



ABOUT TOWN ▪ APRIL 10, 2014 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM



On April 9, the Town Council approved \$287,581 for a new Council Chambers and community meeting room at 331 Rheem Boulevard. The minimal project remodel of the Town Corp Yard includes constructing a new ADA compliant restroom, a new building façade, and Spanish-style roof. The landscaping will include drought tolerant grasses, naturalized boulders, a plaza, trellises and seat walls and decorative pots. The Design Review Board will consider the project on Monday, April 14, at the Library.



NEW ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY SIGN

On April 9, the Town Council considered replacing the existing community sign along Moraga Road, across from the Commons Park. One concept was recommended for a complete review by the Design Review Board (DRB). The DRB will discuss this proposed project at their May 12 meeting, develop a recommendation for the Town Council, and then the Town Council will be asked to appropriate the necessary funds to complete the project.



SPRING EVENTS WITH PARKS AND RECREATION

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 and at the Mulholland Ridge from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Wear old clothes and be ready to spruce up Moraga's beautiful park system. Individuals and groups welcome!

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



PAVEMENT CONDITION INDEX JUMPS FROM 49 TO 58

The Town's Pavement Management Program Update Report released this month shows a dramatic increase in the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) from 49 to 58. The significant PCI increase is a direct result from the first of a 3-year intensive pavement repair program funded by voter approved 1-cent sales tax from Measure K. PCI is based on a scale of 0 to 100 with a PCI of 0 representing failed pavement and 100 new pavement and is calculated from a visual survey quantifying seven different pavement conditions rated at three different severity levels. The report and its survey was conducted by a consultant certified by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and funded by a Pavement Management Technical Assistance Program grant that the Town garnered, and is required for Town eligibility for State grant funding.



HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16



The Town of Moraga invites all residents to participate in a new initiative to improve the Town’s hillside and ridgeline regulations, and announces the first community workshop for the project on Wednesday, April 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Saint Mary’s College, Hagarty Lounge at De La Salle Hall. In late 2013 the Town Council authorized the study of existing hillside and ridgeline regulations including a review of existing policies; mapping updates; visual analysis; and an extensive community process to consider and improve the application of the regulations. At the workshop, residents will learn about the project, and share their thoughts on key issues and concerns about hillside development and conservation in Moraga. Further details on the Hillside and Ridgeline project, email signup, and project updates can be found at the project webpage, [Hillside and Ridgeline Project](#) or contact Ellen Clark, Senior Planner at eclark@moraga.ca.us.



TRI-CITY MEETING

The Moraga, Orinda, and Lafayette City Councils met on Monday, April 7, for their annual Tri-City meeting hosted by Moraga at Saint Mary’s College. The meeting included a presentation by Stephen Healy, Fire Chief of MOFD, who spoke about recent department changes, options for the future, and Emergency Preparedness training for the three Lamorinda Councils. Also discussed were the paving programs and development applications currently being reviewed in each of the communities.



TRIATHLON TRAFFIC – SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Attention Campolindo, Camino Pablo, Carroll Ranch residents, and all Moraga motorists! On Saturday, April 26, from approximately 7:30 am to 11:00 am, Triathlon participants will be cycling and running through your residential areas as well as on Moraga Road, Canyon Road, Camino Pablo and Pinehurst. The Police Department, along with volunteers, will be monitoring and directing traffic, but there will be NO road closures. Please be patient, use caution and expect delays.



LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD WORKSHOP REPORT

Approximately 30 community members attended the second Livable Moraga Road community workshop on March 19. Participants reviewed a set of options or concepts to improve the connectivity and safety of Moraga Road. Concepts ranged from modest improvements such as closing sidewalk gaps to more extensive changes including a multi-use path or trail connection from the Commons Park to Campolindo High School. There was substantial support for an end-to-end pedestrian and bike connection, including options that might reconfigure travel lanes on Moraga Road to accommodate traffic flow and provide for better and safer bike lanes and trails, although participants raised concerns about physical feasibility and cost, especially in more constrained areas. The consultant will be working to refine the concept for review and discussion by the project “Town Advisory Committee” in the next few weeks.



TREES ALONG ST. MARY'S ROAD AT RISK OF REMOVAL BY PG&E

The Town Council reported out from their Closed Session Wednesday evening that they directed the Town Manager and Attorneys to aggressively pursue preservation of the Town trees at risk of being removed without public review on private and public property under PG&E's Pipeline Pathway Project. The Project's stated intention is to remove trees and other landscaping and structures above and alongside PG&E's underground gas transmission line that appears to run from the Lafayette/Moraga border on St. Mary's Road to Moraga Road. If any resident is contacted by PG&E, please contact the Town Offices to learn about the project and the local regulations regarding the removal trees.



GAS METER INSPECTIONS



Recently the Moraga Police Department (MPD) has responded to calls at homes and businesses concerned about possible fraudulent inspectors representing PG&E. MPD's investigation showed that PG&E has contracted with UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION CO., INC to inspect certain gas meters in Moraga and in the Lamorinda area. All inspectors wear a distinctive vest and hardhat and should have the flyer shown at left to provide upon request. Anyone with questions should call 1-800-PGE-5000 to verify the validity of an inspection.

As with all unknown visitors to your home or your neighbor's home, please be sure to always ask for identification and if there are any concerns, or if it just doesn't feel right, please call MPD dispatch at 925-284-5010 and ask to have an officer respond. If the unknown or suspicious person leaves before an officer arrives, please try to get a license plate number. It is always better to be safe than sorry.



TOWN HOSTS PAVEMENT PRESERVATION SEMINAR

On March 26, Public Works hosted an all-day pavement preservation seminar for other local agencies and engineering consultants at the Hacienda de las Flores. The workshop was presented by VSS International, the same contractor that completed the 2013 Pavement Repair project for the Town. Topics focused on cost-effective preventative maintenance treatments like the Town's rubberized cape seal and microsurfacing work completed last year.



CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA – SUNDAY, MAY 4

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga presents the 6th annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Sunday, May 4, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. The fiesta will feature a live Mariachi band and gourmet Mexican food and drink. Admission is \$5 per adult, under 21 is free. Free parking and a shuttle to the Hacienda will be provided from the 5A Rent-A-Space on Moraga Road. This is a fundraiser for the Hacienda Foundation, and 100% of the proceeds go towards improvements at the Hacienda. The event is presented by the Hacienda Foundation and is sponsored by the Lamorinda Montessori School.



PART-TIME RECREATION LEADER JOBS STILL AVAILABLE

The Parks & Recreation Department is recruiting part-time employees. Positions include Recreation Leader I and Recreation Leader II (Camp Director). Working at Camp Hacienda, the Town-run summer day camp, the Recreation Leaders will lead campers in songs, games, crafts, and more! For more information please visit <http://www.moraga.ca.us/dept/adminsvc/jobs>.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANCY

The Board of Education is recruiting possible candidates for the recently vacated seat on the CCC Board of Education in Trustee Area Two, an area which includes Moraga. Interested persons should contact Karen Sakata, Deputy Superintendent at 925-942-3407 for an application packet.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library Community Room

Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building

Tuesday, April 15, 7:00 pm – [Joint Planning Commission and Design Review Board](#), JM Library

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm – [Hillside and Ridgeline Regulations Workshop](#), Saint Mary's College, Hagarty Lounge at De La Salle Hall

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

Tuesday, April 22, 5:30 pm - [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building

Wednesday, April 23, 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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