



ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 9, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



STREET SWEEPING TO OCCUR JANUARY 9 - 30, 2020



Moraga has partnered with the City of Orinda to provide street sweeping this winter. To better serve residents, designated Street Sweeping Zones (neighborhoods) have been established. Visit [Moraga Street Sweeping](#) to find out what day your neighborhood will be swept. The Street Sweeping schedule is subject to change based on weather delays and equipment. All 56 miles of public roads (not private) will be swept.



TREE REMOVAL AT CANYON ROAD BRIDGE

The Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project is scheduled to begin this spring. To clear the construction site right-of-way and make way for the new alignment, Julian Tree Care was contracted to perform tree removals along the eastern banks of the Moraga Creek. The work is scheduled to occur weekdays between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, January 13 to 31, 2020. Due to limited operating space, traffic will be stopped for up to 15 minutes at a time to maneuver downed trees with a large crane into trucks. The Town apologizes for any inconvenience and appreciates your patience while this important work is completed. For questions please email [Sharon Chan](#), Assistant Engineer, or call at 925-888-7028.



THEFTS AND BURGLARIES ON THE RISE

Moraga Police (MPD) have seen an increase in thefts and burglaries reported in the Town. Officers have increased patrols and have stopped individuals prowling at night. Cars and residences should be kept locked at night or when unattended. Remove all valuables from your vehicles and report suspicious persons in your neighborhoods. Coordinate with your neighbors to watch out for each other. Call MPD at 925-284-5010 to report incidents or 925-888-7055 for more information.



CALL FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS



Do you love Moraga? Do you have photos that represent the vibrancy and scenic beauty of Moraga? The Town is launching a new website in spring 2020 and is seeking high resolution photos to be featured on the new Town website and in upcoming marketing materials. If you have high quality photos that represent Moraga, please share them with us! Email your photos to [Rec Desk](#) to have them considered.



COUNCIL GOAL SETTING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

The Moraga Town Council will develop goals for 2020 under the leadership of newly-elected Mayor Kymberleigh Korpus on Wednesday, January 22, during the regular Town Council meeting which begins at 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard. Mayor Korpus' proposed goals will be discussed and prioritized with the Council and the community. The public is invited to provide input.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 8

UPDATE ON UNFUNDED NEEDS

Town Council received a [comprehensive report](#) that summarizes the findings of the expense reviews, operational improvements, and unfunded needs studies completed in 2019. The report also included analysis of existing revenue. After a lengthy discussion, the Council provided direction to staff to:

- explore the possibility of obtaining grant funds for a School Resource Officer;
- shelve the Public Works operational efficiency study as it is being handled in-house;
- reconsider the allocation of Measure K revenue to fund unfunded storm drain needs;
- continue limiting the use of One Time Developer Fees to one-time expenditures and address the allocation of future funds when/if those funds are received;
- explore the repurposing of Property Tax Special District Lighting Funds; and,
- postpone the consideration of a future revenue measure until the FY 2021/22 budget process.

CHASE BANK STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The Town Council determined the lack of a majority protest and confirmed the engineer's report and the annexation of Chase Bank into the Lighting Assessment District. Chase Bank will install two public streetlights on Moraga Way and pay its fair share of the streetlight's operation and maintenance costs.

2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE ADOPTED

The Town Council adopted an Ordinance to adopt the 2019 California Building Standards Code (Building Code), including amendments to address local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. The 2019 Building Code has been adopted, replacing the 2016 Building Code, as the new minimum required standards for building construction in California. The Town's amendments to the code were similar to those adopted by Contra Costa County, which issues building permits and conducts building inspections for the Town.

BIDDING PROCEDURES REVISED

Town Council introduced an Ordinance amending the Moraga Municipal Code, last amended in 2011, to increase the Moraga's informal bidding threshold for goods and services from \$15,001 to \$50,001. The increase in the fiscal threshold is consistent with other jurisdictions in Contra Costa County and is recommended to facilitate implementation of Council goals and directions by reducing the cost of developing detailed draft specifications required for formal bidding while maintaining competition for goods and services.

ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN POSITION

To enable the Town to complete ongoing accounting functions in a timely manner, the Council approved the creation of a part-time Accounting Technician position. The Accounting Technician will provide ongoing administrative and accounting support such as accounting reconciliations, processing and recording of cash receipts, billings and journal entries and assist the Town in meeting critical budget, audit and financial reporting deadlines. This newly created position will replace the current Finance Intern position. The estimated annual cost of the part-time permanent Accounting Technician position, including prorated benefits (excluding medical), is \$42,500.

SITWORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – 398 RHEEM BOULEVARD

Town Council adopted a resolution approving a construction budget for nuisance abatement of the sinkhole at 398 Rheem Boulevard (Moraga Star Gas station). The property owner was issued a Notice and Order to Abate citation per State and Moraga Municipal Code which outlined ten Required Actions and Timelines for completion. The time for completion of Required Actions No. 1 through 5 has expired. The next step is for the Town to notify the property owner of the Town's intent to abate the sinkhole. If the public nuisance continues after this courtesy notice, the Town may seek an Inspection and Abatement warrant from the Superior Court for the Town to abate the public nuisances at the Property Owner's expense.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Town Council discussed the 2020 nominations of Councilmembers to serve on various Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and as Liaisons and Voting Delegates to other agencies and organizations.

PROP 68 PER CAPITA GRANT FUNDS

Town Council authorized staff to apply for a \$200,000 one-time grant from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. The grant requires a 20% funding match. Grant funds would be used for significant improvements to the picnic areas at the Moraga Commons Park.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING RATES

Town Council received an update on the proposed Solid Waste and Recycling Rates for 2020 and voted unanimously to support the Town's board representatives' recommendation for an 8.75% rate increase and to forward the recommendation to the RecycleSmart Joint Powers Authority board.

PROCLAMATION FOR GIRLS' AND BOYS' VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Town Council presented the members of the Campolindo High School Girls' and Boys' Varsity Cross Country Teams with a proclamation honoring their athletic accomplishments during the 2019 season. Both the Campolindo girls' and the Campolindo boys' Varsity Cross Country squads won the girls' and boys' Division 3 State titles at the California Interscholastic Federation Championships. Congratulations to all the student athletes and thank you to the coaches, school staff and parents for another wonderful season – go Cougars!



WELCOME MIO MENDEZ, ASSISTANT PLANNER



Mio Mendez has recently joined Moraga as the new Assistant Planner. Mio will be filling a crucial position supporting the Town's planning efforts and goals. Mio is a graduate of California Polytechnic University, Pomona, with a degree in Urban and Regional Planning. He comes to the Town with prior military experience (US Navy) and previous project planning experience with the County of Mendocino. His experience includes current planning projects and environmental determinations. Mio's knowledge and experience will assist his work with Moraga's current planning projects and long range planning efforts.



VOLUNTEER BEFORE JANUARY 23 FOR TOWN COMMITTEES!

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of its Committees and Commissions and the deadline for submitting applications is fast approaching! For 2020, there will be openings on the [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#) (1 opening), [Audit and Finance Committee](#) (2 openings), [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) (3 openings), [Park and Recreation Commission](#) (3 openings), [Planning Commission](#) (3 openings) and [Library Commission](#) (1 opening). If interested, please click on a Commission or Committee name to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#) by **5:00 pm on Thursday, January 23, 2020**. If you have questions or need assistance with completing an application please call the Town Clerk's office at 925-888-7022. **NOTE:** If opening the fillable forms on your mobile phone you may need to download one of several apps available online to carry out this operation. Moraga needs YOU!



2020 CENSUS JOBS



The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill temporary positions to assist with the 2020 Census count. This is a great opportunity to become more involved and to help shape the community's future. Census results are used to determine representation in Congress, and help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities for hospitals, schools, roads, and more each year. Help ensure that everyone in the Moraga community is counted in the 2020 Census. To apply or for more information go to [2020 Census](#).



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The offices will re-open Tuesday, January 21.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Thursday, January 23, 5:30 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), 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](#).

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



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