



ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 29, 2016 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MORAGA SINKHOLE CAUSE AND REPAIR PLAN



On Wednesday, April 27, the Moraga Town Council received a report on the cause of the sinkhole and accepted a recommendation from the Public Works Director/Town Engineer and the Town's consultants to repair the sinkhole by removing and replacing the damaged 96-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) with a new 96-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe, backfilling, and reinstalling the sidewalk, pavement, and traffic signal.

The sinkhole collapse was preceded by 8 days of rain, where water from a variety of sources found its way to the sinkhole location, eroding the soil around the 96-inch CMP and washing it into the offsets in the pipe joints, creating voids beneath the sidewalk, which eventually gave way, creating the sinkhole in its condition today.

The Town's consultants immediately began working on the design and will finalize the plans and specifications in the coming weeks. On June 8, the Public Works Director/Town Engineer will make a recommendation to the Town Council to award a construction contract and begin construction of the repair project. Construction is anticipated to take 2 to 3 months and be completed before the beginning of the next rainy season, October 15.

The Town is still working with state and federal agencies to address possible financial assistance for the needed repairs. This update and all past updates can be found on the Town website's dedicated [Sinkhole webpage](#). Thank you for your continued patience.



TRIATHLON A GREAT SUCCESS



Thank you to the community for helping make the 10th annual Moraga Triathlon a success! With the help of Lamorinda CERT, volunteers, and the Moraga Police Department, the athletes and motorists were safe, even with necessary detour-related route adjustments. Each year volunteers provide invaluable assistance to ensure a smooth and efficient experience for all athletes and spectators. The feedback from participants ALWAYS mentions the smiles, cheers of encouragement, and feeling of safety throughout the race. The enthusiastic, well-trained, and responsible volunteers truly make this event the best it can be.

Also, a big thank you to the headlining sponsors: Village Associates Real Estate and Sutter Health for generously supporting this community event!



WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION MEANS TO MORAGA

On April 19, 2016 Governor Brown proclaimed the existence of a state of emergency, naming Contra Costa as one of eleven counties whose roads and highways were damaged by storms which created "conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property." The [proclamation](#) orders the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to formally request immediate assistance through the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program. The Town's sinkhole is included for assistance eligibility and Town staff is working with Caltrans as required by statutes to determine the extent of, and to obtain, all available funding to repair the sinkhole.



TOWN TO CONVERT STREET LIGHTS TO LED

On August 26, 2015, Town Council approved an agreement between the Town and PG&E to upgrade all Town-owned or maintained street lights to Light Emitting Diodes (LED). On Friday, April 29 PG&E's contractor will begin converting 118 street lights throughout Town and should take about a week and a half to complete the project. Residents can expect a noticeable difference in the lighting after the conversion. The new LED street lights will save the Town money in energy and maintenance costs, reduce CO2, and do not contain any lead or mercury.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 27

POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

Town Council proclaimed Sunday May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 15 – 21 as Police Week in Moraga. In 1962, President Kennedy and Congress designated May 15th to honor peace officers who have given their lives in the ultimate sacrifice to the communities they serve and protect. This designation has been renewed by the President each year since 1962. The members of the Moraga Police Department are proud to serve Moraga and are appreciative of this recognition from the Town Council.

HACIENDA CONCEPTUAL PLAN

An Ad Hoc Town Council subcommittee, consisting of Vice Mayor Trotter and Councilmember Onoda, was appointed to provide direction and to develop a cost analysis for the Inn and Restaurant concept. Council also requested additional analysis on different capital cost returns for a permanent banquet hall structure versus a tent operation for year-round events at the Hacienda.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STUDY

The Town Council authorized funding of up to \$10,000 to support Contra Costa County's development of a Community Choice Aggregation technical study. The County is developing the study in partnership with Moraga and several other Contra Costa cities, to study a range of options for participation in Community Choice Aggregation, which can procure alternative renewable and green energy supplies while maintaining PG&E as the provider for transmission and distribution services. For more information contact [Coleman Frick](#), Assistant Planner.

CALPERS COST SHARING

As part of the employee agreements approved by the Council in May 2015, all employees have agreed to pay a total of 2% of the employer share of CalPERS pension costs by Fiscal Year (FY) 2016/2017. Beginning in FY 2015/16, employees began paying 1% of this cost and will begin paying an additional 1%, for a total of 2%, beginning in FY 2016/17. The Town Council adopted a resolution as the first step in the process to amend the Town's contract with CalPERS for the upcoming fiscal year. The contract amendment will save the Town approximately \$27,700 in FY2016/17.

MORAGA WALK / BIKE PLAN PROJECT UPDATE

Town Council received a report on the Town-wide bicycle and pedestrian master plan currently in development which is designed to make Moraga safer and more convenient for bicyclists and pedestrians. The project consultant outlined the community outreach process to date and presented a list of proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects in Moraga. The next phase of the project is development of the draft plan which will be made available for public review this summer.



COFFEE WITH A COP - SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Moraga Police Department (MPD) personnel will participate in "Coffee with a Cop" on Saturday, April 30, beginning at 9:30 am at Homemade Café, 337 Rheem Blvd. Officers will be there to enjoy coffee and informal conversation with Moraga residents. Visitors will have the opportunity to ask questions and get to know the local officers serving the greater community. Call MPD at 925-888-7052 for more information.





BIKE TO WORK DAY - THURSDAY, MAY 12

Get fit, go green, and join thousands of others in the Bay Area for the annual Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 12. The Town will be hosting an “energizer station” at Moraga Commons Park by the Lafayette-Moraga Trail, with snacks and giveaways for participants. Visit [the Bike to Work Day website](#) for complete information, bike maps, and a guide to all of the day’s events!



COMMUNITY FAIRE AND CAR SHOW - SATURDAY, MAY 14

Celebrate 10 years of the Community Faire at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center on May 14. Enjoy something for everyone; classic cars, mobile climbing wall, bounce houses, wine tasting, booth viewing, local music from Saint Mary’s College and Campolindo High School, food trucks and more. The Faire runs from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information go to www.moragachamber.org.



HACIENDA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - SUNDAY, MAY 15

Don't miss the Hacienda de las Flores Centennial Fiesta celebration on May 15, noon to 5:00 pm, 2100 Donald Drive. Step back in time, enjoy the beautiful grounds and learn about the Hacienda's rich history. Fun for all ages! Free admission, authentic Mexican food and drinks, live Mariachi Band, hourly piñata contests, tortilla making, Mexican tile painting, cupcake walks and more. Limited onsite parking; shuttle available from Donald Rheem Elementary, 90 Laird Drive. Presented by the [Hacienda Foundation](#) in cooperation with Moraga Parks and Recreation.



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY, JUNE 3

The Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC) is hosting a free outdoor screening of *The Incredibles* at the Moraga Commons Park, Friday, June 3. Bring friends and family, enter the raffle, and enjoy refreshments sold by the MYIC. All proceeds help fund future projects and events benefiting the youth of Moraga. Movie begins at approximately 8:50 pm, depending on darkness. The Moraga Commons Park is located at the intersection of Moraga Road and St. Mary’s Road.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 2, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard
Monday, May 9, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED
Wednesday, May 11, 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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