



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ MAY 16, 2014 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – SATURDAY, MAY 17

Come out this Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for the Moraga Community Garage Sale. There are 25 registered garage sales taking place throughout town. Maps with garage sale listings are available [online](#).



### LOCAL WINE SOCIAL, ART EXHIBIT & SALE – THURSDAY, MAY 29

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga presents a Local Wine Social, Art Exhibit & Sale Thursday, May 29, 4:30 to 7:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive. Captain Vineyards will pour their wines, and 25+ local artists affiliated with Marianne Brown will exhibit their artworks. Entry is free and wine is \$10 per glass. Visit [haciendafoundation.org](http://haciendafoundation.org) for additional information.



### FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – SATURDAY, MAY 31



Cool down and kick-off your Summer with Elsa, Anna, Olaf, and the rest of the *Frozen* gang! The Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC) is hosting a free outdoor presentation of *Frozen* at the Moraga Commons Park on Saturday, May 31! Bring friends and family, enter the raffle, and enjoy refreshments sold by the MYIC. All proceeds help fund future projects and events benefiting the youth of Moraga. Movie begins at approximately 8:40 pm, depending on darkness. The Moraga Commons Park is located at the intersection of Moraga Road and St. Mary's Road.



### PARCEL TAX SENIOR EXEMPTIONS

The Town has received several inquiries regarding the senior exemption for the Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) Measure A which was recently passed by the voters. Residents who want to know if they qualify should call the AUHSD Business Services Department at 925-280-3900 ext. 6608 or click on [Parcel Tax Senior Exemption](#) to complete the exemption form.



### CAMINO RICARDO SUBDIVISION UPDATE

On May 14 the Town Council held a public hearing to consider amendments to two Conditions of Approval for the Camino Ricardo project, related to the proposed pedestrian bridge and crosswalk associated with the project and included as components of the recently approved Development Agreement between the Town and the Developer, SummerHill Homes. The amendments are necessary for consistency between the Conditions of Approval, which were adopted before the Development Agreement was approved.



### TOWN'S FEE SCHEDULE UPDATED

Updates to the fees that the Town charges for various services and programs, such as development services, facility rentals, and recreation classes, were approved at the Council meeting on May 14 and will take effect on July 14, 2014.



## BALANCED BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED TO TOWN COUNCIL ON MAY 28

The Town's spending plan for Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget, along with an updated Five-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Program, will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on May 28. The proposed budget is the culmination of a process that started in February and included an internal review of services provided by the Town and the annual revenues needed to support these services. Sales tax from Measure K is strong and all revenue receipts are being directed to the Street Rehabilitation Program, while the Town's other general taxes remain relatively flat but stable.



## LOCAL BALLOT BOX A HUGE SUCCESS

For the first time, the Contra Costa County Elections Division placed a ballot box in a City Clerk's office when Moraga's Town Clerk agreed to monitor it constantly from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 6. The experiment greatly exceeded the Election Division's expectations. Over 224 vote-by-mail ballots were cast in the Town offices with most voters expressing their appreciation that they could conveniently vote in their own Town, saving a drive to Lafayette or Orinda.



## LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD UPDATE

On May 14 The Town Council previewed draft concepts for Moraga Road, developed based on community feedback on key issues. The draft concept includes a continuous multi-use path, sidewalks and bike lanes, and intersection modifications to improve safety and traffic flow. Travel lane modifications are proposed for the area between Donald Drive and Corliss Drive, including reduction of the existing four lanes to three (two travel lanes plus a center turn lane) to accommodate trails and sidewalks within this physically constrained segment. Some Councilmembers expressed concern about this change on traffic, and the Council also requested additional study of right-of-way conditions, as well as more public outreach to obtain input on the draft concept, which the project team will continue to refine. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the concepts at an upcoming community workshop. The information presented to the Town Council is available for review at [Livable Moraga Road](#).



## LAMORINDA ALCOHOL POLICY COALITION

In April, members of the Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition tested Moraga's retail alcohol sales outlets for compliance of clerks checking a buyer's age before selling alcohol. In each case, the store clerk properly asked for identification, and refused the sale when the buyer stated they did not have their identification with them. The Coalition then advised the clerk of the test and recognized them for their efforts to curb underage alcohol sales.



## GEOLOGIC HAZARD AND ABATEMENT DISTRICT FORMATION

On May 14, the Town Council considered options for the formation of a Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) for several proposed developments with conditions of approval requiring GHADs. GHADs are formed for the purposes of managing and abating geologic hazards such as landslides. The Town Council gave direction to staff to work on formation of a GHAD for Moraga, with boundaries, at a minimum to include Rancho Laguna II, Palos Colorados, and Hetfield Estates. The Town Council also expressed its preference to serve as the GHAD Board. Staff will be working with ENGEO, a leading expert in GHAD formation and management, to advise on the process.



## CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA FUN FOR EVERYONE

Many thanks to the Hacienda Foundation and volunteers who made the 6th annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta such a success! While the kids enjoyed the jumpies, tortilla making, and piñatas, adults were entertained by Mariachis, great food, authentic margaritas and Mexican beer. All proceeds go to the Hacienda Foundation to improve the Hacienda de las Flores for all to enjoy for years to come!



## PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

### ***2014 Pavement Repair Project***

On May 14, Town Council approved a contract with Ghirardelli Associates to provide construction management and inspection services for the upcoming 27 street segments that will be receiving Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (RHMA) or Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) overlays or "mill and fill" treatments of various thicknesses this year. The construction will go out to bid on May 19 and be awarded by Town Council on July 9.

### ***Storm Drain Master Plan***

In the upcoming weeks, Town staff and consultants will be out on the streets gathering data about the storm drain collection system including televising a portion of higher risk pipelines to assess their condition. This phase of the project will eventually assist with determining the needs, costs, and priorities to repair damaged pipelines and potentially increase pipeline capacity to reduce flooding.

### ***Street Light Master Plan***

On May 14, Town Council approved a contract with W-Trans to provide a comprehensive plan with a proactive approach to determine future needs, costs, and priorities associated with street light improvements and standards. Keep an eye out for public outreach opportunities!

### ***Keeping our Creek Waters Clean***

In 1987, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act expanded the NPDES permit program to begin regulating discharges from storm drains owned and operated by municipalities. Each agency, including Moraga, must implement specified activities year-round. The Town must incorporate stormwater pollution into municipal operations; inspect local businesses and construction sites; reduce the quantity of trash and enforce prohibitions against non-stormwater discharges entering creeks or storm drains; perform specified public outreach activities; require new developments to manage runoff pollutants; and monitor water quality, among other activities.

### ***Canyon Bridge Replacement Project***

Authorization from Caltrans was received on May 5 to begin preliminary engineering, allowing for expenditures to be reimbursed as part of the grant that the Town received from the Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program. Next week, the Town's consultant, Nolte Vertical 5, will be surveying the Canyon Road bridge over Moraga Creek and the surrounding project area.



## COMMONS PARK WATER FEATURES

Due to water conservation efforts, the water spray feature and the Matt Biondi Fountain will not be activated this season. Signs will be posted informing park users. Thank you for your understanding.



## HETFIELD ESTATES APPEAL AND NUISANCE ABATEMENT CONTINUED

At a Special Town Council meeting on Wednesday, May 21, the Town Council will consider the appeal of the Planning Commission approval of the Hetfield Estates subdivision, and conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of new regulations for Code Enforcement and Nuisance Abatement. Both items were continued from the April 23, 2014 meeting.



## HOUSING ELEMENT WORKSHOP – THURSDAY, MAY 22

The Town of Moraga is updating its current Housing Element for the 2015-2023 planning cycle as required by state law. The workshop will provide an overview of the Housing Element Update process and solicit input on how the Town and community can address housing challenges facing Moraga. Public feedback will be incorporated into a draft housing element update, scheduled for hearings before the Planning Commission and Town Council. The Community Workshop will be held on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 pm, at the Hacienda de la Flores, La Sala Building.



## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices, located at 329 Rheem Boulevard and the Hacienda de las Flores, will be closed Monday, May 26, for the Memorial Day holiday, reopening on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 19, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission & Park and Recreation Commission](#) Joint Meeting, Hacienda, La Sala Building

Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Special Meeting, JM Auditorium

Thursday, May 22, 7:00 pm – [Housing Element Workshop](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building

Tuesday, May 27, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building

Wednesday, May 28, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Regular Meeting, JM Auditorium

Thursday, May 29, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Special Meeting, Hacienda, Mosaic Room

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



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