



ABOUT TOWN ▪ JULY 10, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



4TH OF JULY FUN FOR ALL



Moraga lit up the night sky on the 4th of July thanks to the many donations that enabled the Town to reach its goal of \$25,000! Once again, the day started off with the Fun Run, then a hosted pancake breakfast, community and food booths, dog parade, bike parade, old-fashioned kids' games and a free concert presented by the Moraga Park Foundation. Everyone appeared to have a great day! A special thank you to the Moraga Police Department (MPD) and Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) for keeping the Town safe during the many 4th of July celebrations.



COUNCIL SUMMER SCHEDULE

This year's annual legislative break was scheduled with cancellation of the regular July 22 and August 12 Town Council meetings. The Council considered whether to "un-cancel" the July 22 meeting to consider a potential referendum on Ordinance 252. Since referendum signatures were not yet verified by the County Elections Division before the July 8 Council meeting, the Council will consider the referendum at a meeting after the summer legislative break.



MOSQUITO VECTOR CONTROL BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOLUNTEER

Interested in public health or science? Ready to give back to the community? Apply to become Moraga's Trustee for the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District. Funded through tax dollars, the District offers free services and is governed by an appointed Board of Trustees. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every other month at the District office in Concord. For more information visit the [Town's](#) website or contact the [Town Clerk](#).



PG&E USE OF HELICOPTERS AND CRANES IN MORAGA

The Town of Moraga has been partnering closely with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to ensure the *Contra Costa-Moraga Electric Power Line Upgrade Project* has as little impact on Moraga residents as possible, while still allowing PG&E to make essential safety and reliability upgrades. Though the Town has its own noise guidelines, this project is State mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission and, therefore, is not subject to local regulations. However, PG&E is making an effort to push the start time to 8:00 am whenever possible. Below are the current allowable construction hours for this project:

- Tower work: Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

The visible crane and orange fencing on the "painted rock" ridgeline is part of the PG&E power line and tower project. Expect helicopters and work crews at other tower locations in Town. For any questions or concerns, contact PG&E Customer Impact Specialist, Denise Conway at 877-207-1245.



“GO GREEN” ENERGY PROGRAM FROM CYES



Sign up today for a no-cost home energy and water assessment provided by California Youth Energy Services (CYES), the Town of Moraga, EBMUD, and PG&E. During a Green House Call, residents will be provided with energy efficient light bulbs, shower heads, faucet aerators, energy saving tips, and more, all at no cost. All Moraga residents are eligible for this service – renters and owners. The program runs from June 30 through August 6. Reserve a spot [online](#) or call 510-665-1501 ext. 5. GO GREEN

and start saving energy, water, and money!



VACATION HOUSE WATCH

The MPD offers a Vacation House Watch service to residents. To request periodic checks of vacant homes, please go to [Moraga Police](#) and click on the “Forms/Links” tab to fill in information and submit electronically. If any of the submitted information changes, please notify MPD immediately, especially if the return date changes.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JULY 8, 2015

CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR THE HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES

Gould Evans, the architectural firm hired to develop conceptual plans to improve the Hacienda de las Flores property, presented two concepts for Town Council discussion. The Council unanimously endorsed draft Concept A, the Community Conference Center and Inn, available for viewing at [Site and Landscape Plans](#). The next phase of this public-private partnership project further refines Concept A. Project visuals will be created after community and Council feedback is gathered to ultimately create a buildable, viable, and sustainable publicly-owned asset.

ADOPTED STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN

Town Council adopted the Storm Drain Master Plan (SDMP), originally created as a proactive approach to determine the needs, costs, and priorities associated with the Town’s 27 miles of storm drain collector system and 35 creek culverts. This information is critical for the Town to properly program: future repair; replacement; and consideration of increased capacity of the Town’s storm drains. The SDMP has identified \$26 million of unfunded improvements.

CONFORMANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

Town Council adopted an Ordinance amending by deletion and replacement, Chapter 3.06 - Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act Procedures of the Town of Moraga Municipal Code to conform to the California Public Contract Code (CPC). The Ordinance was last amended on March 9, 2011 with financial thresholds specified to be consistent with the CPC. Since then, the CPC was revised, making the Town’s Code out-of-date and inconsistent. The updated financial thresholds will determine the type of process required for awarding future public contracts.



BURGLARY PREVENTION

Moraga, like many other communities, is experiencing an increase in both auto and residential burglaries. Most of these crimes are preventable by ensuring that homes and vehicles are locked, alarm systems are activated and that no personal property is visible. As a service to the community, the Moraga Police Department offers a free security survey of homes and businesses. Please call 925-888-7055 ext. 0 to schedule a survey.



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The free Thursday Summer Concert Series continues in July featuring Mania! (Beatles Tribute) on July 16; Stealin' Chicago (Chicago Tribute) on July 23; and Foreverland (The Electrifying 14-Piece Tribute to Michael Jackson) on July 30. Concerts start at 6:30 pm at the Moraga Commons Park. Arrive early and purchase food sponsored by the Moraga Park Foundation. [Full Concert Schedule](#).



VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS

Supervisor Candace Andersen is seeking motivated residents to serve on a few Contra Costa County Citizen Advisory Boards. These voluntary boards usually meet monthly and advise the Board of Supervisors on a variety of issues. Lamorinda residents are encouraged to apply for seats on the following boards: *Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County*; *In-Home Support Services Public Authority Advisory Committee*; and *Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee*. For more information and application forms, visit [County Advisory Boards](#) or contact [Jill Ray](#) at 925-957-8860.



NEW ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY INFORMATION SIGN – ALMOST

The new electronic community information sign, on Moraga Road, was installed this week. Work with two utility companies is still being coordinated, so the sign will not be immediately operational as originally planned. Look for new illuminated messages coming soon.



MOFD MEETING – SATURDAY, JULY 25

Interested parties are invited to attend a meeting at St. Stephen's Church to discuss the fire and medical emergency services for the Orinda and Moraga communities; and the proposed agreement with Contra Costa County for a proposed fire station in Lafayette. The meeting will be held on Saturday, July 25, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, 66 Saint Stephen's Drive, Orinda.



SAVE THE DATE FOR MORAGA NIGHT OUT – TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

On Tuesday, August 4, Moraga residents are invited to participate in this year's Moraga Night Out (MNO). MNO is a program to promote neighborhood camaraderie, police-community partnerships, involvement in crime prevention activities, and emergency preparedness. Simply find a host and a location for a gathering in your neighborhood for a block party, pool party, or backyard event, potluck, BBQ, or ice cream social and have the host contact nightout@moraga.ca.us to register and request visits from MPD, MOFD and Town officials.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

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

~~Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), CANCELLED~~

Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 pm – Pedestrian-Bicycle Advisory Committee, Hacienda de las Flores

~~Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED~~

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



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