



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ APRIL 9, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### TREE REMOVAL PERMITS



Moraga is a designated Tree City USA, and Arbor Day is on April 24! Because the Town of Moraga values local trees, a permit is required to remove any “protected tree” including most native trees, orchard trees, and designated trees of historic significance. Tree removal without a permit may result in a hefty fine. Permits may be granted to remove trees that are diseased or dying, that present a hazard, or are damaging structures, etc. Please contact the Planning Department at 925-888-7040 for more information, including copies of the application form, and a list of tree species requiring a permit for removal.



### RANCHO LAGUNA II PROJECT UPDATE

On April 6, the Planning Commission approved the Precise Development Plan (PDP) for the Rancho Laguna II project, a 27 lot single-family subdivision. The PDP is the third and final step of the planned development process. With this approval, the Planning Commission incorporated an alternative design for the trailhead parking on Fay Hill Road, which consists of three parallel parking spaces on the shoulder of the road. For additional information, contact Ella Samonsky at 925-888-7042.



### TOWN-WIDE STREET SWEEPING

Street sweeping is scheduled to occur throughout the Town on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14 and 15. If possible, please park vehicles off the street.



### SUMMER RECREATION LEADERS NEEDED

The Parks and Recreation Department is recruiting seasonal part-time Recreation Leaders. Positions are still available for Recreation Leader I. Working at Camp Hacienda, the Town-run summer day camp, Recreation Leaders will have a great time leading campers, ages 5 to 10, in songs, games, crafts and field trips while learning life-skills that will be invaluable as they enter adulthood. To become a part of the Camp Hacienda team, visit [moraga.ca.us](http://moraga.ca.us).



### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Town has open volunteer positions on the [Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Trustees](#) and the [Library Commission](#) (as an Alternate). The Mosquito and Vector Control volunteer should have an interest in public health, public policy, wetlands, farming, community education, finance, personnel or land development. The Moraga Alternate Library Commissioner would serve as the back-up for the Library Commissioner, the Town’s representative on the County Library Commission, developing and recommending proposals to the Board of Supervisors and County Librarian. Completed applications are due to the Town Clerk’s office by April 30, 2015. For more information, visit the [moraga.ca.us](http://moraga.ca.us).



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 8

### ***CAMERA SYSTEMS FOR POLICE USE***

The Town Council received a presentation from the Moraga Police Department (MPD) on current and proposed uses of cameras by the Police Department. Cameras and the images they capture are tools that may provide important evidence in criminal investigations. MPD is developing a list of locations and recommended standards for cameras installed by residents and businesses. Call Lieutenant Jon King for information at 925-888-7049.

### ***ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION SIGN POLICY***

The Town Council discussed a draft policy and procedures document, suggested revisions and requested that staff return with a revised version at the April 22 Council meeting. If approved, the new rules regulating the use of the electronic community information sign will apply when the new sign is installed and operational. For more information, contact Jay Ingram at 925-888-7034.

### ***MORAGA TOWN CENTER HOMES PROJECT APPEAL***

The Town Council continued the hearing for the appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of the Moraga Town Center Homes project, (a 36-unit Attached Single Family Residential Development), to May 13, 2015. The staff report, project plans and background information can be found on the [Town's website](#). For additional information, contact Ella Samonsky at 925-888-7042.

### ***MORAGA CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT***

The Town Council approved the charter for a Steering Committee including members of the Town Council and other appointed Boards and Commissions, to assist with the grant-funded Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) Implementation Project. The scope of the project will develop form-based zoning and other standards to more effectively implement the 2010 MCSP. Committee meetings will be open to the public, and will be accompanied by additional opportunities for public engagement throughout the process. For more information contact Ellen Clark at 925-888-7041.



## ALCOHOL ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

On April 8, the Town Council presented a proclamation to the Lamorinda Alcohol Policy Coalition proclaiming April 2015 as Alcohol Awareness Month. The proclamation cited statistics on under-age alcohol use by local high school students illustrating the need for public awareness to address the many dangers associated with alcohol. The Coalition meets the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am at Orinda City Hall, 22 Orinda Way. The public is encouraged to attend.



## MORAGA BEAUTIFUL – SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Two opportunities for individual and group volunteers to beautify Moraga Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. At the Moraga Commons Park, please wear painting clothes and be ready to spruce up the Town's beautiful park system. At Mulholland Open Space Preserve, meet at the open space gate on Donald Drive and be ready to remove weeds. This annual event will take place rain or shine, and is great for individuals, friends and groups!



## ARE BATS A SECRET WEAPON AGAINST MOSQUITOES?

Any standing water can attract mosquitoes and attract bats that feed on them. Bats pose a risk of rabies and accounted for 188 of the 198 animals diagnosed with rabies in 2013. While mosquitoes are only a portion of a bat's diet, everyone is still encouraged to use standing water on plants to address current drought conditions and prevent mosquitoes. For more information, visit [Contra Costa Mosquito Control](#).



## SAVE THE DATE FOR CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA – SUNDAY, MAY 3

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga presents the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Sunday, May 3, from 12:00 to 6:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. The fiesta will feature a live Mariachi band and authentic 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 Rheem Elementary School on Donald Drive. 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.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

~~Monday, April 13, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library [CANCELLED]~~

Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Monday, April 20, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library

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

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