



ABOUT TOWN ▪ FEBRUARY 13, 2014 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS



The Hacienda is Moraga's beautiful community center and local venue for all special events; weddings, birthdays, team building, reunions, showers, anniversaries, retirements, corporate events and more. Tranquil and secluded, with landscaped grounds and lawns with a central patio and fountain, this historic estate is perfect for any celebration. The Hacienda de las Flores and Pavilion are located at 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. Visit moragahacienda.com for additional information.



SMALL VICTORIES LECTURE SERIES TONIGHT, FEBRUARY 13

The second in a series of five Leadership meetings will be held tonight by the Saint Mary's College (SMC) Leadership Center in partnership with the Town, Moraga Citizens Network, and Lamorinda Presents. The meeting of Lamorinda citizens will focus on small, short-term wins that each group defined to work and build momentum together. Tonight's lecture is entitled "Gaining Input from a Wide Diversity of Stakeholders & Creating Transformative Scenarios that Lead to Win-Win Situations." The meetings are held in the Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga, at 6:30 pm. A \$20 donation for the series would be appreciated. For more information, see [flyer](#).



MEASURE K SALES TAX REPORT

The Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee of the Measure K sales tax funds has been working diligently over the past months to prepare an annual independent report for the Town Council. The report summarizes the revenues and expenditures of Measure K funds, all of which are designated for the Town's Pavement/Infrastructure Program. The report will be presented to the Town Council at its meeting on February 26.



SUMMER CAMP EXPO – SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Join the Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, March 1, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Hacienda de las Flores for a sneak preview of the best summer camps in Moraga! Meet the camp staff, participate in sports demonstrations and activities, enjoy a free hot dog and receive an early registration discount on the day of the expo. For more information call 925-888-7036.



CAMINO RICARDO UPDATE

On February 12, the Town Council discussed a proposed Development Agreement (DA) between the Town and the developer, SummerHill Homes. The DA vests SummerHill's development rights and in exchange SummerHill would construct trails and pedestrian bridges, dedicate and improve a passive park/open space, construct a sidewalk along Camino Ricardo, and contribute funds for pedestrian/bicycle facilities along Moraga Road. The Council directed that the DA include the Laguna Creek bridge and a high visibility crosswalk in the vicinity of the skatepark. The revised draft DA will be considered again at the Town Council meeting on February 26.



JOINT FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The newly-formed Joint Facilities Planning Subcommittee met on February 10. This subcommittee, consisting of representatives from the Town, Moraga School District, Saint Mary's College and Campolindo High School, is tasked with inventorying existing resources and recommending ways to partner through joint use agreements and ways to improve and enhance sports fields/facilities within the Town of Moraga. The inventorying of existing fields was started and the subcommittee discussed overall scope; shared joint use agreements; potential field improvements; and a concept of the Town of Moraga Park and Recreation Master Plan-recommended multi-generational community center. Future meetings will be on the first Monday of each month at the Hacienda de las Flores from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The public is encouraged to attend.



LOCAL FIRM TO PROVIDE AUDIO AND VIDEO FOR MORAGA MEETINGS

At its February 12 meeting, the Town Council approved a contract selecting Silicon Connections of Moraga to design, purchase, install and provide training for a complete audio visual and technology system for up to \$165,000. The system will include assistive-listening devices, high definition monitors, and automated camera and production capabilities to enable Council and other meetings at 331 Rheem Boulevard to be televised on CCTV and viewable on the Town's website. The equipment will also enable improved data gathering and enhanced local communications in the event of a disaster.



CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

In light of California's drought emergency, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), who supplies the Town's water, has asked its customers to cut water usage by 10 percent. To cut down on water consumption, EBMUD suggests evaluation of your home's water use, find and fix leaks, turn off/reduce your outdoor irrigation, upgrade appliances and plumbing fixtures, and convert your thirsty lawn. For more information, visit [EBMUD's](#) website on more ways to conserve water.



LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD UPDATE

The Town Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Livable Moraga Road project met to review concepts for the Moraga Road corridor and its intersections with Woodford Drive, Rheem Boulevard, Corliss Drive, and St. Mary's Road. The project is focusing on ways to accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles along Moraga Road, from Campolindo Drive to St. Mary's Road. A public workshop will be scheduled in March. Please check the project's [website](#) for updates and ways to become involved.



GRAND JURY APPLICATIONS

The Contra Costa County Superior Court is currently accepting applications for Civil Grand Jury Service. The Grand Jury is made up of 19 volunteers who serve for one year, July through June, to monitor, review, and report on city and county governments. Jurors are expected to dedicate at least 20 hours per week to Civil Grand Jury service, and will receive a stipend. For more information or to apply, go to [Grand Jury](#) or call 925-957-5638.



AMERICAN RED CROSS AGREEMENT

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town and the American Red Cross was approved by the Town Council at the February 12 meeting. The MOU memorializes the relationship between the Town and Red Cross to serve our residents in a declared emergency. The MOU defines roles and expectations of both parties as related to ongoing disaster training and assignments in disaster response. The MOU is a successor to the last agreement executed in January of 2008.



SIGN ORDINANCE REVISIONS

The Town has initiated an update of the sign ordinance, Municipal Code Chapter 8.88. The updates will amend the ordinance to more closely reflect First Amendment (freedom of speech) provisions, make the code more user-friendly, and clarify sign permit procedures. Changes to regulations for some sign types, such as portable and temporary signs, are also being considered. A draft ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission in March for discussion.



1800 DONALD DRIVE UPDATE

At its February 12 meeting, the Town Council approved the proposed single family residence for a steep lot at 1800 Donald Drive. The Council's approval requires Town Council consideration and approval of a grading permit. The Council's action also specified that the lot was created prior to the Town's incorporation and under current General Plan policies and regulations would not be allowed. The Council also specified that the approval would not set a precedent for future projects.



CAMPOLINDO STUDENT ATHLETES HONORED

At the February 12 Town Council meeting, members of the Campolindo High School Girls and Boys Varsity Water Polo and Girls and Boys Varsity Cross Country were honored for their athletic accomplishments during the 2013 calendar year. Girls Water Polo won the CIF NCS Division II Championship and Boys Water Polo won the CIF NCS Division I Championship. Girls Cross Country won the Division III CIF State Championship and Boys Cross Country won the DFAL and Division III NCS Championships, finishing fourth in the Division III CIF State Championship. Aidan Goltra, a member of the Boys Varsity Cross Country team, won the CIF Division III individual championship and was selected to the DFAL, NCS and Northern California "All-League" teams. Congratulations to all the wonderful student athletes – Go Cougars!



PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on Monday, February 17, re-opening for business on Tuesday, February 18.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Hacienda, La Sala

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 pm – [Park & Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room

Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 pm – [Town Council Special Meeting](#), JM Library

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