



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



4TH OF JULY FUN FOR EVERYONE



Enjoy a full day of food, parades, fun and games at the Commons Park on Thursday, July 4th! The day of entertainment starts with a [fun run/walk](#), pancake breakfast, dog parade, children's bike parade, old-fashioned kids' games, magic show, jumpies, food booths, free concert with BUSTA Groove, and ends with a bang with FIREWORKS! For details visit the Town [website](#).



PG&E PLANS TO REMOVE 180 TREES

PG&E will begin its *Electric Overhead Vegetation Management Program* (not to be confused with the *Pipeline Pathways Project*) to keep safe distances from its transmission lines over the next four to eight weeks. PG&E plans to remove up to 180 trees throughout Moraga, mostly within the Scofield area since they are concerned about fire damage on that hill. The Town has been told that PG&E will delay major tree removals until the neighbors are better informed about their plans. If you have any questions, contact PG&E's Vegetation Program Manager, April Kennedy at (209) 662-0082.



FISCAL YEAR 2014/15 BUDGET ADOPTED

At the June 11 Town Council meeting, the Council adopted the annual spending plan for the new fiscal year starting July 1. The budget includes an updated Five-Year Financial Projection and a comprehensive Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. The budget reflects the Town's prudent financial values and is structurally balanced, using only recurring sources for recurring expenses. Though the budget is balanced, the demands for higher quality services and maintenance of existing assets like the Hacienda de las Flores and Library, are greater than what existing revenues can support. Next year's budget uses available fund balances for a few capital projects that will address some of this deferred maintenance, as well as funding for the Street Rehabilitation Program supported by Measure K Sales Tax revenues. The comprehensive [budget](#) is on the Town's website.



4TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY AT THE RHEEM THEATRE

Join the community to celebrate the 4th Anniversary of the reopening of The New Rheem Theatre. On Wednesday, June 25, at 1:00 pm, 4:00 pm and 7:30 pm, the theatre will show free screenings of "The Majestic," starring Jim Carrey. Also, the new Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliant interior chair lift will be dedicated at 5:30 pm, followed by a reception dinner at 6:00 pm provided by Shelby's Restaurant for \$35; visit [Lamorinda Theatres](#) for tickets.



SUMMER CAMPS, CLASSES & CAMP OUT!

School is out and summer has arrived! View the Town's camps and classes for youth and adults online. Choose from sports, LEGO building, beach volleyball, filmmaking, music, CPR and more! All

three elementary schools are again offering [Camp Kinder Cool](#) (kindergarten prep), and [Camp Hacienda](#) day camp continues with weekly themed activities for ages 5 to 10. Sign up today to save a space! New and not to be missed is the [Family Camp Out](#) at Rancho Laguna Park Saturday, July 26!



VACATION HOUSE WATCH

Summer vacation time is almost here and the Moraga Police Department (MPD) provides a vacation house watch service as part of their patrol duties. To have your home checked periodically while on vacation, visit the [Moraga Police Department](#) website to submit the request form electronically. All information is kept confidential and is only used if an emergency occurs. Remember to contact MPD if your travel plans change, especially if you return home early for any reason.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

CODE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCES UPDATE

On June 11, the Town Council adopted an ordinance repealing and replacing Moraga Municipal Code Title 7 Health and Safety, Chapter 7.16 Nuisance Abatement. The new ordinance will streamline the nuisance abatement process and establish a two-step appeal process. A second ordinance that was discussed, which would add Title 1 General Provision, Chapter 1.28 Administrative Penalties, was continued until September 10. The staff report and draft ordinances from the June 11 meeting are available on the Town [website](#).

SIGN ORDINANCE UPDATE

On June 11, the Town Council introduced an ordinance amending in its entirety Chapter 8.88, Signs and Outdoor Advertising, of Title 8, Planning and Zoning, of the Town of Moraga Municipal Code. The draft ordinance includes revisions that clarify exempt and prohibited signs, organize design standards for commercial and non-commercial signs by zoning district, and amend the review process. The Town Council will consider adopting the ordinance at its June 25 meeting.

HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE PROJECT UPDATE – INPUT INVITED ON “OPEN TOWN HALL”!

About 60 community members attended the Hillside and Ridgeline project workshop at Saint Mary’s College on June 5. The workshop included an overview of hillsides regulations and participation in an interactive quiz. Community members also used handheld voting devices to prioritize their most important issues for discussion. Results can be viewed at [Hillside and Ridgeline Project](#). Even if you weren’t able to attend the meeting, the Town wants to hear from you. Open Town Hall is an online forum for civic engagement, and will shortly be updated to allow you to participate in the prioritization exercise, as well as provide comments on the background report, and share your thoughts, issues and concerns. Join the conversation at [Open Town Hall](#).



SUPPORT THE FIREWORKS, BUY-A-ROCKET!

Continue the tradition and help the community raise \$24,000 for the annual July 4th fireworks! To date, we have raised \$2,740 towards our goal. Please contribute to the Buy-A-Rocket fund and help preserve this event. [Donate online](#) or send a check to Moraga Parks and Recreation, 2100 Donald Dr., Moraga, CA 94556, Attn: Buy-A-Rocket. Thank you for your donations, see you on the 4th!



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES BEGINS JUNE 19

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors for evenings of free family fun at the park! The Summer Concert Series, brought to you by the Moraga Park Foundation, begins Thursday, June 19, and continues each week ending August 21 (except July 3). Concerts are 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, with

the concession stand opening at 6:00 pm for dinner. Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs to the grassy hillside at the Moraga Commons Park and enjoy the music! Full schedule and additional information at moragaparks.org.



MORAGA DEEMED 5TH SAFEST COMMUNITY IN CALIFORNIA

The Town was recently notified by Movoto, a national online real estate brokerage, that Moraga is rated the fifth safest community in California. Movoto states their blog has been recognized for its unique approach to city-based research by [major news organizations](#) such as Forbes and U.S. News. FBI crime statistics were used to compare relative safety of cities with population of 10,000 or more. For the listing of the top ten safest communities and complete description of the methodology used, please go to [Movoto Blog](#).



SMC BASKETBALL HISTORY TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL

The community is invited to enjoy some local basketball history when Saint Mary's College men's basketball returns to campus this month for the 2014 Gaels Basketball All-Star Classic & Alumni Weekend at McKeon Pavilion. Scheduled for June 29 at 6:00 pm, tickets are available in advance [online](#) or by visiting the SMC Athletic Ticket Office, kids aged 12 and under receive free admission. San Antonio Spurs Patty Mills, Cleveland Cavalier Matthew Dellavedova and numerous other professional players are scheduled to participate.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, June 16, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library Community Room
Tuesday, June 17, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room
Wednesday, June 18, 5:00 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room
Monday, June 23, 6:00 pm – [Joint Ad Hoc Facilities Subcommittee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room
Monday, June 23, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library Community Room
Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Regular Meeting, JM Auditorium
All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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.



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