



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ JANUARY 9, 2014 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### HOLIDAY OUTPOURING OF PUBLIC SUPPORT

The men and women of the Moraga Police Department (MPD) would like to thank the community for all of the support, gratitude, and encouragement shared during the recent holiday season. MPD staff was treated with many visits by local children, including a class from Del Rey Elementary school that filled the lobby with songs and laughter. Many others delivered cards, personal thanks, candy, home-baked treats, and of course donuts. The outpouring of support strengthens MPD's commitment to provide the best customer service possible while trying to keep our community safe. THANK YOU! In addition to the incredible kindness bestowed upon MPD personnel, once again the community stepped up to provide stuffed animals to children in emergencies. The Stuffed Animals For Emergencies (SAFE) campaign was a huge success with hundreds of donations. For a view, please go to [youtube.com](http://youtube.com).



### TOWN GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

The Moraga Town Council will consider the community's goals and priorities for 2014 with recently appointed Mayor Ken Chew at its annual Goal Setting Workshop on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 6:30 pm, in the La Sala Building at the Hacienda de las Flores. This is an opportunity for the public to weigh in and provide their input on Town goals, objectives, and projects for this year.



### MORAGA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of the Boards, Committees and Commissions that require citizen involvement. There will be **five** vacancies for the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee; **four** vacancies for the Park and Recreation Commission; **three** vacancies each for the Planning Commission and the Design Review Board; and **one** vacancy for the Audit and Finance Committee for 2014. For more information on how to apply, visit the Town's website at [moraga.ca.us](http://moraga.ca.us). The application deadline is Friday, January 24, at 4:00 pm.



### AD HOC FACILITIES PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE RECEIVES THE GREEN LIGHT

On January 8, at their regular meeting, the Town Council approved the formulation of an 11-member subcommittee consisting of representatives from the Town Council, Moraga School District Governing Board, Moraga Sports Alliance, Park and Recreation Commission, Saint Mary's College and Campolindo High School. The tasks of the subcommittee will be to inventory existing resources and recommend short-term (ways to partner through joint facility usage) and long-term facility planning (ways to improve and enhance sports fields/facilities) within the Town of Moraga. Subcommittee meetings will likely start in February with recommendations anticipated in the fall.



### BUY-A-BULB FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all who donated to the Buy-a-Bulb fundraiser to light the Holiday Tree at the Commons Park! The Town's goal was to raise \$5,000 through community donations and as of publication time, we have only raised \$1,025. If you enjoyed the Holiday Tree this year, it is not too late to donate. Please donate online or send checks to the Town of Moraga, Attn: Buy-a-Bulb, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. Thank you for your support!



## COUNCIL ACCEPTS TOWN'S FIRST COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

On January 8, the Town Council reviewed and accepted the Town's first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The CAFR is a comprehensive statement of the Town's financial activities. It is a significant improvement to the typical Basic Financial Statements as it provides a more complete and transparent view of the Town's finances, including trends and historical data. The information in the CAFR also satisfies the annual Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) disclosure requirements related to the recent \$7.72 million Certificates of Participation supported by Measure K. The independent auditor, Maze & Associates, issued a clean opinion on the Town's financial statements. The CAFR reports that the Town ended the year with a surplus of \$386,462, exceeding its reserve target of 50% by \$111,470. Consistent with Council policy adopted in 2012, the Council approved action to transfer the \$111,470 in additional surplus from the General Fund to the Infrastructure Preservation and Improvement (IPI) Fund to be allocated at a future time for infrastructure needs.



## CRIME DOWN SLIGHTLY IN 2013

Overall crime continues to decrease in Moraga, but residents still need to be reminded to secure homes and vehicles. The following represents a comparison of Moraga crimes reported to the California Department of Justice:

TYPE OF CRIME	2012	2013	% CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	No Change
Forcible Rape	1	4	Up 300%
Robbery	0	0	No Change
Assault	40	30	Down 25%
Burglary	29	39	Up 34%
Larceny	112	90	Down 20%
Auto Theft	11	21	Up 90%
<b>Total Crimes</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>Down 5%</b>

The burglary category includes residential and commercial. Moraga had 30 completed residential burglaries with property stolen and 73% of those were accomplished by entry via unlocked, open, or unsecured doors or windows. Property crimes can be positively impacted by individual attention to security and the Moraga Police Department urges everyone to be diligent in locking up and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.



## CROSSWALK FLASHING BEACON OUT OF ORDER

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 charges the battery that powers the flashing beacon and because the solar panel is damaged, the battery died and will not operate the flashing beacon. The solar panel cannot be repaired, so a replacement panel has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives. In the meantime, please use extra caution when driving in this area. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 925-888-7026 or [publicworks@moraga.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@moraga.ca.us).



## 1800 DONALD DRIVE APPEAL

On January 22, the Town Council will consider an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a proposed single-family home at 1800 Donald Drive, at a public hearing continued from the November 13, 2013 meeting. A number of questions which were raised at the November hearing regarding the project's conformance with the Municipal Code, including the Grading Ordinance and setbacks, will be addressed.



## WANT A SMALL VICTORY? COME TO THE SECOND SET OF LEADERSHIP SERIES

As a continuation of the well-received Leadership Series taught by the Saint Mary's College (SMC) Leadership Center, the Town, Moraga Citizens Network, SMC, and Lamorinda Presents are hosting a second series of five classes to allow us all to focus on small, short-term wins that build momentum and refine team and individual skills. The meetings start on Thursday, January 30, at 6:30 pm in the Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. A \$20 donation for the series would be appreciated. For more information, click on [Flyer](#).



## UPDATED BUILDING CODE ADOPTED

On January 8, the Town Council approved an ordinance adopting the 2013 California State Building Code (CBSC), with enhancements to some building requirements to address local seismic and fire hazards. The California Building Standards Commission adopted the 2013 CBSC, replacing the 2010 CBSC, as the new minimum required standards for building construction in California. The Town's modifications to the CSBC were similar to those adopted by Contra Costa County, which issues building permits and inspections for the Town, and those previously adopted in 2010.



## CAMINO RICARDO SUBDIVISION APPROVED

On January 6, the Planning Commission approved the Camino Ricardo project, a 26-unit single family residential subdivision within the Moraga Center Specific Plan Area. In addition to the 26 high-quality homes that will bring new property tax revenues to the Town, the project includes a number of public benefits, including dedication of a 2.5 acre public open space area, a public "outlook point" within the subdivision, and pedestrian improvements that support the goals and policies of the Moraga Center Specific Plan. The Commission debated the location of one of the two proposed pedestrian bridges that would connect from the open space area across Laguna Creek, and directed that alternate locations further south within the project area be analyzed and brought back for approval at a later date. The Commission also recommended approval of a Development Agreement with SummerHill Homes, the project applicant, which will be considered by the Town Council in February.



## AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13

The Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) is scheduled to meet on Monday, January 13 to review and discuss the FY 2013/14 Budget Mid-Year Review and proposed budget adjustments. The budget provides a working financial plan for the year. At mid-year, there is the opportunity to assess the revenues and expenditures for the first half of the fiscal year (through December 31) to identify major variances between actual transactions and estimated budget amounts. Subsequent to the AFC discussion, the Town Council will consider the Mid-Year Review at its next meeting on January 22. The AFC meeting will start at 5:30 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, Garden Conference Room. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend.



## MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – JANUARY 20, 2014

The Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The offices will re-open Tuesday, January 21.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, January 13, 5:30 pm – [Audit & Finance Committee](#), Hacienda, Garden Conference Room

Monday, January 13, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 pm – [Town Council Goal Setting Workshop](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building

Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 pm – [Traffic Safety Advisory Committee](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building

Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 pm – [Park & Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room

Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium

Wednesday, January 29, 4:30 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Location TBD

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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