances are scheduled to be heard at a special Town Council meeting on May 21.



HETFIELD ESTATES PROJECT UPDATE

On April 23 the Town Council opened the public hearing on the appeal of the Hetfield Estates subdivision, which was approved by the Planning Commission on March 17. Council discussed on-street parking, Emergency Vehicle Access, and street lighting. After hearing comments from residents and Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD), Council directed staff to revise conditions of approval to require dedication of the easement and construction of a hiking trail, and to provide funding for the future widening of the unpaved fire trail should the Sanders Ranch HOA determine it feasible to connect it to Sanders Ranch Road. The Council also supported a modification to the layout of parking spaces within the subdivision, agreed that no additional on-street parking was necessary, and directed the elimination of a condition requiring street lighting. Staff will present the revised conditions at the continued hearing on May 21.



SIGN ORDINANCE UPDATE

A draft updated sign ordinance was presented and discussed at a joint Planning Commission and Design Review Board Study Session on April 15. The proposed sign ordinance will be revised and presented for consideration at the May 5 Planning Commission meeting. The staff report and study session materials from April 15 are available on the Town [website](#) (PDF).



HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The Town is beginning the required Housing Element update for the 2015 – 2023 cycle. The State is allowing the update to be completed through a streamlined process, recognizing the fact that Moraga’s Regional Housing Need Allocation has been reduced from the previous cycle. A Community Workshop to provide information and gather community input on the update is scheduled for Thursday May 22 at 7:00 pm in the Hacienda de las Flores, La Sala Building. For more information, contact Brian Horn, Associate Planner at bhorn@moraga.ca.us.



SPRING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Moraga Community Faire – Saturday, May 10, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Rheem Shopping Center
Health Expo for Boomers and Beyond – Friday, May 16, 12:30 to 4:30 pm, Orinda Community Center
Moraga Community Garage Sale – Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, various locations in Town
Local Wine Social, Art Exhibit & Sale – Thursday, May 29, 4:30-7:00 pm, Hacienda de las Flores
Free Family Movie Night (Disney’s FROZEN) – Saturday, May 31, 8:40 pm, Moraga Commons Park



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 28, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#) has been cancelled
Thursday, May 1, 6:00 pm – [Livable Moraga Road](#) TAC, Hacienda, La Sala Room
Thursday, May 8, 7:00 pm- [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room
Monday, May 12, 5:30 pm - [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building
Monday, May 5, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library Community Room
Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium
Monday, May 19, 7:00 pm – Joint Planning and Park & Recreation Commission, Moraga Library Community Room
Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 pm – Special Town Council Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 7:00 pm – Housing Element Workshop, Hacienda, La Sala Building
All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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