



ABOUT TOWN ▪ AUGUST 27, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MORAGA'S NEW POLICE OFFICER



The Moraga Police Department (MPD) is pleased to announce that Angela Likos has completed her field training and is now working as a solo patrol officer, bringing MPD to full strength. Angela came to MPD after ten years of service as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and K-9 Officer with the Pinole Police Department. Angela grew up in Martinez, graduated from College Park High School and served as a Police Explorer with Pleasant Hill PD. She graduated with a BS degree from CSU, Chico before beginning her career in Pinole.



TOWN HALL AND COMMUNITY COFFEE – SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

The public is invited to attend a Town Hall and Community Coffee with Assemblywoman Catharine Baker, Supervisor Candace Andersen and Moraga Mayor Roger Wykle. Residents will receive an update on the issues affecting the State and share their thoughts about what is happening in the community. Join them on Saturday, August 29, 9:00 to 10:30 am, Saint Mary's College, Filippi Hall, Rooms 115 and 120. Call the District Office at 925-329-1515 to RSVP.



CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL (CAIFF) - SEPTEMBER 10 TO 16

Do you want to be inspired, educated, and celebrate diversity, human rights, and freedom of expression in a fun and dramatic way? Do you want to hobnob with one of Hollywood's most sought-after stars without leaving beautiful Moraga? If so, then come to CAIFF's Opening Night on Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 pm at the New Rheim Theatre to personally meet Hollywood icon and legend Tab Hunter, then view the vast number of dramatic and comedic feature films, shorts and moving documentaries during the week of the film festival.



SENIOR TRIPS ARE BACK!

Senior day trips are back for the fall! Join us for trips throughout the area to places like NIKE Missile Site SF-88, Diablo Ballet, an overnight Monterey trip and more! Register online at moragarec.com or at the Parks and Recreation office in the Hacienda de las Flores at 2100 Donald Drive.



ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION SIGN

After waiting over 60 days for Comcast to install the hard line internet connectivity and to do the prep work for the installation, the Moraga Road electronic sign is finally functional. The sign is available for weekly rentals for a nominal fee. [Usage requirements](#) and a [rental application](#) can be found at moraga.ca.us. The sign will dim during the evening hours and go completely dark from 12:00 midnight to 4:00 am.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS – AUGUST 26

CITIZENS' REFERENDUM UPDATE

Town Council certified the signatures verified by the County Elections Department for the referendum petition against Ordinance 252 which adopted zoning code amendments associated with the City Ventures Project on Moraga Way. After the property owners and developer filed a lawsuit against the Town challenging both the procedural and substantive issues of the referendum, the Town Attorney recommended the Council take no action on whether to rescind the zoning ordinance or place the issue on the ballot until a court decides the merits of the legal challenge.

RANCHO LAGUNA II MONITORING

Town Council approved a Senior Construction Inspector position to oversee, monitor, and inspect the Project's grading and construction; a contract with Woods Biological Consulting, Inc. for monitoring biological protections and mitigation measures; and a contract with Ghirardelli Associates, Inc. for construction inspection services of roads and infrastructure. **The developer's contractor will be working Saturday, August 29, on the installation of erosion control measures and silt fencing on the Rancho Laguna II construction site.**

RHEEM VALLEY MANOR SIGN

Town Council authorized the acceptance of the donation of the Rheem Valley Manor sign to the Town and waived the Sign Permit Application Fee, Encroachment Permit Fee, and the Memorial and Donation Fee. The Council expressed support and appreciation for the spirit of the volunteers and their beautification efforts with the new sign and landscaping at Stafford Drive.

UNRULY PARTIES ORDINANCE

Town Council introduced an Ordinance to amend the Loud or Unruly Party Ordinance which will extend the time between an initial warning and a subsequent response to the same address for a violation from 180 days to 12 months and increase the first fine from \$100 to \$250. The amended Ordinance also makes property owners more accountable with citations issued to owners whenever a second response is required. The amended ordinance will be brought to Council for final adoption on September 9.

PG&E COMMUNITY PIPELINE SAFETY PROJECT

PG&E presented the Community Pipeline Safety Project to Town Council, noting that the project will enhance the safety of PG&E's gas transmission pipelines and facilitate access to, and monitoring of, the pipeline. When completed, the project will clear vegetation above and adjacent to the gas transmission pipeline. The affected area is approximately 6,800 lineal feet spanning from 1400 St. Mary's Road to 2000 St. Mary's Road. As part of the project, PG&E had originally proposed to remove 45 trees on public property and 165 on private property, but after further review, the number was reduced to 1 and 50, respectively. Additional pruning and brush removal were also proposed. Tree removal mitigation measures are in place to address the project's impact.

STREETLIGHT CONVERSION TO LED

PG&E is in the process of converting PG&E-owned streetlights from high pressure sodium vapor (HPSV) to energy efficient light emitting diodes (LED). Since PG&E will be completing their own streetlight project, the Town wants the Town-owned streetlights converted at the same time to minimize public inconvenience. To proceed with Town-owned streetlight conversions, the Council authorized the Town to enter into an agreement with PG&E and approved necessary funding. The Town estimates saving 36,516 kWh/year with annual energy cost savings of \$5,208; reducing CO₂ emissions by 19,134 lbs/year, and avoiding maintenance expenses of \$826/year.

AMEND CalPERS CONTRACT

Moraga employees agreed to a two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) starting July 1, 2015 providing a 1% increase in employee contributions to the CalPERS retirement system each year (2% total). To implement the yearly increases, the contract between the Town and CalPERS must be amended in a two-part process. Council approved the first of two steps to implement an amendment to the Town's contract with CalPERS. The new employee MOU raises employee contributions for Public Safety employees from 9% to 11% and for Miscellaneous employees from 7% to 9%, reducing the Town's contribution obligation by that amount.



TOWN'S SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER AWARDED PROFESSIONAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR



The Northern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) presented Laurie Suggang, Senior Civil Engineer, the 2015 Professional Manager of the Year award in the category of Public Works Emergency Management for her work on the Laguna Creek Embankment Restabilization/Repair and Calle la Mesa Outfall Repair projects. The Town is pleased that Laurie's professionalism and accomplishments in Moraga over the past 2.5 years have been recognized by APWA.



PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Attend the 17th Annual Pear & Wine Festival at the Moraga Commons Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 26, for a family-friendly event celebrating Moraga's pear history! Featuring: live performances presented by the Lamorinda Arts Council, DJ RyanO, wine tasting and grape stomping with the Lamorinda Wine Growers Association, pear pies, jumpies, food, local artists, community booths and more! Don't miss the [Pear Recipe Contest](#) to show off your favorite pear dish. Visit the [Event Page](#) for schedules, recipe contest details, and additional information.

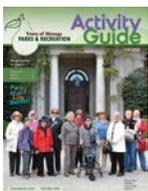


TOWN CLERK FORMALLY BECOMES A CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks has awarded Moraga's Town Clerk, Marty McInturf, the Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation. The CMC program is designed to enhance the job performance of Clerks in all municipalities. To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive educational programs and have pertinent experience in a municipality. The program prepares the participants to meet the challenges of the complex role of Municipal Clerks by providing them with quality education in partnership with 47 institutions of higher learning. The Town of Moraga is pleased to recognize Marty for her six years of service and her recent achievement as a Certified Municipal Clerk.



REGISTRATION FOR FALL ACTIVITIES NOW OPEN



Fall classes start soon with a wide variety to choose from! To learn to play an instrument, try a new form of exercise, or learn more about history, check out the new Activity Guide. The Town provides classes offering something for everyone, from newborns to those 80+. Try something new this fall season with Moraga's recreation classes. To view the activity guide and to register for classes, visit moragarec.com.



HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE WORKSHOP – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

On September 17, at 7:00 pm, in Hagerty Lounge at Saint Mary's College, the Town will host the third

public workshop for the Hillside and Ridgeline project, to update the Town's hillside and ridgeline regulations. At the workshop, participants will identify preferred options to address key issues, such as the meaning of "protect ridgelines from development," steep slope development restrictions, hazard remediation, and viewshed protection. For more information contact Ellen Clark at eclark@moraga.ca.us or (925) 888-7041, or visit the [project webpage](#).



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, September 3, 7:00pm – [Moraga Center Specific Plan Steering Committee](#), Hacienda
Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Hacienda, La Sala Building (new location!)
Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium
Monday, September 14, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library
Tuesday, September 15, 5:00 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room
Tuesday, September 15, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda, Mosaic Room
Thursday, September 17, 7:00pm – [Hillside and Ridgeline](#) Workshop, De La Salle Hall, SMC
Monday, September 21, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library
~~Wednesday, September 23, [Town Council](#), Cancelled~~
Monday, September 28, 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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