



ABOUT TOWN ▪ FEBRUARY 27, 2014 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



SUMMER CAMP EXPO – SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Finalize the family's summer camp plans early by joining staff for a sneak preview of the best youth summer camps in Moraga. Meet counselors, participate in sports and activity demonstrations, and enjoy a free hot dog lunch this Saturday, March 1, Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Receive a 10% discount by registering for class on March 1!



CAMINO RICARDO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPROVED

At the February 26 meeting, the Town Council introduced an ordinance to approve a Development Agreement (DA) between the Town and SummerHill Homes, developer of the approved 26-lot Camino Ricardo project. Among the public benefits offered by the DA are the dedication and improvement of a 2.5 acre public open space/park and connecting trails, including new trail connections between Moraga Road and Camino Ricardo. The DA also includes construction of a new sidewalk along Camino Ricardo, a public "outlook point" within the subdivision, and financial contribution for pedestrian improvements along Moraga Road. SummerHill Homes anticipates beginning grading work this summer, with construction of the first homes starting in 2015.



CAMPOLINDO CROSSWALK REPAIR

During the wind storm in late November, the solar panel on top of the southbound Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon at the crosswalk on Moraga Road at Woodford Drive was blown off and damaged. The solar panel powers the flashing beacon and until the solar panel is replaced, the flashing beacon will not operate. The Town contracts with the County electrical maintenance division to repair/improve Town traffic signals and equipment. The Town has been in constant contact with the County and continues to be told that they are experiencing difficulty obtaining a new solar panel from the distributor. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (925) 888-7026 or publicworks@moraga.ca.us.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is a program of mutual assistance among neighbors aimed at reducing crime in the community at the grass roots level. It involves getting to know one's neighbors and introducing them to the concept that good neighbors working together can look out for one another's interests. Neighborhood Watch is designed to reduce burglaries and other neighborhood crimes by requesting your participation in the following manner: Know your neighbors and communicate with them; record car license numbers and descriptions of suspicious persons; have secure door and window locks, and use them; and never hesitate to call the Moraga Police Department, 925-284-5010 to report any suspicious persons or activities. Take the initiative and start a Neighborhood Watch program in your area. Call the MPD at (925) 888-7055, ext. 0, if you are interested in a home security audit or in hosting a Neighborhood Watch meeting. Burglars will generally avoid neighborhoods that are organized and actively participating in reporting suspicious activity.



MOTHER SON DANCE – FRIDAY, MARCH 7



On Friday, March 7, at 7:30 pm, the annual Mother Son Dance will be held at the Hacienda de las Flores. This will be a chance for boys in Kindergarten through 5th grade to treat their mom (or other favorite female role model) to a night to remember. \$20 per couple, \$10 for each additional son; cost includes an assortment of desserts, dancing, a flower for mom, and memories to last a lifetime! Pre-registration is required. [Register here](#).



SIGN ORDINANCE REVISIONS

The Town has initiated an update of Municipal Code Chapter 8.88, the sign ordinance, to more closely reflect First Amendment (freedom of speech) content provisions, make the code more user-friendly, and clarify sign permit procedures. Changes to regulations for maximum sign area and for some sign types, such as portable and temporary signs, are also being considered. A draft ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission on March 3 for discussion. Please visit the Planning Commission [webpage](#) to view the agenda, staff report and materials.



DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES UPDATE

At its February 26 meeting, a presentation from Libby Seifel of Seifel Consulting was given to the Town Council regarding the Town's current process of updating its development impact fee schedule, which was last updated in 2008. Impact fees are governed by state law to ensure that new development pays its "fair share" of impacts to the Town's facilities. The Town currently charges impact fees in five categories addressing parks, traffic, storm drainage, public safety and general government. The update will determine if the current development impact fees accurately reflect the cost of needed services and demand from new development, and, if necessary, to identify any needed amendments to the fee program. It is anticipated that the Town Council will discuss initial recommendations in May, with adoption of an updated fee program by the fall.



MORAGA'S FLOOD ZONES

The Town of Moraga lies within the Moraga Creek Watershed, which includes three major creeks: Moraga Creek, Laguna Creek, and Rimer Creek. These creeks and drainage channels are susceptible to flooding and have the potential to cause property damage. Certain areas within the Town are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as 100-year flood zones. A 100-year flood zone refers to a high risk area with a one percent chance of being flooded in any given year. Even homes not located in the 100-year flood zone can be subject to smaller floods. Residents located in flood-prone areas are encouraged to have the necessary supplies and materials, such as sandbags and plastic sheeting, to protect property and belongings during the rainy season. Visit FEMA's [website](#) to check if your home or business is located within a flood zone.



TOWN HALL MEETING WITH SENATOR DESAULNIER

State Senator Mark DeSaulnier is hosting a Town Hall Meeting on March 10, 2014 on the California State budget. This is a forum to share your ideas and concerns about the state's budget. The meeting will be held at the Lafayette Community Center, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. For more information, call (925) 942-6082 or visit the Senator's [website](#).



SECOND LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD PUBLIC WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

The second public workshop for the Livable Moraga Road project is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, at 6:45 pm, at the Hacienda de las Flores. Following the meetings last fall that identified issues, opportunities and constraints, the project team has developed a set of three concepts encompassing a range of possible “building blocks” for a safer and better-connected Moraga Road. This workshop will include a facilitated discussion to consider the pros and cons of these alternatives and help develop a recommended corridor concept. Check the project [website](#) for information and updates.



UNDERSTANDING THE TOWN’S STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM

There is limited information currently available about the condition of the Town’s storm drainage system including approximately 30 miles of pipeline. Much of the existing storm drainage system in Town has aged and continues to deteriorate with few or no repairs since the Town’s incorporation. As a result of the Town’s deferred maintenance of its storm drains, the Town has experienced two major failures resulting in sinkholes near Calle la Mesa in 2012 and on Center Street in 2006. Town Council approved a contract with Schaaf & Wheeler on February 26 to prepare a Storm Drain Master Plan. The project is a proactive approach to determine the needs, costs, and priorities associated with storm drain improvements. This information is critical for the Town to properly program future repair, replacement, and capacity of the Town’s storm drains.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, March 3, 5:30 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Hacienda, Garden Conf Room
Monday, March 3, 6:00 pm – [Joint Ad Hoc Facilities Planning Subcommittee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room
Monday, March 3, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Hacienda, La Sala
Monday, March 10, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library
Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium
Thursday, March 13, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room
All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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