



ABOUT TOWN ▪ MARCH 24, 2016

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

All Town of Moraga employees extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation for all of the patience and kindness shown by our residents and business community throughout the state of emergency caused by the sinkhole. We understand the hardships created by this occurrence and assure you we are doing everything possible to lessen the impacts. Until normalcy returns, please continue to be patient, drive cautiously and yield to pedestrians, and continue to support the local businesses in the impacted areas.



RHEEM BOULEVARD SINKHOLE UPDATE



Since the last update on Friday, March 18, the Town's contractor focused on securing the site for the expected rain this past weekend. Since the weather cleared up, the investigation of the cause resumed. This week the Town's surveyor completed a survey of the entire site including locating property lines, utilities, and storm drains. The Town continues to monitor the traffic control and detour routes and will make minor adjustments as needed to help with the traffic flow. The Town will provide weekly updates unless something occurs that will create an immediate impact on the community.



SIGN UP FOR NIXLE ALERTS AND NEXTDOOR.COM

The Town posts important alerts and information on both Nixle.com and Nextdoor.com, both of which are free. For Nixle, go to Nixle.com and click on "Learn More" for residents. Click on the box ("SIGN UP") at the bottom of the next screen and complete the information. Follow the directions to subscribe to agencies to receive alerts and information. For Nextdoor, go to NextDoor.com, enter your address and e-mail. You will be directed to your neighborhood group and the sign up screen.



LAMORINDA AMERICAN VITICULTURAL AREA

Congratulations to the Lamorinda Wine Growers Association for obtaining the establishment of the 29.369-acre "Lamorinda" American Viticulture Area (AVA). It is now one of 233 AVAs in the United States and the only AVA exclusive to Contra Costa County. The designation allows vintners to better describe the origin of their wines and allows consumers to better identify the wines they purchase. "Lamorinda" on a wine label now means a minimum of 85% of the grapes used to make the wine were grown within the boundaries of the Lamorinda AVA.



ROCK BAND SHOWCASE - FRIDAY, MARCH 25



A Brighter Day, along with the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee, Lafayette Youth Commission, and Orinda Teen Advisory Council, is thrilled to host a free Rock Band Showcase for high school students Friday, March 25, at 7:30 pm at the Lafayette Community Center.

Bands will perform a short set judged by local music teachers. Every participating band will receive a special gift as a thank you and the winning band will receive up to four hours of studio time at Red House!

Visit the [Facebook Event](#) for more information. The primary goal of [A Brighter Day](#) is to provide depression and related issues resources to teenagers using local teenage bands in a showcase format.



COFFEE WITH A COP - MONDAY, MARCH 28

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) personnel will participate in the first “Coffee with a Cop” on Monday, March 28, beginning at 10:00 am at SiSi’s Café, 910 Country Club Drive. 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. Future events will be held at various locations throughout Moraga. Call MPD at 925-888-7052 for more information.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 23

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE PROCLAMATION

The Town Council proclaimed March 2016 as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness month. Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, affects all ages and is responsible for deaths in many communities. The Moraga Police Department provides a free disposal collection box for unused or outdated prescription drugs, disposing of over 1000 lbs. of drugs in 2015. Please ensure that you safely store and dispose of prescription drugs. Go to Drugabuse.gov for more information.

LIBRARY HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM

Town Council authorized a construction contract to Martinez Sheet Metal, Inc. to renovate the Moraga Library heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system. The plan is to have the new HVAC system improvements done in time for summer, providing the community with a dependable cooling station on hot summer days.

PALOS COLORADOS FINAL MAP APPROVED

Town Council approved the Final Map and Subdivision Improvement Agreements, along with a number of documents, for Subdivision 8378 Palos Colorados, a development of 123 single family homes and dedication of open space and trails. The development is located at the north end of Town off of Moraga Road just south of Sky Hy Road. The next steps require the developer to obtain grading permits and environmental regulatory permits prior to beginning any construction work.

\$10,000 DONATION TO JOHN MUIR LAND TRUST

Town Council voted to provide a \$10,000 donation to the John Muir Land Trust towards their acquisition of 604 acres of the Carr Ranch Open Space property located within East Bay Municipal Utility District Watershed land, adjacent to Rancho Laguna Park. The donation will be made at the close of escrow (anticipated for this July).



TRI MORAGA FOR FITNESS AND FUN!

10th Annual Moraga Triathlon – Saturday, April 23, Beginner or experienced triathletes can register for this great “sprint-distance” fitness event at moragatri.com. Age categories are 5 to 7, 8 to 11, and 12 and up. Fees increase April 1, so [register](#) NOW to participate! Volunteers receive a free event T-shirt and are needed in the swim/transition/registration areas, at the finish line, and as course monitors for the run and bike portions. Individuals or groups interested in volunteering please email tri@moraga.ca.us.



SUMMER CAMP AND CLASS REGISTRATION

Summer is right around the corner and Moraga Parks & Recreation is offering camps for all ages and interests: Skyhawks Sports, Camp Hacienda, Kindercool, Techsplosion, Little Medical School, Bricks 4 Kidz, Coding, Sciensational, and more. Camp Hacienda day camp has weekly-themed activities for kids ages 5 to 10 and the new Counselors in Training (CIT) program for ages 13 to 16 offers valuable job skills/training. For questions, call the Recreation Department, 925-888-7036 or register [online](#) today!



FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 TOWN BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Town staff is in the process of developing the annual operating budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2016/17. This process includes a detailed review of anticipated revenues and expenditures for next fiscal year; as well as a projection for the next five-year period to support long-term financial planning. Over the past several years, the Town Council has adopted a number of policies designed to ensure the Town retains and continues to build upon its solid fiscal foundation, and can continue to provide essential services in the future. A proposed budget will be presented to the Town's Audit and Finance Committee for input prior to final review and approval by the Town Council in June 2016.



LIBRARY EVENTS

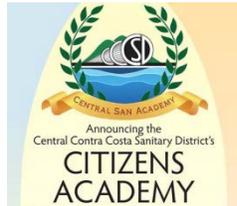
Elder Law and Medi-Cal Planning – Thursday, March 31 at 4:00 pm, Ivette Santaella, Esq. will discuss areas of law important to seniors such as estate planning and healthcare issues.

The National Park Service Turns 100 – Participate in the “All Things Parks Challenge” from April 6 to August 25. Kick off the National Park Service Centennial Celebration at the Moraga Library by taking on the challenge of completing 10 park-related activities. Visit the library to get started on Wednesday, April 6. For more information visit the [Moraga Library](#) website.

Library Book Sale – Saturday, April 9, The Friends of the Moraga Library Spring Book Sale has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 9, 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.



CENTRAL SAN CITIZENS ACADEMY



Curious where water goes after it goes down the drain? The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District's six-week “Citizens Academy” will provide a behind-the-scenes look at one of the community's core services, the wastewater industry. This **FREE** academy will be held on Tuesdays from April 5 to May 10, beginning at 6:00 pm and will include a tour of the treatment plant, laboratory and recycled water fill station. For more information and to apply, visit the [Central San](#) website.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, March 28, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), ~~CANCELLED~~

Wednesday, March 30, 6:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Special Meeting, Hacienda, Mosaic

Monday, April 4, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Monday April 11, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Thursday, April 14, 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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