



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ MAY 29, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### MORAGA WINS FOOD RECYCLING AWARDS



On April 30, Republic Services and RecycleSmart (formerly Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority) presented gold, silver and bronze awards for food recycling at their board meeting. Moraga was well represented with Camino Pablo Elementary Teacher Bonnie Hazarbedian and Principal Tom Rust (second and third from right in back row) winning the gold award in the Schools category, and Golden Palace Restaurant Manager Norman Sison (far left in back row) winning the silver award in the Restaurants category. For more

information, email [Kimberly](mailto:Kimberly) and visit [RecycleSmart](http://RecycleSmart) to see the complete list of winners.



### 2015 PAVEMENT REPAIR PROJECT

#### **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT APPROVED**

On May 27, Town Council awarded a 2015 Pavement Repair Construction contract to the same contractor that completed last year's project, Bay Cities Paving & Grading. The project entails reconstructing 10 street segments rated as "failed" by the Town's pavement asset management software. Construction is scheduled to begin end of June with completion expected in early October. Visit the Town's [Pavement Program](http://Pavement Program) webpage for the list and map of street segments.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Town is notifying the community and those residents who live on the streets targeted for repair with the specific schedule and what they should expect during construction. Like the last two paving projects, public outreach is supported by volunteers who provide door-to-door project information to residents affected by the project. For those interested, volunteer orientation is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, Dance Room.

#### **ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION**

Two Town Hall Public Outreach meetings are scheduled for Thursday, June 25, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm and again from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, Mosaic Room. To learn more about the project, including a 3-week advance schedule that will be updated weekly once construction begins, visit the Town's [Pavement Program](http://Pavement Program) webpage. For daily construction activities, please follow the Town's [Measure K Facebook](http://Measure K Facebook) page.



### COMMONS PARK PATHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Construction of an ADA accessible seating area and pathway on the grassy hill in the Commons Park has begun and is scheduled to be completed before the summer concert series begins on June 18.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS – MAY 20 AND 27

### ***LOWER RHEEM BOULEVARD STABILIZATION PROJECT***

On May 20, Council approved an agreement between the Town and Rancho Laguna II developer, SummerHill Homes, detailing the responsibilities of the developer and the Town in the collaborative project to remove and repair the landslide affecting the Rheem Boulevard roadway and the reconstruction of the pavement. Construction is expected to begin this summer and will require closure of a portion of the roadway from approximately Fay Hill Road to 591 Rheem Boulevard (west of Fernwood Drive). 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 in Town advising of the upcoming road closure. For day-to-day construction activities, please follow the Town's [Measure K Facebook](#) page.

### ***SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE APPEAL (INTRAMURAL FIELD)***

On May 20, the Town Council upheld an appeal allowing Saint Mary's College to operate its Intramural Field lights until 10:00 pm. A number of Conditions of Approval will control noise and lighting impacts from the field, including redesign of the field lights to substantially reduce glare, establishment of a 55 decibel noise limit, and procedures for response to citizen noise complaints. The 10:00 pm operating time becomes effective when the lighting upgrades are installed, and is subject to a one-year review by the Town Council.

### ***MORAGA TOWN CENTER HOMES ZONING AMENDMENTS ADOPTED***

On May 27, Town Council adopted, by a 4-1 vote, an ordinance amending Municipal Code Chapter 8.48 to add a 12 Dwelling Units per Acre Planned Development (12-PD-MC) land use classification, and to amend the zoning for the site of the Moraga Town Center Homes (City Ventures) project from Suburban Office to 12-PD-MC. The Ordinance implements zoning required for consistency with the Moraga Center Specific Plan, and for the approved Moraga Town Center Homes project. For the ordinance, staff reports project documents and FAQs, visit the Planning Department's project [page](#).

### ***LFFA AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE STUDY SESSION***

On May 27, Council held a study session on the draft regional Lamorinda Fee and Finance Authority (LFFA) traffic impact fee, and local Town of Moraga impact fees for parks, general government, and public safety which offset the impacts of growth on facilities and infrastructure. Key changes in the local program include an updated list of program-funded projects, including funding for a broader range of recreational facilities. The draft LFFA study includes a revised methodology for the sharing of traffic impact fees among the three Lamorinda cities, allowing Moraga to receive a substantially larger share of the total fees collected. The Town Council had consensus to support both of the draft programs, which will be returned to the LFFA and Town Council for adoption in the fall.

### ***TOWN'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATED***

On May 27, the Council approved updates to the fees that the Town charges for various services and programs, such as development services and recreation classes. These updates take effect on July 27, 2015. The fee schedule is available on the [Town's](#) website.

### ***TOWN EMPLOYEE AGREEMENTS APPROVED***

On May 27, the Council approved employee agreements, including compensation and benefits, for all employee groups. Agreements are effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Included in the agreements are cost-of-living increases addressing inflation that outpaced prior year increases and employees agreeing to pay a higher percentage of retirement costs.



## BALANCED BUDGET PRESENTED TO TOWN COUNCIL

At their May 27 meeting, the Council provided direction for the Town's spending plan in the Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget. The budget includes expenditures for both day-to-day operations and capital improvements, along with updates to the Five-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Program. The budget assumes a conservative 3% growth in property tax revenues, \$1.7 million from Measure K sales taxes and supports a continued focus on repairing the Town's roads and storm drain system. The Council will consider adopting the finalized budget at its June 10 meeting.



## SUMMER CAMPS

Summer is right around the corner and Moraga Parks and Recreation is offering a variety of camps for all ages and interests. Choose from educational, sports, art, dance, debate, and more. Sign up [online](#) today. Camp Hacienda day camp has weekly themed activities for kids ages 5 to 10 and the new Breakaway Camp for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders offers daily trips to fun destinations throughout the Bay Area. For any questions about camps, call the Recreation Department at 925-888-7036.



## SURVEY ON FUTURE LAMORINDA TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The Town is working with Lafayette, Orinda, and County Connection (the local public transit provider), to investigate five different options to improve public transportation access for Moraga commuters (including transit service to BART), seniors, and school children. Moraga residents had a great response to the initial outreach a few months ago, and the Town is now seeking input on options through a brief online survey at [Lamorinda Transit Survey](#). Thank you for your participation!



## KIDS DAY TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS– SUNDAY, JUNE 14

On Sunday, June 14, the Moraga Police Officers Association, in partnership with The New Rheem Theatre will present "Kids Day," a fundraiser for Special Olympics. Bring your kids or grandkids to a special \$5 matinee showing of *Despicable Me 2* at 10:30 am followed by kid fun with a bounce house, face painting, balloons, carnival games, and more! The Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club has donated funds to support Special Olympics and club members will be assisting at the event. See the flyer on the [Moraga POA website](#). For more details contact Sgt. Brian South at 925-888-7052.



## FAMILY CAMPOUT – SIGN UP EARLY

On Saturday, July 25, enjoy a suburban overnight family camping experience at Rancho Laguna Park with family games, crafts for kids, and a campfire under the stars. Families should bring camping equipment including a tent and sleeping bags, chairs, flashlights, snacks, a change of clothes and personal items. Dinner and continental breakfast will be provided. No pets are allowed at this event. ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING MUST BE REGISTERED BY JULY 17! Cost is \$15 per person. [Register online](#) or call 925-888-7036 for additional information.



## ENGINEERING INTERN NEEDED

The Public Works/Engineering Department is looking for an Engineering Intern for the 2015 summer season. The ideal candidate will be someone who is interested in helping with the digital formatting of plans, and many other office and in-field projects. For anyone with interest, please visit [Moraga Jobs](#) for information and how to apply.



## BUY-A-ROCKET FUNDRAISER FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY

Since 1991, Moraga has hosted a free 4th of July fireworks show thanks to generous community donations. Many local cities have eliminated 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks shows due to dwindling resources. Annually, Moraga raises funds to provide this event and, once again, citizens are encouraged to help continue this tradition. This year, the Town’s goal is to raise \$25,000 for the fireworks show. Please donate to the Buy-A-Rocket fund and help preserve this event. Donate [online](#) or send a check to Moraga Parks and Recreation, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556, Attn: Buy-A-Rocket.



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Join your friends and neighbors for evenings of free family fun at the Commons Park. The Summer Concert Series, brought to you by the Moraga Park Foundation, begins Thursday, June 18, and continues each week ending August 20 (except July 2). Concerts are from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, with the concession stand opening at 6:00 pm for dinner. Bring your picnic blanket or lawn chairs and enjoy the music. For full schedule and additional information, visit [Moraga Park Foundation](#).



## HOME VIDEO SURVEILLANCE MEETING

The Moraga Police Department is hosting an informational meeting for residents who are interested in learning more about home video surveillance systems. Attend the presentation by a local professional in the video surveillance field at the Library Community Meeting Room on Tuesday, June 16, at 7:00 pm. The discussion will include information on types of surveillance systems, camera resolution, coordination with Moraga Police and basic requirements for residential systems.



## SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE CHAMBER SINGERS AND GLEE CLUB

The Council declared May 27, 2015 Saint Mary’s College of California Chamber Singers and Glee Club Day for their outstanding accomplishments. The special Council recognition honored the groups for earning two Gold Medals at the World Choir Games in Riga, Latvia in 2014 and for their recent honor of performing at Carnegie Hall on April 18. The proclamation was accepted on behalf of all Chamber Singers and Glee Club members by Dr. Julie Ford, Director, and Sharon Lee Kim, Assistant Director and Accompanist.



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## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

~~Monday, June 1, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library CANCELLED~~

Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 pm – Hacienda de las Flores Conceptual Plan Visioning Workshop #1, Hacienda de las Flores

Wednesday, June 3, 5:00 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Wednesday June 3, 7:00 pm – Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Steering Committee, Hacienda de las Flores

~~Monday, June 8, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library CANCELLED~~

Monday, June 8, 7:00 pm – Hacienda de las Flores Conceptual Plan Visioning Workshop #2, Hacienda

de las Flores

Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

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



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