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MORAGA BASEBALL OPENING DAY PARADE - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

On Saturday, February 27, the Moraga Baseball Association will start their opening day festivities with a parade, which will begin at 9:30 am at Camino Pablo School and end at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School with a 10:00 am ceremony in the gym. Camino Pablo will be closed at all intersections between Hodges Drive and Duarte Court with a reviewing stand located near the midpoint until the parade is concluded.



SUMMER CAMP EXPO - SATURDAY, MARCH 5



Join the Parks and Recreation Department on Saturday, March 5, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores for a sneak preview of the best summer camps in Moraga! Participate in sports demonstrations and activities, and receive an early registration discount on the day of the expo. For more information visit moragarec.com.



LIBRARY BOOK SALE - SATURDAY, MARCH 12

The Friends of the Moraga Library Spring Book Sale will be held Saturday, March 12, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Moraga 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.



HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE PROJECT- SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10

On Thursday, March 10, starting at 6 pm, the Town Council will hold a special meeting dedicated to discussion of preferred policy options for updates to the Town's existing hillside and ridgeline regulations, including topics such as remediation of landslide hazards on "high risk" properties; definition of ridgelines; and standards and guidelines to protect the visual quality of hillsides and ridgelines. Input on the policy options previously provided at the public workshop, Steering Committee and Planning Commission meetings will be presented to the Town Council, and additional public input is welcomed at the March 10 meeting. Direction on the preferred policy option will be the basis of new and updated regulations to be drafted by the staff and consultant team for review and adoption by the Town Council later in 2016. For more information, visit the [project webpage](#), or contact [Ellen Clark, Planning Director](#).



MORAGA WALK | BIKE PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS: TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY

The Town has created a draft list of pedestrian and bicycle projects for the Walk | Bike Plan based primarily on community input. Please take a short [Survey](#) to help the Town identify the projects to be implemented by the Plan. The survey will be open through March 11, 2016. Visit [WalkBikeMoraga](#) or [Coleman Frick](#) or call 925-888-7039 for more information.



SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently recruiting part-time employees. Positions include Recreation Leader I and Recreation Leader II. Working at Camp Hacienda, the Town-run summer day camp, Recreation Leaders will lead campers in songs, games, crafts, and more! For more information including applications, job descriptions, and supplemental questions, visit moraga.ca.us.



MORAGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

The Moraga Community Foundation (MCF) is a philanthropic organization that works with the community to build a vibrant future for Moraga. The newly formed Foundation is seeking applicants to serve on its Board of Directors. Individuals residing in the Moraga area or with their principal place of business in the Moraga area are eligible to apply.



Applicants must be willing to fulfill the responsibilities of Directors as explained on the [MCF website](#). Letters of interest must be received no later than Friday, March 11 and emailed to applicants@MCF. For questions, please call MCF Director Bob Fritzky at 925-247-0171.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 24

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE UPDATE (2016 NEXUS STUDY)

Town Council considered an update to the Town's development impact fees, which are charged to new development to offset impacts on Town facilities and infrastructure including parks, public safety, storm drainage and government services. The recommended fees are based on a comprehensive nexus study that documents the basis for each fee. After discussing the proposed fees, the Town Council continued the item to its April 27 meeting, requesting staff complete some additional analysis regarding the proposed storm drainage fee, and clarify the application of fees to "miscellaneous" land uses such as Saint Mary's College. For more information contact [Ellen Clark, Planning Director](#).

HETFIELD ESTATES SUBDIVISION MAP EXTENSION

Town Council approved a 2 year extension of the Vesting Tentative Map for the Hetfield Estates Subdivision. The project, a 7-lot single-family residential development located off Hetfield Place was approved by the Town Council in 2014, but requires completion of additional steps before it can begin construction, including approval of a Precise Development Plan, Grading Permit and a Final Subdivision Map. For more information, contact [Brian Horn, Associate Planner](#).

MARIN CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

Town Council considered several actions taking steps towards the Town's participation in a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program offered by Marin Clean Energy (MCE). CCAs are authorized by State law, and allow utility customers to choose an energy provider other than PG&E (or other major utility provider), providing options to purchase power sourced from a higher proportion of renewable energy sources. Contra Costa County is also in the early stages of a process to consider forming its own CCA. Expressing support for the CCA concept more generally, the Council authorized a Memorandum of Understanding with MCE that would continue to evaluate the Town's participation, but did not take action to formally join the MCE Joint Powers Authority, suggesting additional time was needed to monitor progress on the formation of the Contra Costa CCA, and determine which program would ultimately be in Moraga's best interest. For more information, contact [Coleman Frick, Assistant Planner](#).

JOINT MORAGA-LAFAYETTE SURFACE SEAL PROJECT

The Council approved an agreement with the City of Lafayette to partner in a joint surface seal project. The Town and Lafayette were planning to prepare two separate surface seal projects this year. Rather than individually going out to bid on two separate projects, both agencies agreed that they would benefit from cost savings by combining the projects. The Town expects lower bid prices due to increased quantities. Next steps are to complete the design, bid out the project, and start construction this summer.

BOLLINGER VALLEY EIR CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

The Town Council approved changes to contracts with two consulting firms to allow for completion of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the proposed Bollinger Valley development project. The project applicant, the Bruzzone family, will provide additional funding to supplement the consultant contracts. Town Planning staff expects that the FEIR for the Bollinger Valley project will be available for public review in late May or early June. For more information contact [Holly Pearson, Senior Planner](#).

LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 876 (LIU)

Town Council gave direction to send a [letter](#) opposing [SB 876 \(Liu\)-Homelessness](#), which would ban enforcement of any local ordinances that restrict a homeless person's ability to rest or receive food in publicly owned spaces and on private property spaces open to the public. SB 876 will not reduce homelessness, would preempt the Town's ability to address issues affecting public health and safety, and could create conditions that diminish the current quality of life enjoyed by all.



MORAGA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

Nominations are being accepted for the Town of Moraga 2016 Citizen of the Year. Visit [Citizen of the Year Nomination](#) for criteria and complete nomination information. Nominations are due by Thursday, March 17. A celebration dinner will be held on Friday, April 29, at the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College to honor the winner. The 2016 Moraga Citizen of the Year Award is co-sponsored by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Saint Mary's College, the Lamorinda Weekly, and Kiwanis of Moraga Valley.



NEWEST ADDITION TO PUBLIC WORKS



KC Bowman joined the Public Works staff and the Town of Moraga employee team in February as an Assistant Engineer. KC is a graduate from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in civil engineering and possesses certification as an Engineer-in-Training (EIT). He will provide a variety of engineering and transportation support and perform duties related to the maintenance, construction, inspection, survey, and ordinance enforcement of public infrastructure. Previously, he worked for an architectural firm and the City of Oakland. He can be reached at 925-888-7028 or kbowman@moraga.ca.us.



FRIENDS OF THE MORAGA LIBRARY SEEK BOARD MEMBERS

The Friends of the Moraga Library (FOML) support the Library through fundraising, primarily through book sales, membership dues, and donor gifts or contributions. Most of this support has been for the purchase of books and magazines, equipment, furniture, and various community programs for children, teens and adults. The FOML is seeking volunteers to serve on the Board. The Board meets the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Moraga Library (Community Room). For more information, please contact [Rodger Lum](#).



JANUARY THEFT STATISTICS

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) compiled January 2016 theft statistics and found fewer thefts reported than in January 2015, with 3 thefts reported this year compared to 10 in 2015. Additionally, no vehicle thefts were reported this year compared to 3 in 2015. MPD attributes the reduction to residents who have been diligent in securing their cars and belongings. Keep up the good work!!!!



SPRING EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Hop on over to the Moraga Commons Park for the annual Moraga Juniors' Spring Egg Hunt! Children eight and under can participate in an old-fashioned egg hunt, play games, and enjoy crafts, and bounce houses. Each child should bring a basket for collecting eggs, and parents are encouraged to arrive with camera in hand for photo opportunities with the Bunny. Admission to the event includes participation in one of two egg hunts, at either 10:00 or 11:00 am. Tickets must be purchased in advance at moragajuniors.org.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, February 29, 7:00 pm – [Tri-Cities Council](#) Meeting, Lafayette Library and Learning Center, Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, Lafayette
Monday, March 7, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Thursday, March 10, 6:00 pm – [Town Council Special Hillside and Ridgeline](#) Meeting, Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Thursday, March 10, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic

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



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