



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



CAFÉ HACIENDA UPDATE

At the March 12 meeting, the Town Council accepted the Hacienda Subcommittee's recommendation to discontinue the operation of Café Hacienda as of April 1, 2014 due to conflicting needs of the Café and the various community uses for the Hacienda kitchen facility. The Subcommittee had been formed to discuss the viability of continuing a long-term café-type operation at the Hacienda. Café Hacienda will continue to serve through the end of March and hopes to open a full-time café and bakery at 337 Rheem Boulevard in the near future.



SMALL VICTORIES LECTURE TONIGHT

The fourth meeting of the five-part series of Leadership lectures will be held tonight in the Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga, at 6:30 pm. The meeting of Lamorinda citizens is designed to have participants realize small victories and gain overall strategies for success. Tonight's lecture is entitled "Working with Conflict, Diversity and Creative Solutions." The Lecture Series is sponsored by the Saint Mary's College (SMC) Leadership Center in partnership with the Town, Moraga Citizens Network, and Lamorinda Presents. A \$20 donation for the series is appreciated. For more information, see [flyer](#).



LIEUTENANT JEFF PRICE TO RETIRE

After more than 32 years of service to the Moraga Police Department, Lt. Jeff Price will retire on Friday, March 21. Jeff was hired as a Moraga Police Officer on October 10, 1981 and has risen through the ranks to Corporal, Sergeant, and Lieutenant. Jeff will be greatly missed and will be hard to replace. Please join us in celebrating his well-earned retirement at a Moraga Country Club dinner on Saturday, March 29 at 6:00 pm, \$40 per person, which includes a gift contribution. Please contact Cheryl Teixeira at Teixeira@moraga.ca.us to make a reservation.



CAMPOLINDO CROSSWALK FLASHING BEACON UP AND RUNNING

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, making it inoperable. A new solar panel was difficult to obtain, but the flashing beacon is now up and running, thanks to persistent effort by public works staff to get the panel replaced.



TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCONTINUED

At the March 12 meeting, the Town Council voted to discontinue the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) due to difficulty in recruiting citizens to serve and relatively few neighborhood Traffic Action Requests (TARs) submitted. The Council thanked current and past committee members and expressed appreciation for their dedication and the extensive experience they shared.



LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD WORKSHOP, MARCH 19, 7PM AT THE HACIENDA

Join us for a Livable Moraga Road public workshop on Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 pm (doors open 6:45 pm), at the Hacienda de las Flores. The workshop invites community input on three

concepts encompassing a range of possible “building blocks” for a safer and better-connected Moraga Road, including new bicycle and pedestrian facilities, intersection improvements and adjustments to vehicle lanes. This workshop will include small-group discussions to consider the pros and cons of these alternatives, and help develop a recommended corridor concept. Workshop information, and materials, including a preview of concepts to be discussed at the meeting are available on the project webpage: www.moraga.ca.us/livablemoragaroad. Refreshments will be served. Contact Ellen Clark, Senior Planner at eclark@moraga.ca.us for more information.



EDY SCHWARTZ HONORED BY CONTRA COSTA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Contra Costa Commission for Women will honor Moraga resident Edy Schwartz as one of its 2014 Women’s Hall of Fame Honorees. Edy will be inducted on Thursday, March 20 as one of this year’s “Women Contributing to the Arts.” Edy has helped save the New Rheem Theatre from permanent closure on two different occasions, and has worked passionately and tirelessly to ensure the Theatre remains a community gem. She also headed up a fundraising campaign that raised \$200,000 for digital projectors and other improvements to the New Rheem Theatre. In addition, Edy has served as the Director of Community Marketing for the California Independent Film Festival for the past four years, promoting independent film to the local community. The Town congratulates Edy on her recognition and thanks her for all of her dedicated service to the arts and the community.



MEASURE K OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DELIVERS INDEPENDENT REPORT

The Measure K Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee completed its 2013 annual independent report on Measure K revenues and expenditures. The Committee made several conclusions including: (1) Measure K revenue is being appropriately sequestered and routinely tracked, reported and monitored; (2) use of the revenues appears to be consistent with the goals of Measure K; (3) the 2013 Pavement Program was accomplished on time and within budget; and (4) the Pavement Repair Program is proceeding in a manner consistent with the commitments made to Moraga voters. The Town Council accepted the report at its meeting on March 12, 2014.



MEET ONE-ON-ONE WITH SENATOR DESAULNIER

If you have ideas on how to improve our community, now is your chance to discuss them face-to-face with your local representative! State Senator Mark DeSaulnier is holding one-on-one meetings with Moraga residents on Saturday, March 22, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Filippi Academy Hall at Saint Mary’s College. For more information, call 925-942-6082. No appointment necessary.



AWARD-WINNING TOWN ENGINEERING STAFF

Prior to working for the Town, Senior Civil Engineer Laurie Suggang worked for Contra Costa County as the design engineer on the Upper Sand Creek Basin project, a \$10 million flood protection and habitat restoration project. On February 27, the local chapter of the American Public Works Association awarded Contra Costa County the prestigious prize of featured Project of the Year. Since joining our staff, Laurie has graced us with her valuable skills that served the County in award-winning fashion. The Town is proud to have talented engineers like Laurie.



2013 PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT RECOGNITION

The League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties/County Engineers Association of California selected the Town’s 2013 Pavement Repair Project as a top 20 finalist in the 2014 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program. This Awards Program was developed to recognize and raise awareness of exceptional achievements made by California cities and counties to preserve and protect the public’s investment in local streets and road systems. The Town’s project will be highlighted at the 2014 Public Works Officers Institute.



CAMINO RICARDO UPDATE

At the March 12 meeting, the Town Council adopted an Ordinance approving a Development Agreement (DA) between the Town and SummerHill Homes for the Camino Ricardo subdivision. The DA includes numerous benefits for the Town, including dedication and improvement of a 2.5 acre public park; construction of pedestrian trails and bridge crossings that will connect from Camino Ricardo to Moraga Road and the Commons Park; a new sidewalk connection; and contributions towards pedestrian improvements on Moraga Road. The DA's community benefit, together with required Development Impact Fees, has an estimated value to the Town of \$2.9 Million. The applicant and Town staff will be working together over the next several months to finalize Improvement Plans and the Final Map, as well as the final design for the new public park.



UPCOMING PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS!

Spring Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 12, 10:00 and 11:00 am, Moraga Commons Park. Children 8 and under will enjoy an egg hunt, games, and more! Tickets available at moragajuniors.org.

Moraga Beautiful – Saturday, April 12, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Rancho Laguna Park. Wear painting clothes and be ready to spruce up our beautiful park system. Individuals and groups welcome!

Moraga Triathlon – Saturday, April 26. Athletes register at moragatri.com; if you or your group is interested in volunteering please email tri@moraga.ca.us. Volunteers receive a free event T-shirt.

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta – Sunday, May 4, 2:00 to 6:00 pm, live mariachi band, authentic Mexican food and drink, and activities for all ages. Visit haciendafoundation.org for additional information.

Moraga Community Garage Sale – Saturday, May 17, Moraga residents hold garage sales at home, Town provides marketing and sale maps. [Register online](#), 925-888-7036 for additional information.



FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE IDENTIFIES SOME POTENTIAL PROJECTS

The Joint Ad Hoc Facilities Planning Subcommittee met on March 3 to complete the facilities/fields inventory from the Town of Moraga, Moraga School District, Saint Mary's College (SMC) and Campolindo High School. Subcommittee members as well as members of the public, representing local youth sports organizations, addressed the desire to improve local fields and indoor gym space. Staff was tasked with addressing conceptual ideas on Town property, Moraga School District property and Campolindo High School. Concepts such as a multi-court gym facility in the Commons Park Back 40; reconfiguring fields at Campolindo High School, Rheem School and Joaquin Moraga Intermediate (JM); and a potential multi-generational community center were discussed. The next Subcommittee meeting will be Monday, April 7, at 5:30 pm at the SMC Soda Center. The public is invited to attend.



PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION ON HETFIELD APPEALED

At their March 3 meeting, the Planning Commission approved a General Development Plan, Vesting Tentative Map, Conditional Use Permit and Hillside Development Permit for Hetfield Estates, a 7-lot single family home subdivision on a 58.2-acre property located at the southern end of Hetfield Place. The decision included removing the requirement that the developer construct the Emergency Vehicle Access road through its property toward Sanders Ranch and the reduction of three on-street parking spaces, from the eleven required two years ago as part of the project's Conceptual Development Plan. Both of these items have been appealed by two members of the Town Council to give residents an opportunity for further analysis and community input.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED

The Town Council has cancelled its March 26, 2014 meeting. The Council will resume its regularly scheduled meetings on Wednesday, April 9, 2014.



DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ITEMS CONSIDERED

On March 10, the Design Review Board (DRB) approved new illuminated signage for Great Clips and Massage Envy Spa, two new businesses within the Rheem Shopping Center. The DRB also conducted a study session for City Venture's Town Center Homes project to provide feedback on site design and architecture. This project is located between Moraga Way and Country Club Drive next to the Moraga-Orinda Fire Station 41 on approximately 3 acres, and proposes 36 cottages and townhomes.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, March 17, 6:00 pm – Special [Planning Commission](#) Sign Ordinance Meeting, Moraga Library Community Room

Monday, March 17, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library Community Room

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

Wednesday, March 19, 6:45 pm – [Livable Moraga Road Community Workshop](#), Hacienda

Monday, March 24, 6:30 pm – Citizen Corps Council, Hacienda, La Sala

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