



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ JULY 17, 2014 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### KIDS' DAY TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

**Saturday, July 26**



On Saturday, July 26 the Moraga Police Officers Association, in partnership with the New Rheem Theatre will present "Kids' Day," a fundraiser for Special Olympics. Bring your kids or grandkids to a special \$5 matinee showing of *Shrek* at 11:00 am followed by kid fun with a bounce house, face painting, balloons, carnival games, and more! The Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club has donated funds to support Special Olympics and club members will be assisting at the event. See the flyer at the [Moraga POA website](#). For more details contact Sgt. Brian South at 925-888-7052. Thank you!



### LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD

The public is invited to attend the Livable Moraga Road Town Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on Tuesday, July 29, at 7:00 pm at La Sala at the Hacienda de las Flores. The TAC will focus on alternative ways to accommodate motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians along Moraga Road between Donald Drive and Corliss Drive. For more information visit [Livable Moraga Road](#).



### PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

#### **THANK YOU FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTORS**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2014 Buy-A-Rocket fireworks fundraising campaign! Your contributions helped us reach our \$24,000 goal and hosted friends and neighbors to another amazing July 4th celebration. We could not have met our goal without your help!

#### **THANK YOU KIWANIS CLUB**

On Monday, July 14, seven Kiwanis members went to work on the front exterior of the Moraga Library. Cobwebs were removed, light fixtures were cleaned (inside and out), window panes were washed, window sills were cleaned and the tile entryway was rinsed down as well. This Kiwanis service project provided needed upkeep to a valuable Town resource. Thank you Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley for your continued efforts to keep Moraga a beautiful place for all to enjoy.

#### **FAMILY CAMPOUT – SATURDAY, JULY 26**

Thanks to everyone who registered for this new event! Regular users of Rancho Laguna Park should note that starting mid-day on July 26, staff will be preparing the grounds for over 100 overnight guests. No off-leash animals will be allowed during the evening of July 26 and the morning of July 27. For questions please contact Recreation Assistant Clinton Calkins at 925-888-7036.

#### **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Hosted by the Moraga Park Foundation, the 2014 Free Summer Concert Series at the Moraga Commons Park is off to a great start. There are five Thursday evening concerts left. Find a complete schedule and additional information at [Moraga Park Foundation](#).



## MORAGA NIGHT OUT – TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

The Moraga Citizen Corps Council (MCCC) presents the 2014 Moraga Night Out on Tuesday, August 5. As part of the National Night Out campaign to improve crime prevention and emergency preparedness, the MCCC will help individuals schedule events in their neighborhoods to have fun, get to know each other better, and to discuss improving their own emergency preparedness. Town staff, elected officials, and Police and Fire personnel will visit the neighborhood events to discuss preparedness, provide materials and bring police, fire and ambulance vehicles to see. If you are interested in hosting an event, please contact [nightout@moraga.ca.us](mailto:nightout@moraga.ca.us) to register.



## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

### **2014 PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT**

On July 16, Council awarded a construction contract to Bay Cities & Grading to pave 28 street segments rated in “Poor” condition with rubberized or conventional overlays. Construction is anticipated to start early August and end late October, assuming ideal construction conditions. A complete list of street segments, limits, and treatment types can be found at [2014 Pavement Repair Project](#). Volunteers have already started a door-to-door educational campaign for those living on streets to be repaved. On Thursday, July 24, two public outreach Town Hall meetings (3:30 pm and 6:00 pm) will be held at the La Sala building of the Hacienda de las Flores. The meetings will provide another opportunity for the public to learn more about the project before construction begins.

### **MORAGA COMMONS PARK PATHWAY REPAIR**

On July 16, Council amended a Purchase Order with JV Lucas Paving to complete resurfacing the interior and exterior pathways at the Moraga Commons Park. The work should be completed within the next month.

### **CITY OF LAFAYETTE RELIEZ STATION ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

The contractor has completed work on the utility structures early, so the road is now open and will remain open until further notice. The next phase of work is the final paving, striping, and other finishing work that will take about five days to complete. The asphalt plant cannot deliver at this time, so it is unclear when materials will be available for final paving. Tentatively, the contractor is targeting a 5-day period during the first couple weeks of August. When the work starts, the road will be closed again. The City of Lafayette will post the dates on their electronic signs and have more information on their [website](#). Remember the next road closure will cause delays on Moraga Road.

### **PUBLIC WORKS SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

After over four years of service to the Public Works Department, Travis McCord has taken a job with a nonprofit organization that monitors public agency compliance with the public contract code. Please be patient as we adjust to his departure.



## TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

On November 4, 2014, Moraga voters will elect two Councilmembers. The nomination period is now open and will close on Friday, August 8 at 5:00 pm. If one of the incumbent officeholders does not file by the August 8 deadline, the nomination period for that vacancy will be extended (for any qualified person, other than the incumbent) until Wednesday, August 13. Nomination papers must be obtained from the Town Clerk’s office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, during the nomination period. Candidates are invited to contact the Town Clerk’s office at 925-888-7022 for election details.



## TOWN'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Town achieved another milestone in receiving a national award of excellence from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2013. The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The CAFR is a comprehensive document of the Town's financial activities and provides a 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 disclosure requirements related to the recent \$7.72 million Certificates of Participation supported by Measure K. The GFOA Award of Excellence for Financial Reporting recognizes the Town's commitment to provide full disclosure and transparency of its financial standing and management of public funds.



## WEST NILE VIRUS INFECTED MOSQUITOES PROMPT SPRAYING

The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District confirmed on July 15 that two more groups of mosquitoes and three additional birds tested positive for West Nile virus. The District fogged for adult mosquitoes in Discovery Bay and along the Martinez waterfront. All 2014 West Nile virus activity and locations can be found on the [Mosquito & Vector Control](#) website. The District notes that once the adult mosquitoes have the virus, they are capable of infecting people and everyone is susceptible. Fogging notifications with interactive maps are available via email to those who sign up for the service at their website.



## COUNCIL INITIATES MORAGA GHAD

The Town Council took the first step to create a Moraga Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) at a special meeting on July 16. Three developments, Palos Colorados, Rancho Laguna II, and Hetfield Estates, must be included within a GHAD to address on-site geologic hazards, particularly landslides. State law authorizes GHADs to prevent, mitigate, abate or control geologic hazards.



## CATTLE GRAZING CONTRACT FOR MULHOLLAND OPEN SPACE EXTENDED

At the July 16 special meeting the Town Council extended the current cattle grazing agreement with John Hoover to graze cattle on the upper and lower portions of Mulholland Open Space Preserve, through August 31, 2019. Grazing cattle also minimizes fire hazards on the property.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS CONDUCTED INTERIM FIELD VISIT TO TOWN OFFICES

Maze & Associates will serve as the independent auditor of the Town's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. They started the auditing process with an interim field visit in June, which specifically focused on the Town's internal controls. The audit process is extensive and takes more than six months to complete.



## 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER UPDATE OF COUNCIL GOALS

The second quarter of the year was very productive for the Council. They reviewed and approved a new Nuisance Abatement Ordinance, Sign Ordinance, and drafted an Administrative Citation Ordinance. The Community Electronic Marquee Sign design was also finalized with input from the Design Review Board. The Livable Moraga Road Project continues to receive input and focuses on improving Moraga Road for all residents. The remodel of the Corporation Yard to include a

community meeting room has also received fire and sanitary sewer permits with all other permits expected shortly. Finally, the Town expanded its community outreach through the successful launch of [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com).



## TOWN COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE RECESS

The Town Council has cancelled the July 23 and August 13 Town Council meetings to provide a legislative break. The Council will resume meeting on August 27, 2014.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, July 21, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library

Wednesday, July 23 – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, July 23, 6:00 pm – [Joint Facilities Planning Subcommittee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room

Monday, July 28 – [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED

Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 pm – [Livable Moraga Road](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building

Monday, August 4 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Monday, August 11, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library

Wednesday, August 13 – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED

Monday, August 18, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library

Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room

Wednesday, August 27, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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