



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ JUNE 26, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

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### 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FUN

#### ***JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FUN FOR EVERYONE***

Enjoy a full day of food, parades, fun and games at the Commons Park on Saturday, [July 4th](#)! The day starts with a [fun run/walk](#), pancake breakfast, dog parade, children's bike parade, old-fashioned kids' games, magic show, jumpies, food booths, a free concert with [The FUNdamentals](#) and ends with a bang with FIREWORKS!

#### ***SUPPORT THE FIREWORKS – BUY A ROCKET!***

Continue the tradition and help raise \$25,000 for the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> community fireworks! To date, \$15,800 has been donated. Please contribute to the Buy-A-Rocket fund and help continue this event. [Donate online](#) or send a check to Moraga Parks and Recreation, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556, Attn: Buy-A-Rocket. Thank you for your donations and enjoy the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



### CITIZENS GATHER TO FORM A MORAGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Approximately 75 Moraga residents and supporters met on Tuesday evening, June 23, and heard success stories on how both Lafayette and Orinda Community Foundations were formed to support numerous community projects. Citizens are forming a Community Foundation to raise funds to support a broad range of existing and new projects starting with saving the New Rheem Theatre. Attendees discussed the need for both short-term operational funding to cover an increase in rent and a long-term goal of potentially purchasing the theatre. Orchestrated by Andy Scheck, the Moraga Community Foundation (MCF) has a State-approved entity name and has applied for non-profit status. In the meantime, the Lafayette Community Foundation has set up a separate fund for Moraga to use to accept donations. The following newly-selected board members: Edy Schwartz, Sam Sperry, Bob Fritzky, Bob Moore, Maridel Moulton, Rob Lucacher and Andy Scheck have each committed to personal annual financial support and Foundation fund raising to enhance the quality of life in Moraga and to support a wide variety of community groups and activities.



### TOWN RECEIVES CITIZENS' REFERENDUM

On Friday, June 26, a group of citizens submitted petitions calling for a Referendum to remove the 12 housing units per acre zoning associated with the 36-unit City Ventures project between Moraga Way and Country Club Drive. A Referendum allows the citizens to challenge the adoption of the zoning ordinance by collecting valid signatures from 10 percent of the registered voters in Moraga. If the requisite number of signatures is deemed valid by the County Elections Division, the Town Council must decide at its next regular Council meeting whether to rescind its recent zoning ordinance or put the question on a ballot in an election. The County has estimated an election cost of approximately \$50,000. The density for the project site was established through the 2010 Moraga Center Specific Plan, allowing between 12 and 20 housing units per acre. At 36 housing units, the density of the City Ventures project is 11.8 housing units per acre.



## SLOW DOWN LAMORINDA

Drivers beware! The *Slow Down Lamorinda* campaign is back this summer. Officers from the Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda police departments will be working together to improve traffic safety with targeted enforcement efforts. Each week officers will focus enforcement in one of the three jurisdictions to address speed and other safety violations. This cooperative effort has been successful in past years and has helped to improve overall safety. Free *Slow Down Lamorinda* bumper stickers will be available at each police department.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JUNE 24

### ***"PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER" MONTH***

Established through statewide public opinion research, 98% of California households visit a local park at least once a year. To honor the many benefits parks provide, the Town Council proclaimed July as *Parks Make Life Better* month. The Parks and Recreation Department has produced a [July calendar](#) full of local activities designed to get you and your family out and about.

### ***MUNICIPAL REGIONAL STORMWATER PERMIT***

Town Council approved sending a letter of opposition to the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding proposed amendments to the reissuance of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit. New unfunded mandates imposed on limited-resource communities, like Moraga, will make compliance difficult.

### ***NOISE ORDINANCE AND UNRULY PARTY ORDINANCE***

After discussion on the need to amend the Loud or Unruly Party and Noise Ordinances, Council directed staff to leave the Noise Ordinance unchanged, but bring back an amended Loud or Unruly Party Ordinance to increase fines, cite property owners whenever tenants are cited, and provide a longer time to issue a citation after a prior warning from 180 days to 12 months. An amended ordinance will be presented to Council in August or September.

### ***CONFORMING TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE***

Town Council introduced 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 Municipal Code out-of-date and inconsistent. The updated financial thresholds will determine the type of process required for awarding public contracts.

### ***SMC CAMPUS MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT***

Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute a professional services contract with Amy Skewes-Cox, environmental consultant, to prepare the Saint Mary's College (SMC) Campus Master Plan Environmental Impact Report. SMC is in the process of preparing an update of the Campus Master Plan, which was approved by the Town of Moraga in 1990. Reports and documents will be posted on the [SMC Campus Master Plan Update Project page](#) as they become available.



## 2015 PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT NOTICE TO PROCEED ISSUED

Bay Cities Paving & Grading has been issued a notice to proceed to begin construction. To learn more about the project, including a three-week advance schedule that will be updated weekly, visit the Town's [Pavement Program](#) page. For daily construction activities, please follow the Town's [Measure K Facebook](#) page.



## FAMILY CAMPOUT – SATURDAY, JULY 25

Join friends and neighbors for the 2nd annual Family Campout at Rancho Laguna Park! Enjoy family games, crafts for the kids, and much more. Dinner and continental breakfast will be provided. New this year is a make your own s'mores station. Families should bring a tent, sleeping bags, chairs, flashlights, snacks, a change of clothes, and personal items. Cost is \$17 per person. Registration closes July 19. [Register online](#) or call 925-888-7036 for additional information. SPACE IS LIMITED!



## LOWER RHEEM BOULEVARD STABILIZATION PROJECT

Contractor bids are being sought for the collaborative project between the Town and the developer (SummerHill Homes) to remove and repair the landslide affecting the Rheem Boulevard roadway and the reconstruction of the pavement. A construction contract will be awarded after bids are reviewed by both parties. Once a construction schedule is determined, advance notification will be provided to all potentially affected service providers, residents and the general community. Additionally, signs and electronic message boards will be placed throughout Town advising of road closures for the portion of Rheem Boulevard between Fay Hill Road and 591 Rheem Boulevard.



## SUMMER SAFETY AND FIREWORKS

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District ask everyone to avoid all fireworks activity this summer. All fireworks are dangerous and negatively impact neighbors and pets. Current drought and extreme fire conditions create critically dangerous conditions that can destroy lives and property. Fireworks are illegal in Contra Costa County. If you see anyone with fireworks, please call MPD immediately at 925-284-5010 to report. Enjoy the annual 4th of July professional fireworks show at the Moraga Country Club and keep our community safe.



## HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 30

The Hillside and Ridgeline Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores to continue the discussion of options to address key project issues from the June 16 meeting. Steering Committee meeting agendas and materials are available online at the [Hillside and Ridgeline Project page](#).



## MORAGA POLICE DISPATCH

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) contracts for police dispatch services from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. Dispatch receives all Moraga 9-1-1 calls and also non-emergency calls. When anything suspicious is seen, or for any non-emergency service need from MPD, please call 925-284-5010 and an officer will be notified via radio or mobile computer to respond. This service is available at all times, while office hours and website responses are limited.



## MOSQUITO VECTOR CONTROL BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOLUNTEER

Anyone dedicated to community service with an interest in public health or science is encouraged to apply to become Moraga's Trustee for the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District. The District has been protecting public health since 1927. 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](#).



## TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

The Town offices will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day, reopening on Monday, July 6, 2015.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 pm – [Hillside and Ridgeline Steering Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

~~Monday, July 6, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED~~

Wednesday, July 8, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium

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

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



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