



ABOUT TOWN - FEBRUARY 15, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS CLOSED

On Wednesday, February 13, EBMUD brought to the Town's attention that the existing landslide on their property which damaged the original Canyon Road bridge began to move due to heavy rain saturation. Town staff, bridge, and geotechnical engineers have been evaluating and monitoring the situation and at this time the Town's engineering experts have determined that the temporary bridge is safe. Experts have also determined that the newly built retaining wall system for the temporary bridge is deflecting the landslide as designed and protecting the temporary bridge. The pedestrian pathway structure that is attached to the existing temporary bridge, however, could be compromised if further landslide movement occurs. The Town is securing excavation services to relieve ground pressure at the landing of the pedestrian pathway structure to prevent damage. As a precautionary measure, pedestrian access is closed.



MORAGA POLICE HONOR NEW AND CURRENT OFFICERS



On February 7, Moraga Police held a ceremony honoring new officers and the promotion of two current officers at the Hacienda. Vice Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus congratulated the officers on behalf of the Town Council, thanking them for their service to the Town. Friends and family members, Town Councilmembers, Town staff and community members were in attendance to honor Corporals Russ Douthit and Will Davis on their promotions and Officers Craig Walker and Jeff Yanga, Reserve Officer Max Juster and Police Services Technician Cathy Ghiselli on their appointments.



LIBRARY HEATING ISSUE

Over the past month patrons have experienced cold temperatures at the Library as Town staff has been working to repair the heating system. After exploring possible causes and making three attempts to repair the system, it has been determined that a faulty boiler is to blame for the heater not working. Town staff is obtaining quotes to replace the boiler, which will be funded with funds budgeted for minor capital replacements. This should eliminate the need for the space heaters that were pressed into service to take the chill out of the air. Please bundle up when visiting the library. Thank you for your patience.



APPLY NOW FOR THE MCSP CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A [Citizens Advisory Committee](#) is being formed to provide input to the Planning Commission and Town Council on the final zoning and development standards for the 187-acre Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) Area. This project will implement the adopted land use goals of the MCSP, aimed at revitalizing the retail core, adding public space amenities, and enabling a variety of housing types. The committee will meet at least three times over a six to nine month period, starting as early as April 2019. Meetings will be held during weekday evenings in Moraga. If interested, please complete an [Application](#), which is due to the Planning Department by Friday, March 1 at 5:00 pm.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 13, 2019

SALES TAX REVENUE UPDATE

Town Council received a [presentation](#) from Thomas Adams, Client Services Manager with Avenu Insights and Analytics (formerly MuniServices), on the Town's sales tax revenue. The presentation also provided the Council an opportunity to hear information about the Town's sales tax performance, recent trends and challenges facing sales tax. This is important information as the Town begins budget preparations for the next fiscal year.

SALE OF FIREARMS ORDINANCE

The Town Council introduced an Ordinance amending several sections of the Moraga Municipal Code to regulate the sale of firearms throughout the Town. The amendments establish new regulations for firearms dealers that include a Police Department permit, and regulate where firearms dealers can be located subject to approval and permitting by the Planning Commission. There are currently no active firearms dealers in Moraga.

TOWN COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2019 – STRENGTHENING TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY

The Town Council revised their goals for 2019 which include maintaining fiscal discipline; enhancing Moraga's business environment; implementing the Moraga Center Specific Plan; implementing the Storm Drain System O&M Program; obtaining reimbursement for the Canyon Road emergency bridge; implementing the 2019 roads repair program; maintaining public safety; initiating a re-evaluation of the Town's three-step planned development process; and developing recommendations for other public uses of the Hacienda. In addition, the Council added three new 2019 goals: to develop written guidelines for ad hoc committees and Councilmembers; develop a process to re-zone Bollinger Valley; and continue implementation of viable strategies in Moraga's Climate Action Plan.

WORK ORDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Town Council authorized an agreement with Civic, LLC to implement and maintain "Mobile Moraga," a Town work order management system and mobile application. The free App is expected to be available in April. The citizen interface of Mobile Moraga will enable residents to report non-emergency concerns to the Town using their cell phones, increase operational efficiencies and enable future evaluation of performance data. The initial roll-out of the system will be for Public Works and Parks maintenance issues, such as potholes, street light outages, graffiti, and park or trail concerns. This should expedite the process of identifying issues, repairing them and providing feedback to residents who report them.

FY 2018/19 MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE

Town Council reviewed and accepted the FY 2018/19 Mid-Year Budget during the February 13 Council meeting. Staff outlined minor changes in both revenue and expenditures, noting that the budget was on track to finish with a small surplus. Council reviewed and accepted the mid-year revenue and expenditure report; approved the mid-year amendments to the FY 2018/19 budget; and Council also amended the FY 2018/19 salary schedule for the Recreation Leader I, Maintenance Worker, and Facility Attendant to comply with the California minimum wage increase and for the Recreation Leader II classification to address salary compression. The Council also directed staff to work with the Audit and Finance Committee on a detailed analysis of the Town's expenditures as part of the FY 2019/20 process.

MEASURE J BIENNIAL COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

The Town Council reviewed the Measure J Compliance Checklist for 2016 - 2017, and authorized submittal of the checklist to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. The checklist is a tool for the Town to report on its compliance with the County's Growth Management Program, adopted through Measure J in 2009, and will allow the Town to receive its allocation of Local Street Maintenance and Improvement funds for Fiscal Years 2017/18 and 2018/19.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ASSISTANT (CIVIL) ENGINEER

The Town is continuing its recruitment for the Assistant Civil Engineer position that has been vacant since June 2018. Please help us by forwarding the [job description](#) to anyone you know who may be

interested. Interested individuals should apply on [CalOpps](#).



APPLICATIONS FOR GRAND JURY SOUGHT

The Contra Costa County Superior Court is accepting applications for Civil Grand Jury Service for the Fiscal Year 2019/20 term. The Civil Grand Jury is made up of 19 members who serve for one year, July through June, to monitor, review and report on city and county governments, special districts and school districts. Persons interested in applying may visit the Superior Court [website](#) to receive additional information and to obtain an application. Application deadline is March 22, 2019.



PG&E WILDFIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

PG&E, as a part of their enhanced Community Wildfire Safety Program, is conducting accelerated safety inspections of electric infrastructure in areas at higher risk of wildfire. While Moraga is not in the highest risk category, the Town does have some areas considered Level 2 Wildfire Risk, which are primarily in open space and undeveloped lands. Multiple PG&E and contracted inspection crews will be in the Town over the next month conducting inspections of electric towers and poles from top to bottom through visual and aerial inspections. After inspections are completed, PG&E will schedule vegetation clearing around facilities and any necessary equipment upgrades to their facilities. Residents may call 877-295-4949 or email wildfiresafety@pge.com or visit PG&E's [Community Wildfire Safety](#) website for more information.



APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER RECREATION JOBS



The Town of Moraga is currently recruiting for Summer Recreation leaders to work at Moraga Day Camp. The Town is looking for fun, energetic, creative team members to lead games, crafts, and activities for five to ten year olds this summer. Each week, Moraga Day Camp has a different theme around which activities are planned, including a field trip. Recreation Leaders (I) are responsible for implementing the curriculum for the camp. Recreation Leaders (II) are responsible for planning and implementing curriculum as well as supervising staff. The minimum age for employment is 16 years. For more information and to apply visit [CalOpps](#). Not old enough to work for the Town

yet? Consider joining the Counselor in Training (CIT) program for ages 13 to 16. Gain real life work experience as you volunteer alongside our Recreation Leaders at camp. More information is available at [MoragaRec](#).



MORAGA WAY AND CANYON/CAMINO PABLO IMPROVEMENTS MEETING - FEBRUARY 20

The Town is planning to use a OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) and Measure K funds to improve Moraga Way (resurface, close the sidewalk gaps and improve bicycle lanes) from Moraga Road to Ivy Drive and to improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of Canyon Road and Camino Pablo. Construction is scheduled for summer 2019. Public meetings to discuss the improvements are scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, at the Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, located at 10 Moraga Valley Lane (Moraga Way improvements from 6:30 to 7:30 pm and Canyon Road improvements from 7:30 to 8:30 pm). Please visit [Moraga Way Safety](#) for more information.



MORAGA ROAD UTILITY POLE REMOVAL UPDATE

In 2017, the Moraga Road Underground Utility Conversion project removed overhead electrical and communication systems from Corliss Drive to Devin Drive; however the poles remained in place to date. The Public Utility Commission requires the last utility agency that relocates their facilities off the pole must also remove the poles. AT&T is the utility agency in this case. Because of this regulation, there is little incentive for utility agencies to move quickly. Last year, Town put a hold on any AT&T encroachment permits to encourage them to remove the poles. AT&T has responded that they will be completing their responsibility by the end of March, weather dependent. For an update on their work,

please feel free to contact Agustin Arteaga, AT&T Right of Way Manager at 408-476-4281 or aa6956@att.com or Nevada Cross, OSP Engineer at 510-206-9054 or nc2574@att.com.



SCAMMERS TARGETING MORAGA

Scammers are again targeting Moraga residents. Recently, Moraga residents have received scam calls about fake Social Security problems and family members in jail. These scammers can be very convincing and play on your fears and concerns. **DO NOT SEND MONEY TO THESE PEOPLE.** If you have a question about a call you received, please contact the Moraga Police at 925-888-7055. We have stopped scams in the past and saved people thousands of dollars. If you are targeted, please ask for help.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 19, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#), Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers
Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores
Monday, February 25, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers
Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).
The Hacienda de las Flores is located at [2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

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