



## ABOUT TOWN ▪ SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26



Join the fall fun at the Pear & Wine Festival on Saturday, September 26! New this year are all-day live performances presented by the Lamorinda Arts Council, cornhole zone and the pear photo booth. Also featuring: wine tasting with the Lamorinda Wine Growers Association, DJ RyanO, pear pies, jumpies, food, artist and community booths, ARF Pet Adoption Mobile, and more. Check out the [Pear Recipe Contest](#) and visit the [Event Page](#) for schedules, recipe contest details, and additional information. The Festival is located at the Moraga Commons Park from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.



### SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE INTRAMURAL FIELD LIGHT MEASUREMENTS

The installation of the new lighting system at the Saint Mary's College intramural sports field is nearly complete. The Town's lighting consultant will be conducting post-construction measurements of illumination and luminance levels on Wednesday, September 16. The intramural field lights will be illuminated from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm for this purpose.



### SAFETY TIPS FOR CHILDREN

On Tuesday, September 8, a stranger attempted to entice two girls into his vehicle by asking them to help find his little dog. Please share the following information with your children:

- Strangers look normal - like a regular person
- Don't talk or walk with strangers
- Don't accept food or gifts from strangers
- Don't get into a car with a stranger
- Don't communicate via text or e-mail with a stranger

If approached by a stranger, immediately tell a parent, school official or police officer.



### MORAGA WALK | BIKE PLAN – COMMUNITY INPUT NEEDED!

Walking and biking around Moraga should be safe, pleasant and convenient. With that goal in mind, the Town is developing the Moraga Walk|Bike Plan, which will recommend projects to improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. The Town wants to hear from community members about the needs and concerns of pedestrians and cyclists, the obstacles and challenges to walking and biking, and suggestions for improving conditions. Visit [moraga.ca.us/WalkBikeMoraga](http://moraga.ca.us/WalkBikeMoraga) or contact [Coleman Frick](#) at 925-888-7039 for more information.



### CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL



For the 5th year, Moraga's Rheem Theatre is hosting the California Independent Film Festival (CAIFF), along with the Orinda Theatre and the Castro in San Francisco. Beginning tonight through Wednesday, September 16, dozens of films from all over the world will be screened, including feature length, shorts, and documentaries. To preview trailers and purchase tickets, visit [caiff.org](http://caiff.org).



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS – SEPTEMBER 9

### **CALIFORNIA YOUTH ENERGY SERVICES**

Town Council received a presentation from Rising Sun Energy Center on the recently completed California Youth Energy Services (CYES) summer program. During the six-week program, CYES energy specialists performed 69 “Green House Calls” at Moraga residences, installing water and energy efficient devices that are estimated to save 13,762 kWh and 76.5 gallons/minute of water.

### **PUBLIC ART POLICY**

Town Council recommended that the Park and Recreation Commission consider modifications to the 2008 Public Art Policy and follow the City of Orinda *Art in Public Places* Policy. The Commission will consider policy modifications at their regular meetings over the next few months for Council review.

### **PARKING ON RHEEM BOULEVARD**

Town Council directed staff to proceed with a plan to re-stripe Rheem Boulevard from 335 Rheem Boulevard to Center Street to provide on-street public parking along both sides of the roadway. Council authorized the design phase of the project to begin immediately.

### **GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCES**

Town Council took action on two ordinances supporting green building. A new Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance was adopted requiring that large construction projects submit a Waste Management Plan to the Town. The plan will ensure that at least 50% of construction and demolition debris from the covered project are recycled. A new Solar Streamlining Ordinance was also introduced which adopts, by reference, provisions of the Contra Costa County Code to create expedited permitting procedures for small residential rooftop solar systems.

### **VIA MORAGA SUBDIVISION FINAL**

Town Council approved the final map for the Via Moraga Subdivision located on Moraga Road (the former Bowling Alley site). The grading of the property has already begun and the construction of the site improvements, such as installation of utilities and the private roadway, will follow in the coming months.



## 2015 PAVEMENT PROJECT ALMOST COMPLETE

This year’s pavement project is nearing completion with the actual paving work completed on August 26. The remaining work consists of minor items, such as raising utility covers and grates, striping, and touch-up or clean-up work. The project has been a great success as the Town and residents work together to improve the streets.



## PEAR ORCHARD FACING FIRE BLIGHT DISEASE

Volunteers are once again needed to prune the Fire Blight-damaged branches from the old pear orchard adjacent to Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School. Despite vigorous pruning last year, the recent weather has helped the Fire Blight and the infection is threatening to kill this historic orchard. Volunteers will be pruning each Saturday in October, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and should bring pruning tools. For more information, contact Bobbie Preston at 925-376-8474.



## HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE WORKSHOP – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

The third public workshop for the Hillside and Ridgeline project, to update the Town’s hillside and ridgeline regulations, is scheduled for September 17, at 7:00 pm, in Hagerty Lounge, De La Salle Hall, at Saint Mary’s College. For more information contact [Ellen Clark](#), call 925-888-7041, or visit the [project webpage](#).



## MORAGA LIBRARY'S FALL BOOK SALE – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The Fall Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Library Community Room (1500 St. Mary's Road). Books for adults, children, and teens are available for as little as five for \$1.00. Proceeds from the sale support Library collections and programs.



## LAMORINDA TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2



Play Texas Hold 'Em with your friends and neighbors in a tournament to crown the best player in Lamorinda. Enjoy up to four hours of exciting play while supporting the Hacienda de las Flores on Friday, October 2, beginning at 6:00 pm. Entry is limited to 100 players! Sponsored by the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga. For more information and to register visit [haciendafoundation.org](http://haciendafoundation.org) or call 925-381-5565.



## MORAGA BIKE RIDE – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Join Bike East Bay, Town staff, and the project consultant for a bike tour of the Town to discuss a vision for potential bike improvements to include in [Moraga's Walk | Bike Plan](#). Meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, October 3, at the Moraga Library Community Room (1500 St. Mary's Road). Be prepared for hills and riding on streets with traffic.



## PG&E POWER LINE UPGRADE PROJECT – HELICOPTERS IN TOWN

Work continues on the PG&E power line upgrade project as helicopters will be moving equipment and materials on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 11 – 13. The use of helicopters expedites the project, reducing the impact upon Moraga residents.



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, September 14, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Hacienda, La Sala  
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, 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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