



ABOUT TOWN ▪ JANUARY 14, 2016 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



FAREWELL INVITE FROM JILL KEIMACH - THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

As you may know, my last day as Town Manager will be Thursday, January 28. To express my deep appreciation to the community, staff, appointed and elected officials, and others I have had the pleasure to work with over the past five years, and to welcome Bob Priebe as the Interim Town Manager, I am hosting an Open House at the new Council Chambers at 335 Rheem Boulevard. Please feel free to stop by on Thursday, January 28, between 3:00 and 6:00 pm for food and good cheer as I say good-bye and pass the baton to Bob in his new role. Please RSVP to [Jill Keimach](#).



STATE OF MORAGA BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM - TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

The Moraga Chamber of Commerce and Saint Mary's College (SMC) is hosting a special "State of Moraga Business" symposium on Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 pm at SMC's Soda Center. Join a panel of expert speakers including Jay Kerner, President of US Realty Partners, and new owner/operator of the Rheem Shopping Center; Ron Mucovich, local commercial real estate broker; Kristine Chase, SMC Economics Professor; and Ellen Clark, Moraga's Planning Director, at this free event to learn about the current business climate, opportunities, and challenges for Moraga businesses in our unique "cul de sac" setting. For more information visit the [Chamber website](#).



2016 GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP - THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

The Moraga Town Council will consider the community's 2016 goals and priorities under the leadership of Mayor Mike Metcalf on Thursday, January 21, at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers. This annual Goal Setting Workshop is an opportunity for the public to personally provide their input on Town priorities for the coming year. To view the community's prioritization of the Mayor's proposed goals, visit [Mayor's Goals Outcome](#).



VIDEO SURVEILLANCE REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Video surveillance provides excellent evidence and assists in identifying and convicting criminals. The Moraga Police Department (MPD) is compiling a database of residences and businesses with home video surveillance systems whose owners are willing to allow MPD to review recordings when crimes occur near their locations. To participate in this new program, please complete the registration form on the [Moraga Police](#) website under Forms/Links. For questions, please call Lt. Jon King at 925-888-7049.



LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD SURVEY - THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSES

The mail survey for Livable Moraga Road closed on January 8. The response rate was excellent, with over 1,000 Moraga households responding. Thank you! The Town's consultant is now tabulating all of the survey entries, and staff expects to provide a report on the results to Town Council within the next month, along with a request for final direction on the preferred configuration of vehicle lanes, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities along Moraga Road between Donald Drive and Corliss Drive. For more information, contact [Coleman Frick, Assistant Planner](#).



ART IN PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

Anyone with a passion for art and public service is asked to consider applying for one of three openings on this new committee. The seven-member Art in Public Spaces Committee (APSC) will meet quarterly, or as needed, to review art applications and make recommendations to Town Council for placement of art throughout the Town. Please visit the [Town's](#) website by January 22 at 5:00 pm for application information.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 13

For staff reports and background information, visit the [Town's](#) website.

CAMPOLINDO BOYS VARSITY WATER POLO TEAM

Town Council honored the 2015 Campolindo High School Boys Varsity Water Polo team with a proclamation, congratulating them on another California Interscholastic Federation North Coast Section Division I Championship. Their road to the championship was completed with a 5-4 win against previously undefeated (29-0) Sir Francis Drake High School.

MORAGA MOVERS DONATION FOR TOWN GATEWAY SIGNS

Town Council accepted, with appreciation, a \$10,000 donation from the Moraga Movers for replacement of the Town's "gateway" signs located along Moraga Road, Moraga Way, Saint Mary's Road and Canyon Road. This generous donation will allow for the design, fabrication and installation of up to four new signs to create strong, positive and attractive entries into Town. Design options will be brought back to the Town Council in the next several months, with the goal of installing the new signs before the end of 2016.

RHEEM BOULEVARD PATCH PAVING

Town Council approved patch paving portions for a stretch of Rheem Boulevard near Fay Hill Road in order to maintain the roadway until the Rheem Boulevard Landslide Repair and Repaving project begins later this year (after the rainy season).

COUNCIL CHAMBERS PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

Town Council accepted the construction of the 335 Rheem Boulevard Project (CIP No. 08-302) as complete, and authorized the Town Manager to file the Certificates of Completion with the County.



MORAGA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of the Boards, Committees and Commissions that require citizen involvement. For 2016, there will be **three** vacancies for the newly-formed Art in Public Spaces Committee; **one** vacancy for the Audit and Finance Committee; **four** vacancies for the Design Review Board; **three** vacancies each for the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee, the Park and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission; and **one** vacancy for the Mosquito and Vector Control District Board. For information on how to apply, visit the [Town's](#) website. The application deadline is Friday, January 22, at 5:00 pm.



PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

MOTHER-DAUGHTER TEA - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

For girls ages 4 to 9 years old, bring your mom to the Hacienda de las Flores for a tea party to remember. Additionally, daughters will create a craft to memorialize this special day. \$55 per couple and \$30 for each additional guest includes tea, assorted beverages, finger sandwiches, pastries, fruit, sweet treats and the child's craft. Space is limited, so please [register](#) early.

MOTHER-SON DANCE - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Boys in Kindergarten through 5th grade, bring your mom to the Hacienda de las Flores for a night of fun and dancing. \$30 per couple and \$15 for each additional son includes desserts, dancing, and memories to last a lifetime! Space is limited, so please [register](#) early.

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! Meet camp staff, participate in sports demonstrations and activities, and receive an early registration discount on the day of the expo. For more information call 925-888-7036.



RENT THE HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT



The Hacienda de las Flores serves as Moraga's beautiful community center and local venue for any type of special event: weddings, birthdays, reunions, showers, anniversaries, retirements, corporate events and more. Tranquil and secluded, with landscaped grounds and lawns bordering a central patio and fountain, this historic estate is perfect for any celebration. The Hacienda de las Flores and Pavilion are located at 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga. Visit [Moraga Hacienda](#) for additional information.



MORAGA CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN WORKSHOP - MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Town staff and consultants are hosting a public open house on Monday, January 25, at 6:00 pm at the Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard, to review a draft "Vision Concept" for the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) area. A special joint meeting of the Design Review Board and Planning Commission to review and discuss the Vision Concept will follow at 7:00 pm. The Vision Concept is a key step in the process to develop zoning regulations to implement the 2010 MCSP. The Vision Concept articulates design principles for the MCSP area, centered around the Moraga Center shopping district, and will help guide the formulation of clear, well-defined standards for building design, building envelopes (height, setbacks, etc), public and private open space, and circulation system improvements. For more information, contact [Holly Pearson, Senior Planner](#).



PLANNING COMMISSION TO DISCUSS HILLSIDES AND RIDGELINES

On Wednesday, January 20, the Planning Commission will consider recommendations from the Hillside and Ridgeline Steering Committee, on preferred options to address a series of key issues for Moraga's existing hillside and ridgeline regulations. Recommendations on key issues including the definition of "Development," calculation of slope on hillside sites, and policies related to landslide remediation in MOSO lands will be considered. Remaining topics including protection of viewsheds and ridgelines will be addressed at the Planning Commission's February 1 meeting, with a report and request for direction from the Town Council scheduled for later in February. For more information, contact [Ellen Clark, Planning Director](#).



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The offices will re-open Tuesday, January 19.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Thursday, January 21, 6:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Goal Setting Workshop, Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Monday, January 25, 6:00 pm – Public Open House: Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Project, Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Monday, January 25, 7:00 pm – Joint [Planning Commission](#) and [Design Review Board](#), Council

Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Monday, January 25, 8:30 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

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

Thursday, January 28, 5:00 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Hacienda, Mosaic

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



FOLLOW US!

The Town of Moraga is going social! Follow the Town and “like” us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) @townofmoraga and [NextDoor](#). The Town will be posting updates, public service announcements, Town activities and lots more.



HELP SHARE THE TOWN NEWS

If you found this newsletter informative and interesting, please forward it to your neighbors and friends. Not subscribed yet? Sign up for *About Town* at moraga.ca.us.