



ABOUT TOWN ▪ AUGUST 1, 2016 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



KYLE SALVIN CELEBRATES 20 YEARS WORKING FOR THE TOWN



In 1996, Kyle Salvin began his career as a Maintenance Worker for the Town. Through his dedication, hard work, and commitment to maintaining the Town's streets, parks, and facilities, he worked his way up and was promoted to Public Works/Parks Maintenance Manager in 2015. His professionalism, customer service, and willingness to go the extra mile have been well received and appreciated by the community. A little known fact is that Kyle has roots in the Lamorinda area where he went to Miramonte High School. Congratulations on his two decades of outstanding service!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT - TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Five Moraga neighborhoods have scheduled National Night Out events on or around August 2. National Night Out, now in its 33rd year, is an annual community-building event that promotes police/fire and neighborhood partnerships and camaraderie with over 16,000 communities and 38 million participants from all 50 states. Many host an hors d'oeuvre or dessert potluck, some use the time to swap fruits and veggies from their garden – and all are visited by police and fire units. Log on to [Nextdoor](#) to see if your neighborhood has planned an event. National Night Out is a presentation of the National Association of Town Watch and the Moraga Citizens Corps Council.



MORAGA TOWN CENTER HOMES PROJECT (CITY VENTURES) APPEAL

On July 18, the Planning Commission voted 3-3 on a motion to approve the General Development Plan and Tentative Subdivision Map for the Moraga Town Center Homes project. The three votes in favor and three votes opposed to the motion means that the application was denied. The project applicant, City Ventures, has appealed the Planning Commission's decision, and the Town Council will consider the appeal at its August 24 meeting. For more information contact [Holly Pearson](#), Senior Planner.



RHEEM BOULEVARD SINKHOLE UPDATE

The Town has been working diligently with Caltrans to complete the process for receiving the approved emergency funding for the sinkhole repairs. Caltrans was advised that the Town would need authorization to place the project out for contractors to bid by July 25 to complete the repair before the October 15 rainy season deadline. Unfortunately, the Town is still waiting for that authorization. The Town has developed a contingency plan and will include a winterization item (temporary repairs of the existing culvert to make it through the rainy season) in the base bid, then replace the culvert after April 15 when the rainy season ends. The Town also will be including an alternate to the bid documents to expedite the work (7 days a week/double shifts) to complete the repair before the rainy season as an option to consider when awarding the construction contract.



RHEEM VALLEY SHOPPING CENTER SURVEY RESULTS

At the August 24 Town Council meeting the [Moraga Chamber of Commerce](#) will present the results of a community preferences survey they conducted to advise the new owners of the Rheem Valley Shopping Center what businesses the community would like to see in Moraga. The new ownership is scheduled to attend.



HAPPY CAMPERS AT FAMILY CAMPOUT!



The third annual Family Campout at Rancho Laguna Park was a huge success with over 150 residents of the Lamorinda area, ages 2 to 70+, attending this family event. A scavenger hunt, paper rockets, and sing-along in the amphitheater were among the many activities participants enjoyed. New this year was a craft station sponsored by the Moraga Library. We hope to see you next year!



SLOW DOWN LAMORINDA!

The Slow Down Lamorinda campaign is continuing as Moraga, Lafayette and Orinda Police Departments are working to encourage drivers to slow down and drive safely to improve traffic safety and reduce accidents. Citations for over 175 violations have been issued so far this summer. While safe driving is always important, it is especially critical now as the children will be returning to school this month. Please do your part, drive safely and SLOW DOWN LAMORINDA!



ALL ACCESS PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Moraga Rotary, consultants and staff have been addressing additional proposed locations for an all access playground in the Moraga Commons Park. Multiple Commons Park locations have been identified and are being studied further to provide additional options for Town Council consideration on August 24. Additionally, proposed options will be presented to the Park and Recreation Commission for discussion at their August 16 meeting, in preparation for the August 24 Town Council meeting.



SUPPORT THE LAMORINDA SPIRIT VAN

The [Lamorinda Spirit Van](#) Program has been in service since June, 2006 delivering older Lamorinda residents (age 60 and up) to the C.C. Café at the Walnut Creek Senior Center for lunch Monday through Friday, on errands to local stores and businesses, and to hair, medical, dental, and physical therapy appointments. To support the Lamorinda Spirit Van Program financially, please consider a tax-deductible check payable to the City of Lafayette. On the memo line, write "Lamorinda Spirit Van." Mail to Lamorinda Spirit Van Program, Lafayette Senior Services, 500 St. Mary's Road, Lafayette, CA 94549. An anonymous Moraga donor has agreed to match all contributions from the Moraga community up to \$4,500.



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION NEEDS INPUT

The Park and Recreation Commission is discussing a name for the new "open space pocket park" in the new 26 single-family home Harvest Court housing development off of Camino Ricardo. At their July 19 meeting, the Commission narrowed the suggested park names to four. To view the names and select your top choice, please visit [Open Town Hall](#). The Commission appreciates community input prior to making a final decision.



MORE FOOD TRUCKS AT HACIENDA NIGHTS - FRIDAY, AUGUST 12



The 2016 Centennial Celebration of the Hacienda de las Flores continues Friday, August 12, with the second of three food truck events! Due to the huge response to the inaugural [Hacienda Nights](#) event there will now be **four entrée trucks** and one dessert truck! August 12 welcomes: [Q Craft](#), [Yummi BBQ](#), [Ranchero Catering](#), [Kao San Thai](#), and [Johnny Doughnuts](#). Beer, wine, and margaritas will be available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the [Hacienda Foundation](#). Join the fun for all ages on Friday August 12 and September 9, 6:00 to 10:00 pm, sponsored in part by the [Hacienda Foundation of Moraga](#) and the [Moraga Park Foundation](#). The event is at the Hacienda de las Flores at 2100 Donald Drive. Admission is free and food prices vary by truck.



TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 2016

On November 8, 2016, Moraga voters will elect three Councilmembers. The nomination period for the election will remain open through Friday, August 12 at 5:00 pm. If one of the incumbent officeholders does not file by the August 12 deadline, the nomination period will be extended (for any qualified person, other than the incumbent) until Wednesday, August 17 at 5:00 pm. Nomination papers must be obtained from the Town Clerk's office, by appointment, 329 Rheem Boulevard, during the nomination period. Contact the Town Clerk's office at 925-888-7022 for election details.



LIBRARY CELEBRATES NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

On Saturday, August 20 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm all are invited to join the Moraga Library at Moraga Commons Park to celebrate the National Park Service's 100th Birthday. A sampling of the activities will include a Storywalk, guided yoga for kids, crafts for the whole family, button making, a maker table for teens, and instruction/guidance from a local artist on sketching for the adults. Fun for all ages!



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, August 1, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED
Monday, August 8, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED
Tuesday, August 9, 4:30 & 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces](#), 4:30 pm – Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, 5:00 pm – Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard
Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED
Monday, August 15, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED
Tuesday, August 16, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard
Wednesday, August 24, 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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