



ABOUT TOWN ▪ JANUARY 15, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



CAMPOLINDO FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS CELEBRATION



Join Campolindo High School (CHS) football fans and families at a *Fan and Family Festival* on Sunday, January 25, beginning at 12:30 pm. Festivities hosted by CHS will begin in the Quad and Multi-Use Room. Meet and greet the players, coaches, cheerleaders, pep band and the “Cal Hi 12th Man of the Year” Red Sea. There will be photo ops and autographs. See the BIG WIN on the BIG SCREEN at 2:00 pm in the Main Gym. The Town will present the team a proclamation before the broadcast. CONGRATULATIONS COUGARS!



CANYON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT COMMUNITY MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Moraga and Canyon residents, along with trail users and bicyclists, are invited to attend an informational community meeting on Tuesday, January 20, at 6:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, La Sala building. Attendees can learn about the project and its impacts during construction, ask questions, and provide feedback to the Town’s design consultant. More information about the project can be found on the [Flyer](#) and the Town’s [website](#).



COUNCIL AND MORAGA SCHOOL BOARD JOINT MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

The public is invited to attend a joint Town Council and School Board meeting on Tuesday, January 20, at 7:00 pm in the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School Library. The governing bodies will receive a report on the work of the Joint Facilities Planning Subcommittee and provide direction on next steps for the Subcommittee to complete their scope of work. Thus far, the Subcommittee has inventoried existing facilities, discussed joint-use opportunities and identified potential strategies to improve and enhance community recreational facilities in Town.



COUNCIL GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP – THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

The Moraga Town Council will develop the community’s goals and priorities for 2015 under the leadership of Mayor Wykle on Thursday, January 22, at 6:00 pm, at the Hacienda de las Flores. The Goal Setting Workshop is an opportunity to discuss the Town’s vision and to set priorities. Please attend, participate, and help the Council determine an action plan for this year.



MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT HONORS POLICE OFFICERS



On December 12, at the Moraga Police Department (MPD) holiday party, two members were presented special awards for their excellence in 2014. Acting Corporal Tyler Olson was named Officer of the Year and Sergeant Brian South was given a special award for Leadership. Their contributions to the daily operations of MPD and their overall performance supported MPD’s mission to provide excellent customer service to the community.



SAVE THE DATE – VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Please attend Moraga’s annual Volunteer Appreciation Night, Tuesday, February 10, at 6:00 pm at the [Moraga Country Club](#) (MCC). Honor all of the volunteers who have completed their terms on Town committees, commissions and boards and learn about the Town’s 2015 goals during a presentation by Mayor Roger Wykle. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with your local elected officials, fellow community members, and neighbors. Join us as we thank all of the volunteers who make Moraga so special! Email mjmuller@moraga.ca.us to RSVP by February 4.



VACANCIES ON TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Moraga depends on its volunteers! There will be openings on the Audit and Finance Committee, Design Review Board, Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee, Park and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission. All interested residents are encouraged to submit an application, a letter of interest and resumé to the Town Clerk’s Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, by Friday, January 23, 2015 at 5:00 pm. For more information, visit the Town’s [website](#).



MORAGA LIBRARY NEWS

WELCOME COMMUNITY LIBRARY MANAGER

Welcome Sierra Campagna, the new Interim Community Library Manager of the Moraga Library. Sierra comes to Moraga from the Dougherty Station Library in San Ramon, where she provided services to both the public and college students at the joint-use facility. Sierra intends to do wonderful things at the Moraga Library, so please stop by and introduce yourself. Many thanks to Andrea Freyler and Lea Stone, who managed the Library before Sierra arrived.

“FROZEN” CRAFTS - TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

The cold doesn’t bother you anyway! Come to the library Tuesday, January 20, at 4:00 pm to create and decorate snowflakes, sparkly jewelry, and toilet paper roll Olafs (and, of course, sing along to *Let It Go*) at Moraga Library’s *Frozen* Crafts day. This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Moraga Library. For more information, please visit the library [website](#).



CRIME CONTINUES DOWNWARD TREND FOR 2014

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) reports overall crime in Moraga continued to decrease in 2014 with thanks to residents and businesses for their vigilance in security awareness. The following represents a comparison of Moraga crimes reported to the California Department of Justice:

TYPE OF CRIME	2013	2014	% CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	No Change
Forcible Rape	4	1	-75%
Robbery	0	0	No Change
Assault	30	19	-37%
Burglary	39	33	-18%
Larceny	90	104	+16%
Auto Theft	21	12	-43%
Total	184	169	-8%

While the above statistics indicate a drop in burglary and auto theft, overall theft (larceny) reports were up. The MPD urges everyone to be diligent in locking up homes, businesses, and vehicles; use alarms when available; and please continue to report any suspicious activity in neighborhoods. For additional statistics, please visit the [MPD website](#).



FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 COMPLETED

The Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2014 was completed on time before December 31 and was received by the Town Council at its meeting on January 14. The Town's assets increased over the prior year; the Town's revenues improved, in part, due to improved property tax revenues from a recovering economy; and expenses came in below budget. At the year end, the Town's General Purpose Fund reserve was at 43.4%.



UPCOMING PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

For girls 4 to 9 years old, bring your mom to the Hacienda de las Flores for a tea party to remember. Additionally, daughters will create a craft to memorialize this special day. \$50 per couple and \$27 for each additional guest includes tea, assorted beverages, finger sandwiches, pastries, fruit, sweet treats, and child's craft. Space is limited, so please [register](#) early.

MOTHER SON DANCE - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Boys in Kindergarten through 5th grade, bring your mom to the Hacienda de las Flores for a night of fun and dancing to remember. \$25 per couple and \$12 for each additional son includes desserts, dancing, a flower for mom, and memories to last a lifetime! Space is limited, so please [register](#) early.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATES

LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD

On January 14, Town Council considered the Town Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendation for the Livable Moraga Road project's overall corridor concept and short- and long-term configurations for Moraga Road between Donald Drive and Corliss Drive. The TAC's recommendation, developed with input from the community and Town Boards and Commissions, included a modified lane configuration for this segment that would convert one of two southbound lanes into a two-way turn lane, and the addition of bike lanes, a multi-use path and sidewalks. After deliberation, including comments both for and against the recommended concept, the Council requested broader public input and directed staff to explore survey options and to return with a recommendation.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

On January 14, the Town Council introduced an ordinance to add Chapter 8.176, Historic Preservation, to the Moraga Municipal Code. The ordinance includes definitions, procedures and criteria for nomination and designation of historical landmarks, and incentives to be offered to the owners of designated landmarks to support the preservation, maintenance and appropriate rehabilitation of those resources. The ordinance allows the Town to designate a historic landmark, based on appropriate study and findings, without the consent of the property owner, if necessary. The ordinance will return for adoption and a second reading at a meeting in the near future.

PLANNING ITEMS ON JANUARY 28 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

On January 28, several Planning-related items will be considered by the Town Council:

- Appeal of the Planning Commission approval of the Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) for the 36-unit Moraga Town Center Homes project located adjacent to Moraga-Orinda Fire District Station 41 on Moraga Way (contact Ella Samonsky, Associate Planner at esamonsky@moraga.ca.us).
- Adoption of the 2015-2023 5th Planning Cycle Housing Element Update to the Town of Moraga General Plan and associated Initial Study/Negative Declaration. The Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Housing Element on January 5, 2015 (contact Brian Horn, Associate Planner at bhorn@moraga.ca.us).

- The next phase of the Hillside and Ridgeline Project’s scope of work based on key issues recommended for further study by the project Steering Committee. The project’s goal is to clarify and improve Moraga’s existing hillside and ridgeline regulations (contact Ellen Clark, Planning Director at eclark@moraga.ca.us).



TOWN RESERVE POLICY UPDATED

At its meeting on January 14, the Town Council targeted a General Purpose Fund reserve policy of 50% of annual expenditures. In addition, as a mechanism to set aside needed funds for the expected replacement of assets such as roofs, building components, traffic signals, vehicles, etc., the policy was updated to require surplus monies above the 50% target transferred to the Asset Replacement Fund to be used for asset replacement needs.



STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN

A presentation was made at the January 14 Town Council meeting to provide an update on the Storm Drain Master Plan (SDMP) project. To date, the project has mapped the Town’s storm drain system and provided condition assessment and televising on a sample of the Town’s pipelines. Candidate streets for the upcoming 2015 Pavement Repair project were further studied with a determination to repair underlying damaged pipelines as part of the paving project to prevent cutting into newly paved roads. The last steps are to study the creeks and their culverts; to develop a hydrology and hydraulics model of the Town’s storm drain system; and to develop capital costs for improvements as shown at [SDMP presentation](#).



MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed on Monday, January 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. The offices will re-open Tuesday, January 20.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 pm – [Canyon Bridge Community Meeting](#), Hacienda de las Flores

~~Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED~~

Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 pm – [Joint Town Council and Moraga School District Board](#), JM Library

Thursday, January 22, 6:00 pm - [Town Council Goal Setting Workshop](#), Hacienda de las Flores

~~Monday, January 26, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED~~

Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores

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

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