



ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 16, 2016 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



Join the fun at the fall Pear & Wine Festival on Saturday, September 24! Start the day with the Arbor Tree Planting Ceremony at 9:45 am and enjoy on stage entertainment with DJ RyanO, including the Great Moraga Sing-Along, Bubbles Live, and Moraga Request Live. The last free summer concert will be at 2:00 pm with the Tune Riders. There will be wine tasting with the Lamorinda Wine Growers Association, pear pies, jumpies, food trucks, artist and community booths, ARF Pet Adoption Mobile, and more. Check out the [Pear Recipe Contest](#) and visit the [Event Page](#) for schedules, recipe contest details, and additional information. The festival is located at the Moraga Commons Park, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.



RHEEM BOULEVARD LANDSLIDE REPAIR AND REPAVING SCHEDULE

In May, 2016, the Town approved hours for Rheem Boulevard repair work to occur Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, and from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. The original schedule planned for the reopening of Rheem Boulevard at the end of October 2016. The new schedule anticipates reopening December 2016, due to a number of factors such as the review of the final design of the structural retention system, additional borings and soils data, and a re-analysis of the design parameters. Consequently, the work did not begin until mid-July 2016, which pushes the opening back until December. If the weather does not cooperate, the opening may be delayed further. For questions, please contact the Developer's Construction Manager, [Paul Medeiros](#) or call (408) 529-6020.



MORAGA SINKHOLE WINTERIZATION UPDATE

The inside of the existing 96-inch diameter metal pipe has been sealed and all voids filled with concrete. In the next few weeks, the contractor will install above ground erosion protection and storm water management facilities, which includes drain rock, plastic sheeting, sandbags, berm, temporary inlets and small pipe. Rheem Boulevard, with the existing intersection stop-controlled configuration, will remain open throughout the winter. Construction for permanent repairs is anticipated to begin mid-April, after the end of the rainy season.



FINAL "SLOW DOWN LAMORINDA" RESULTS

The *Slow Down Lamorinda* summer campaign concluded at the end of August after officers issued citations for 248 violations in Moraga, Orinda and Lafayette. Special details of up to eight officers worked on selected days to target excessive speed, crosswalk and other violations. *Slow Down Lamorinda* will return next summer and during peak periods. Traffic safety is always a community priority, so please drive safely and continue to Slow Down Lamorinda!



BOLLINGER CANYON ROAD BUMP

Public Works has received inquiries about a bump on Bollinger Canyon Road near the intersection of St. Mary's Road. The bump is due to a concrete cap over an existing utility, and does not pose a safety issue to motorists. The bump will be ground down next year -- along with the temporary conforms at either end of the paving project -- after a culvert repair project is completed and before a final two (2) inches of rubberized asphalt concrete is paved on top.



MOFD OPEN HOUSE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Please attend the Moraga-Orinda Fire District's (MOFD) Fall Open House and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 1, from 8:00 am to 12 noon (breakfast is served at 8:30am), at Station 41, 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga. Meet local firefighters, tour the fire trucks and gather important safety and disaster preparedness information. Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog will make special guest appearances and there will be a child ID and fingerprinting station, a bounce house, live demonstrations, raffles, prizes and much more! The pancake breakfast is sponsored by MOFD firefighters and the Moraga Lions Club. All proceeds will be donated to the [Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation](#). For more information, please contact MOFD at 925-258-4599, or visit www.mofd.org.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 14

MORAGA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND MEASURE SUPPORT

Town Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution supporting the Moraga School District \$33 million School Improvement Bond Measure, Measure V. If passed on November 8, the bond will fund necessary repairs, safety upgrades, and technology improvements.

AMENDMENTS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA (CANNABIS) REGULATIONS

Town Council provided direction to staff to proceed with some focused updates to the Town's regulations for distribution and cultivation of medical cannabis. The amendments would clarify restrictions on transportation, cultivation, and processing of medical cannabis, including better alignment with State regulations adopted in 2015, and would place the regulations in the Town's Zoning Ordinance, rather than the Health and Safety Code. No changes to the Town's existing prohibition on medical cannabis distribution facilities, or strict limitations on cultivation are recommended. The Planning Commission and Town Council will consider adoption of the proposed amendments at future meetings.

HARVEST COURT PARK NAMED

The newest open space park in Town will have an official name when it is dedicated. Town Council approved the Park and Recreation Commission recommendation to name it "West Commons Park." This park will have an open space meadow, walking paths and interpretive signs.

MORAGA LIBRARY HVAC PROJECT COMPLETE

Town Council accepted the Moraga Library Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System Renovation Project and authorized the Interim Town Manager to file the Certificate of Completion with the County.

CAMINO PABLO MINOR SUBDIVISION

On October 27, 2014, an application for a minor subdivision was filed by the applicant to subdivide an existing 1.04 acre residential parcel at 1049 Camino Pablo into two single-family residential lots. All Tentative Map conditions that are required for approval of the Parcel Map have been satisfied by the Developer and on September 14, Town Council approved the Parcel Map and other associated required actions.

2017 PAVEMENT OVERLAY PROJECT DESIGN CONTRACT

Town Council amended the NCE (formally Nichols Consulting Engineers) contract to provide design services for the 2017 Pavement Overlay Project with a construction budget of \$800,000. Since the inception of Measure K, NCE has met the Town's expectations for contracted services, understands the Town's pavement network, and is accustomed to the Town's culture. NCE's assistance with the Town's objective to invest pavement funds to maintain the Town's pavement program has resulted in a significant increase to the average Pavement Condition Index for the Town's entire street network from 49 (Poor) to 70 (Good).



COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Be an informed voter and plan to attend the Moraga Citizens Network ([MCN](#)) "Candidates' Night" on Thursday, October 13, at 7:00 pm at the Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. The four residents running for three open Town Council seats are: Graig Crossley, Jeanette Fritzky, Kymberleigh Korpus and Roger Wykle. All Moragans are encouraged to attend and learn about the candidates and Town issues.



CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL (CAIFF) SUCCESS

The 19th Annual CAIFF ran from Thursday, September 8 through Wednesday, September 14 at the Rheem, Orinda, and Castro Theatres. According to Derek Zemrak, the President and Founder of the CAIFF, this year's festival was a great success with another increase in attendance.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

In 2013, the Town secured a OneBayAreaGrant (OBAG) Safe Routes to School grant to close an existing pedestrian gap by installing missing sidewalk on the west side of Moraga Road between Draeger Drive and Devin Drive. The Public Works Department completed the bidding process for the Moraga Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements Project (official grant project name) and on September 14, Town Council awarded a construction contract to Grace Construction to proceed with construction. This project coincides with the current Moraga Road Underground Utility Conversion Project Phase 1A (Corliss Drive to Devin Drive) and the future Moraga Road Resurfacing Project (St. Mary's Road to Draeger Drive). All three projects are well coordinated by the same construction management team. Please contact the Town's Inspector, James Beauchamp at 510-367-5800 for any construction related matters.



WILL CHARTER BUSES FOR SENIOR OUTINGS

Moraga Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the City of Orinda Parks and Recreation Department, plans to charter 24-passenger buses on a one-year trial basis for senior field trips. This will provide easier access to seating and accommodate more participants. The hope is to increase participation by the Lamorinda community. If increased ridership is realized, the Town will continue the use of charter buses. Fall outings can be found in the Moraga Activity Guide or online at moragarec.com by clicking on the "Sign-up for Activities" button.



SUCCESSFUL HACIENDA NIGHTS

Friday, September 9, was the last of the three Moraga Parks and Recreation's *Hacienda Nights*, celebrating 100 years of the Hacienda de las Flores. The event was an all-ages gathering that continued the success of the July and August events, capturing the fun of summertime nights with lawn games, music, and an array of food and dessert trucks. Families, couples and teens all enjoyed playing and strolling the grounds, enchantingly lit to showcase its gardens and patio. The excitement generated by the three *Hacienda Nights* events will lead the way for more in the summer of 2017.



DRAFT WALK | BIKE PLAN NOW AVAILABLE



On April 27, the Town Council received a presentation and provided input on the proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects for the Town over the next 15 years. Since that time the Draft Walk|Bike Plan has been completed and is now available for public review. The Draft Plan, and a Notice of Intent to adopt the Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the project, are all available at WalkBikeMoraga. The Planning Commission will review the Draft Walk|Bike Plan on Monday, October 3 and make a recommendation to Council on its adoption. For questions contact [Coleman Frick](#), Associate Planner or call 925-888-7039.



HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE PROJECT: PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 5, to consider a recommendation for adoption of proposed draft amendments to the Town's hillside and ridgeline regulations. The revisions, which include amendments to the Town's General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, MOSO Guidelines and Design Guidelines, are the result of a two-year process, working with the community, project Steering Committee, Planning Commission and Town Council to update and clarify the existing regulations, consistent with the voter-approved Moraga Open Space Ordinance (MOSO). All of the [draft documents](#) are available for review on the Town's [website](#), and a complete staff report and agenda will also be made available in advance of the meeting. The Town has prepared an environmental analysis of the proposed amendments as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which is also available for review on the Town's website.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, September 19, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Monday, September 26, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Tuesday, September 27, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Steering Committee](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

Tuesday, September 27, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Hacienda, 2100 Donald Drive

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard

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