



ABOUT TOWN ▪ APRIL 15, 2016 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



RHEEM BOULEVARD SINKHOLE UPDATE

On Friday, April 8, PG&E began work to install permanent gas lines to replace the pipes affected by the sinkhole, and plan to complete their first phase of work by April 22 and remove the temporary mobile Compressed Natural Gas units in the Rheem Shopping Center parking lot. Soon thereafter, PG&E will install new electric service lines to the Town's traffic signal at Moraga Road and Rheem Boulevard, which has been running on a generator for the past month. New electric lines will also be installed to replace the lines that were affected by the sinkhole.

To assist those who are unfamiliar with the area, a [vehicle and pedestrian detour plan](#) has been prepared and is posted on the Town's website. Changes have been made this week and additional signage will be placed to advise the public that all businesses are open. The Town continues to ask all motorists to drive slowly through the affected areas, yield to pedestrians and to please patronize the local businesses.

The Town's consultants are finalizing a forensics study summarizing the cause of the sinkhole and mode of failure, as well as finalizing the repair alternatives and cost-benefit analysis that will be presented to Town Council on April 27, 2016. The Town is still working with state and federal agencies to address possible financial assistance for the needed repairs estimated at \$3.5 million. This update and all past updates can be found on the Town website's dedicated [Sinkhole webpage](#). The Town thanks you for your continued patience.



FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 BUDGET UPDATE

Town staff continues to work on development of the FY 2016/17 budget with a focus on long-term fiscal sustainability. The original Town Council's minimal government philosophy fixed property tax revenues at the rate of 5.3% (or just under \$3.5 million in FY 2015/16) which means that only 5 cents of every property tax dollar paid returns to the Town to pay for basic services expected by the community and to adequately fund current and future infrastructure needs. Presentation of the various elements of the budget to Town Boards, Commissions and Committees at public meetings over the next few weeks will offer multiple opportunities for community input in the budget development process. Town staff expects to present a balanced budget to the Town Council for final consideration in June.



TRAFFIC ALERT! - TRIATHLON, SATURDAY, APRIL 23



Attention Campolindo, Camino Pablo, Canyon, Carroll Ranch residents, and all Moraga motorists! On Saturday, April 23, 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 Road. 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.

The Town is looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the event, so please contact the Triathlon Coordinators at tri@moraga.ca.us if interested. A free event shirt and a great time are guaranteed. For additional race details, fact sheets, maps, and other information, visit moragatri.com!



JUDY DINKLE NAMED MORAGA'S 2016 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Judy Dinkle, a 35 year Moraga resident, is a Moraga volunteer extraordinaire with service starting in 2001 as a Board Member of the Moraga Park Foundation. She was instrumental in the creation of the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga, which was founded to preserve, protect and improve the Hacienda de las Flores, one of Judy's greatest loves. Judy will be honored at an awards banquet on Friday, April 29, at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center. Tickets are available for \$55 per person through the [Moraga Chamber of Commerce](#). For questions contact Kathe Nelson at 925-323-6524.



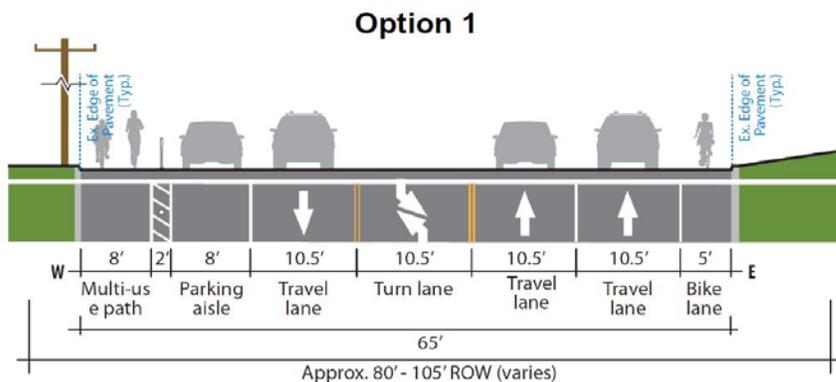
RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 13

STREET LIGHTING ANNEXATION – HARDIE DRIVE

Six property owners on Hardie Drive near Camino Ricardo petitioned to be annexed into the Town's Street Lighting Assessment District. Annexation will allow the Town to install two street lights in front of their properties. Town Council gave direction to Town staff to initiate the annexation proceedings.

LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD SURVEY RESULTS

The Town Council received and discussed the results of the recent Town-wide mail survey on options for the reconfiguration of Moraga Road between Donald and Corliss Drives, as part of the Livable Moraga Road project. After lengthy discussion about the safety needs of pedestrians and cyclists in this segment, and consideration of the [Survey Results](#), on a split vote, the Town Council approved Survey Option 1. This option was preferred by focus groups, the Town Advisory Committee, the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission. Option 1 includes one southbound lane, two northbound lanes, and a center turn lane, as well as bike lanes, parking, and a separated eight-foot wide path for pedestrians and cyclists. The majority of the Town Council felt this option best met the current needs of vehicular traffic while improving the safety of pedestrians and cyclists within the existing width of the roadway. The recommended option will be incorporated into the complete "Corridor Concept" for Moraga Road, to be reviewed by the Town Council at a future meeting. For more information contact [Ellen Clark, Planning Director](#).



Option 1 Configuration

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY COURT

The Town Council authorized an agreement with the District Attorney's office to establish a Lamorinda Community Court. Community Court provides a voluntary non-criminal alternative for first offenders of minor crimes. Hearings are conducted by a trained, licensed attorney, who may issue a directive including a fine, community service and/or counseling. When the participant completes the directive, the case is discharged. The program is voluntary and the offender can opt out at any time during the process. Call Moraga Police for more information at 925-888-7049.

LIBRARY RESTROOMS REMODEL PROJECT

The Town Council accepted the public restroom remodel project as complete. The facilities now meet current building codes and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Enjoy the new drinking fountain, complete with the first bottle filling station in a Moraga public facility.



MORAGA BUSINESSES ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

Many in Moraga have been inconvenienced by the sinkhole, but none as much as the businesses in the Rheem shopping areas. Detours through the two commercial centers have raised questions about business availability. All Rheem area businesses are open, accessible, and need everyone's support. All Moraga businesses generate critical sales tax revenues that support the community. Please remember to Shop Moraga First!



TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMISSION, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS

The Town Council recently interviewed candidates for various boards and commissions and have made the following appointments: Planning Commission – Kymberleigh Korpus, Ferenc Kovac, Christine Kuckuk and Steve Woehleke; Design Review Board – Karl Davis, Kevin Gregory, Ben Helber and David Stromberg; Park and Recreation Commission — Bob Giomi, Tom Schnurr and Tom Shephard; Audit and Finance Committee – Tim Freeman; Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee – John Anderson, Bob Foxall and Larry Rosenberg; Art in Public Spaces – Tia Kratter, Jamie Patterson and Grant Rusk; and Mosquito and Vector Control District – Rob Lucacher. Congratulations to all! Staff looks forward to working together over the coming year.



IRS SCAMS

Moraga citizens are once again being victimized by two scams: fraudulent tax returns being filed and scam telephone calls from fake IRS agents demanding money. If a fraudulent tax return has been filed using your name and information, report it immediately to the IRS. The IRS does not call about past-due taxes – they DO send letters via US Mail and will never ask for payment by wire transfer or pre-paid credit card. For more information, go to IRS.gov and search for “Scams.”



TREE REMOVAL AND LANDSCAPE PLANS AT CAMPOLINDO HIGH SCHOOL

The Town has received a number of queries about the recent tree removal along the Campolindo High School frontage. The work is part of a larger project by the School District to re-landscape the school frontage and campus, removing trees that were in poor health, hazardous, or poorly suited for their locations. The District is re-planting with a variety of new plants and trees. Additional information on the project, including the complete plans for the new landscaping, is available on the [School District website](#).



HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES CONCEPTUAL PLAN

The Town Council is scheduled to review and comment on a final conceptual plan for the Hacienda de las Flores, as presented by Gould Evans, a San Francisco architectural firm, at the April 27 meeting. After months of community discussion, conceptualizing, and designing, the Town Council and community will have another opportunity to provide input on this project. One of the 2016 Town Council goals is to develop a concept and plans for a financially sustainable Hacienda de las Flores. The public is invited to attend or to send written comments to the Town Council by emailing townclerk@moraga.ca.us.



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 21

The Moraga [Community Garage Sale](#) provides an opportunity to clean out garages, attics, storage sheds and closets, while meeting neighbors and recycling unwanted items. Town of Moraga residents are invited to hold garage sales at their homes, join with neighbors to hold block sales, or organize a community group to hold a combined sale on Saturday, May 21, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. A \$15.00 [registration](#) fee will provide a listing in the Community Garage Sale Guide. The Town will provide marketing for the event and the sellers keep the cash - it's that easy!



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 18, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda, Mosaic

Monday April 25, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Tuesday, April 26, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Blvd

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

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



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