



ABOUT TOWN - OCTOBER 14, 2014 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TOWN CELEBRATES PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL AND TOAST TO MORAGA



On Saturday, September 27 the Town celebrated the annual Pear & Wine Festival and 40th Anniversary event, *Toast to Moraga*. Over 400 pear pies were sold, pear recipe contestants were crowned, local wines enjoyed and everyone had a PEARfect day. At the evening event, over 350 residents and guests celebrated the Town's 40th Anniversary of Incorporation with a picnic dinner under market lighting in the Commons Park. The Toast for 40 great years and 40 more was provided by Mayor Ken Chew. Many thanks to the Campolindo High School Jazz Band for performing flawlessly and making the event another PEARfect show for all to celebrate!



COUNCIL CHAMBERS UPDATE

The Council Chambers at 331 Rheem is moving into the construction phase after the Council authorized up to \$232,000 to construct a new clay tile roof along the three visible sides of the building. After Design Review approval in April, the architectural and engineering plans were completed and permits were issued by the Town and County in August. Although construction bids were higher than expected, Council chose to fully fund the approved design rather than limit the clay tile roof only to the front façade.



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT COMMUNITY MEETING

Moraga and Canyon residents, along with trail users and bicyclists, are invited to attend an informational community meeting on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores (2100 Donald Drive) in Moraga. Attendees will be able to learn about the project, its impacts during construction, ask questions, and provide feedback to the Town's design consultant. More information about the Community Meeting and the Project can be found on the [Flyer](#) and the Town's [website](#).



PEAR ORCHARD FACING FIRE BLIGHT DISEASE

One of Moraga's large pear orchards, located adjacent to the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, is suffering from fire blight disease. Volunteers from Urban Farmers, Moraga Parks Foundation, and the community will prune the pear trees to remove the diseased wood from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm on October 25-26 and Nov 1-2. Anyone interested in volunteering, please visit www.theurbanfarmers.org.



VOLUNTEER FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Park and Recreation Commission is currently seeking volunteers to fill one vacancy for a term expiring March of 2016. Commission meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at the Hacienda de las Flores. Interested residents should apply at the Town's [website](#).



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS COMPLETE FINAL FIELD VISIT TO TOWN OFFICES

Maze & Associates, the Town's independent auditor, completed a week-long visit to Town offices as the financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2014 nears completion. The audit process is iterative and takes more than six months to complete. The final draft of the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is expected to be presented to the Audit and Finance Committee in early December and presented to the Town Council for acceptance in early January 2015.



MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES LIEUTENANT JON KING



On October 7, Jon King was welcomed into our community at a reception at the Hacienda de Las Flores. Jon came to Moraga PD after 29 years as a police officer, sergeant and lieutenant with the East Bay Regional Parks Police Department. He has worked patrol, investigations, special enforcement, administrative services, managed the air support unit and served as a tactical commander for their SWAT team. Throughout his career, he regularly worked with Moraga PD officers in joint investigations and patrol issues. Jon expressed his excitement about working in Moraga, stating "I am honored to work with this dedicated group of officers who help make this community one of the safest in the nation." Jon is a St. Mary's graduate and lives in Clayton with his wife Stacy, their children and dogs.



DRAFT COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW & COMMENT

The Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCTA) has released the Draft Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) for public review, with the public comment period open through November 3, 2014. CCTA is the agency responsible for the planning and expenditure of Measure J funds, the voter approved half-cent sales tax measure. The CTP reflects CCTA's long-range plans for transportation infrastructure throughout the County, accommodating all modes of travel. More information on the CTP and how to comment can be found on the [CCTA website](#).



NEW PLANNING COMMISSIONER AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTED

At a Special Town Council Meeting on September 29, Alexandra (Alex) Babcock was appointed to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy expiring in March of 2015. Ms. Babcock most recently worked for the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission as a legal intern. At the same meeting, Chris Crews was appointed to the Design Review Board to fill a vacancy expiring in March of 2016. Mr. Crews has been a licensed architect since 1994, and has worked in the architecture and construction fields since the mid-1980s.



DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

At the Wednesday October 22 Town Council meeting, the Council will review and discuss a draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the Town. A CAP is a community's long-term plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The draft CAP contains strategies related to energy efficiency, land use, transportation, water, wastewater and soil waste management that should reduce greenhouse gas emissions from daily activities of residents and local businesses.



40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

A celebration the Town’s 40th Anniversary will be held at Saint Mary’s College on Saturday, October 18. The event is hosted by the Moraga Historical Society with social hour at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm. Guests with pre-purchased tickets will enjoy dinner, dessert, a commemorative wine glass and a fun-filled evening of stories and remembrances. For additional information, please contact Susan Sperry at 925-376-3053.



OKTOBERFEST – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

SAVE THE NEW DATE - Sunday, October 26, at the Hacienda de las Flores, to attend Oktoberfest 2014, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Volunteers are needed! For more information, email info@haciendafoundation.org. This event is presented by the Hacienda Foundation, and all proceeds will go towards Hacienda de las Flores improvements. Gemutlichkeit!



MORAGA CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY WITH ANNUAL CEREMONY, NOVEMBER 11

Honor our past, present and future Military Veterans on Tuesday, November 11, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Commons Park Veterans Memorial Rock. The ceremony is hosted by local Boy Scout Troops 212, 234, and 246. For more information visit the Town’s [website](#).



SOLICITOR AND PEDDLER PERMITS

SAMPLE SOLICITOR PERMIT	
PHOTO	Town of Moraga Police Department 925-284-5010
HERE	NO. 121
EFFECTIVE DATE Jan 9, 2013 – Jan 8, 2013	
BUSINESS NAME	A1 Business
SOLICITOR NAME	Jane Doe
ADDRESS	123 Main Street
CITY AND STATE	PHONE NUMBER MORAGA, CA (925)222-2222
<small>ABOVE NAMED, HAVING PAID PERMIT FEES AND HAVING COMPLIED WITH ALL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF MORAGA, IS HERBY AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS DESCRIBED HEREON UNTIL DATES SHOWN ABOVE.</small>	
<small>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE</small>	
<small>AUTHORIZED PERSON MUST DISPLAY THIS PERMIT/LICENSE AT ALL TIMES.</small>	

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) reminds everyone that permits are required for anyone going door-to-door to peddle or solicit. Violators may be issued a citation per Moraga Municipal Code 9.10.030, requiring a base fine of \$100 (plus county and state enhancements). To obtain a permit, one must submit to a background check, pay \$32 for a Live Scan, and pay a \$30 permit fee to the Town. The permit must be worn while peddling or soliciting and will have the person’s photo on the permit (sample form as shown). Any residence with a sign posting “No Peddlers or Solicitors” must be obeyed by permit holders. Permits are not required for anyone engaged in canvassing or an “expressive activity,” such as sharing opinions, views, or ideas. Political candidates and supporters do not require a permit. Anyone concerned about a solicitor or peddler should call MPD at 925-284-5010.



LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD WORKSHOP A SUCCESS

On September 29, about 50 Moraga residents attended a workshop to provide input on the corridor-wide concept and design options for Moraga Road Segment 3, located between Donald Drive and Corliss Drive. Participants provided comments on a range of options for the road, including the conversion of one southbound traffic lane into a center turn lane between Donald Drive and Corliss Drive and the addition of new pedestrian and bicycle facilities connecting the full length of the corridor. Improvements to relieve congestion around Campolindo High School were also a priority for many. Next steps include review of the corridor concept and Segment 3 Options at a Joint Planning Commission, Design Review Board and Park and Recreation Commission meeting on October 21, and by the Town Council in January 2015. The design options are available for review on the Livable Moraga Road [webpage](#), and comments and feedback are still welcome. For more information, or to submit a comment, contact Ellen Clark: eclark@moraga.ca.us



AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

At their October 8 meeting, the Town Council was presented with an award of excellence from the National Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Town's 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, and the first received in Lamorinda. The CAFR is a comprehensive document of the Town's financial activities and is a significant improvement from the typical Basic Financial Statements, including trends and historical data. 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 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.



DELEGATES FROM CHHATTISGARH, INDIA VISITS THE TOWN'S PAVING PROJECT



The Metropolitan Transportation Commission considers the Town of Moraga's Pavement Management Program a success story and wanted the Town to showcase its program and project to delegates from the State of Chhattisgarh, India. On October 6, the Town Public Works department hosted a half-day workshop with six of the State's roadway engineers, including their Chief Engineer, to share the Town's road maintenance practices, innovative pavement materials and preservation techniques, and the 2014 Pavement Repair construction operations. The State has a population of 25 million and is responsible for 5,000 miles of roadways. Regardless of agency size, pavement management challenges are universal.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED

Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 pm – [Livable Moraga Road Town Advisory Committee](#).

Monday, October 20, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 pm – Joint Design Review Board, Park and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission, Hacienda, La Sala Building

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

Monday, October 27, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library

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



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