



ABOUT TOWN ▪ APRIL 23, 2015 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE CHOIR AT CARNEGIE HALL



Saint Mary's College Chamber Singers and Glee Club, gold medal winners at the 2014 World Choir Games, performed beautifully in New York City on April 18th. The 34 singers gave a performance at a service for peace at St Paul's Chapel across from the 9/11 Memorial and Freedom Tower and a 40-minute solo set in Carnegie Hall with music ranging from Schubert to Duke Ellington to the Bee Gees. The memorable trip was another high mark for the College's Performing Arts Department.



TRAFFIC ALERT! – TRIATHLON SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Attention Campolindo, Camino Pablo, Canyon, Carroll Ranch residents, and all Moraga motorists! On Saturday, April 25, from approximately 7:30 am to 11:00 am, Triathlon participants will be cycling and running through your residential areas as well as on Moraga Road, Canyon Road, Camino Pablo and Pinehurst. The Police Department, along with volunteers, will be monitoring and directing traffic, but there will be NO road closures. Please be patient, use caution and expect delays.



GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON THE DROUGHT

Governor Brown's Drought State of Emergency not only means all residents have been asked to cut back 20% from 2013 water use levels, but it has already resulted in numerous changes throughout Town. The Town will no longer be watering the medians, has turned off the two fountains and spray feature in Moraga Commons, is watering only twice a week, and has installed a new irrigation system at the Pavilion at the Hacienda de las Flores to eliminate leaks in the water lines. Ornamental grasses will not be allowed to be installed for new construction during this period of regulation.



COMMUNITY PREFERENCES SURVEY

On April 22, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to contract for a professional survey to determine community priorities for many future Town needs, and to determine the level of interest in paying for their priority items. The community will be asked to prioritize several needed infrastructure improvements (storm drain repair, additional street repair, maintaining our assets), as well as parks, recreation and open space improvements (new recreational facilities and gym, new sports fields, and purchasing open space), additional police officers and economic development strategies.



TOWN HOSTS BALLOT BOX FOR MAY 19 ELECTION

The Town is hosting a ballot box for the election on Tuesday, May 19, for the State Senate 7th District open seat. The ballot box will be located upstairs in the Town offices, 329 Rheem Boulevard, **between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, beginning Monday, April 27**. Remember to vote!



BURGLARY PREVENTION

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) has responded to 3 daytime residential burglaries in the past 2 weeks. Burglars entered through unlocked doors or smashed rear glass doors. Residents are encouraged to protect their homes with alarm systems and cameras that record activity around the exterior of the home. Please secure valuables, look out to protect neighbors, and report any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood. Anyone with information about criminal activity should call MPD at 925-888-7055 ext 0.



AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

For the second consecutive year, the Town received the national award of excellence from the Government Finance Officers Association for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2014. The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and recognizes the Town's commitment to provide full disclosure and transparency of its financial standing and management of public funds.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 22

TOWN COUNCIL HONORS CAMPOLINDO BASKETBALL TEAM

April 22, 2015 was proclaimed as "2014-2015 Campolindo Boys Varsity Basketball Team Day" to honor the team's many accomplishments including a Diablo Foothill Athletic League title with a 12-0 record; the first Campolindo NorCal Championship and trip to the State championship game; and a 28-5 season record. The Council recognized many individual player awards and accomplishments and also honored Assistant Coach Jeff Martin and Head Coach Matt Watson as the NorCal Preps and San Francisco Chronicle Coach of the Year.

HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES CONCEPTUAL VISION

After interviewing two exceptional architectural firms proposing to preserve and enhance the Hacienda de las Flores, Town Council directed staff to begin negotiation discussions with Gould Evans, a San Francisco based firm. Terms of the final contract will be brought back to a future Town Council meeting for consideration. The visioning process is the initial phase in creating a more sustainable community facility, with potential for a mix of public-private partnership opportunities and a chance to enhance, promote and preserve the Hacienda de las Flores.

COUNCIL ENDORSES "DUAL ROUNDABOUT" CONCEPT FOR ST. MARY'S ROAD

Omni-Means presented a feasibility analysis of traffic safety improvements at the St. Mary's Road/Rheem Boulevard and St. Mary's Road/Bollinger Canyon Road intersections to improve safety and traffic flow. The consultant recommended a coordinated set of improvements to install a roundabout at each intersection and improve the vertical grade changes in the section of roadway in between. The improvements also provide better pedestrian connectivity to the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail and to Bollinger Canyon Road. At Council direction, staff will work to pursue grant funding for the design, environmental, and construction phases of the project.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

The Town Council adopted a charter forming the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the upcoming Moraga Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan (PBMP) Update and Wayfinding Plan. The Town Council will select residents interested in making Moraga a walk- and bike-friendly community. A call for volunteers will be issued shortly, and local residents are encouraged to apply! To learn more about the PBMP Update and Wayfinding Plan, and the role of the CAC, please visit <http://www.moraga.ca.us/walkbikemoraga> or email cfrick@moraga.ca.us.



CAMINO RICARDO SUBDIVISION GRADING TO BEGIN

SummerHill Homes will start grading activities for the new subdivision, Harvest Court, on Camino Ricardo in the next few weeks. For more information about the Harvest Court community please contact Denise Cunningham, Director of Development at dcunningham@shhomes.com, and for construction related questions please contact Paul Medeiros, Construction Vice President at (408) 529-6020 or email him at pmedeiros@shhomes.com.



SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE CONDUCTING NOISE TESTING

Saint Mary's College is working with an acoustical consultant to better understand and document the noise impacts of its intramural sports fields. This study is being conducted in conjunction with an appeal of a Town requirement to limit the hours of operation of the sports field, which is due to be heard by the Town Council in May following a continued hearing in March. The College is also working with staff on a redesign of the sports fields lighting to reduce nuisance glare on adjacent neighborhoods.



THANK YOU MORAGA BEAUTIFUL VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of the volunteers that assisted with improvements to the Moraga Commons Park and the Mulholland Open Space Preserve. Invasive species were removed and benches, picnic tables and fences were painted. Efforts like this help keep our award-winning parks looking good. Your volunteer service is greatly appreciated!



ASSET REPLACEMENT NEEDS REVIEWED BY AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) continued its discussion about the Town's needs for the replacement of assets, including building components, park facilities, vehicles, etc. A lack of funding deterred many repairs and needed replacements. The Town needs about \$600,000 each year to keep up with the proper maintenance of these assets. The detailed report will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on May 13.



WORM COMPOSTING & BIN BUILDING WORKSHOP – SATURDAY, MAY 2

RecycleSmart residents from Walnut Creek, Orinda, Lafayette, Moraga, Danville, Alamo, Blackhawk and Diablo are encouraged to attend this very hands-on composting workshop sponsored by RecycleSmart on Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Civic Park Community Center, 1375 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. Space is limited and registration is required: <http://www.recyclesmart.org/> (register by April 28)
Fee is \$20.00 per household and all supplies included!



<p>Worm Composting Bin Building Workshop</p> <p>Saturday, May 2nd, 10-12PM Civic Park Community Center, Walnut Creek</p> <p>Come build your worm bin, learn about vermicomposting and start immediately! It's easy – anyone can do it! All supplies covered, including worms!</p>



CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA – SUNDAY, MAY 3

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga and the Lamorinda Montessori School present the 7th annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta on Sunday, May 3, from 12:00 to 6:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. The fiesta will be fun for the whole family, featuring a live Mariachi band, authentic Mexican food and drink, piñatas, games, and tortilla making! Admission is \$5 per adult, children free. This is a fundraiser for the [Hacienda Foundation of Moraga](http://www.haciendafoundationofmoraga.com), and 100% of the proceeds go towards improvements at the Hacienda de las Flores.



MORAGA COMMUNITY FAIRE – SATURDAY, MAY 9

Mark your calendar for the Moraga Community Faire and Car Show Saturday, May 9, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, presented by the [Moraga Chamber of Commerce](#), featuring activities for Mothers' Day as well as gifts for mothers and grandmothers. Bring water bottles for a refill at the Water Monster Station and enjoy dozens of classic cars; food trucks and stands; Saint Mary's College Spirit Team; dunking Moraga's "notables" in the dunk tank; and gather information about town developments, water conservation, cooking with kids, and much more!



MORAGA TOWN CENTER HOMES PROJECT APPEAL - MAY 13

The Town Council will consider the appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of the Moraga Town Center Homes project (a 36-unit Attached Single Family Residential Development) on May 13. This is a continuation of the hearing from April 8. The staff report, project plans and [background information](#) can be found on the Town's website. For additional information, contact Ella Samonsky at 925-888-7042.



BIKE TO WORK DAY – THURSDAY, MAY 14



Dust off your Schwinn, grab your helmet, and join thousands of others in the Bay Area for the annual Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 14. The Town will be hosting an “energizer station” along the Lafayette Moraga Trail, with snacks and give-aways for participants. Visit [the Bike to Work Day website](#) for complete information, bike maps, and a guide to all of the fun events and plan to celebrate the day!



2015 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR DINNER– SATURDAY, MAY 16

Graig Crossley, a long-time community volunteer, was selected as the 2015 Citizen of the Year. Craig has served as Mayor and Councilmember; past President of Kiwanis and Kiwanian of the Year; Troop 246 Scout Master; Park & Recreation Commissioner; Hacienda Foundation member and Chair; Park Foundation member; ADA Committee member; and Climate Action Committee Chair. Graig will be honored at the Saturday, May 16, Citizen of the Year dinner, 6:00 pm at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center. Visit [Moraga Chamber](#) to purchase tickets at \$50 each.



SPRING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta – Sunday, May 3, 12:00 - 6:00 pm, Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive

Moraga Community Garage Sale – Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, [Additional Information](#)

Local Wine Social, Art Exhibit & Sale – Thursday, May 28, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, Hacienda de las Flores

Free Family Movie Night, *The Lego Movie* – Friday, May 29, approx. 8:40 pm, Moraga Commons



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 27, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Moraga Library

Monday, May 4, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Moraga Library

Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), JM Auditorium

Thursday, May 14, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores **[Rescheduled from Tuesday May 6]**

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



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