



ABOUT TOWN - FEBRUARY 14, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF BOX AT THE TOWN OFFICES



The Town of Moraga is providing a convenient, secure Vote By Mail ballot drop-off box for the March 3 Presidential Primary Election. The drop-off box will be in the lobby of the Town offices located at 329 Rheem Boulevard beginning Monday, February 10 through Tuesday, March 3 during normal business hours from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (excluding holidays and every other Friday). Ballots may also be dropped off between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm at the Contra Costa Elections Office in Martinez, located at 555 Escobar Street, or at any polling place on Election Day. For more information about voting by mail, call 925-335-7800 or visit the Elections Office website at [CoCoVote](https://www.cocovote.com).



DONATION BY ROTARY CLUB OF MORAGA



The Rotary Club of Moraga made a generous \$28,750 donation to the Town of Moraga. The donation consisted of the remaining funds from the All-Access Playground fundraising campaign and is intended to be utilized for park and recreation improvements in the Moraga community. The Town has not yet identified which park project the donated funds will be committed to, but there are several options under consideration. Thank you Rotary Club of Moraga!



TEDDY BEAR TEA - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29



Enjoy an afternoon tea party designed to delight children ages four to ten and their families at Hacienda de las Flores on Saturday, February 29. Dress in party attire and enjoy sandwiches, fruit, pastries, and desserts. Each child will make and stuff their very own teddy bear to take home as a keepsake. Fee is \$30 per person; cost includes food and one teddy bear per child. Register at [MoragaRec](https://www.moragarec.com). Space is limited.



2019 BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION

Mechanics Bank has been selected by the Moraga Chamber of Commerce as the 2019 Business of the Year as a community-minded bank, participating in, sponsoring and supporting everything from Saint Mary's College Basketball to the annual Community Faire. Lamorinda CERT has been chosen as the 2019 Non-Profit of the Year in honor of their dedication to keeping the community educated and prepared for any and all disasters. They both will be celebrated at a dinner on Monday, February 24, at La Finestra Ristorante, 1419 Moraga Way, beginning at 6:00 pm. **This event is open to the public.** To reserve tickets and select an entree, please go to the [Moraga Chamber of Commerce](https://www.moragachamberofcommerce.com) website or call Kathe at 925-323-6524. Deadline to register is Wednesday, February 19.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 12

CONSOLIDATION OF DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION

The Town Council voted to amend several sections of the Municipal Code to consolidate the Design Review Board and Planning Commission and: (1) change the Planning Commission officer appointment procedures set forth in Chapter 2.12 to enable the Commission to re-elect an officer for consecutive terms without requiring Council approval; (2) clarify the appeal process as set forth in Chapter 8.12 such that items can only be called up for appeal; (3) amend the development standards set forth in Chapter 8.44 to streamline the application process for new professional office uses attempting to locate in the Suburban Office District; and (4) amend the design review procedures for alterations to single-family residential properties set forth in Chapter 8.72 to exempt certain minor improvements from design review.

FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

Town Council reviewed and accepted the FY 2019/20 Mid-Year Budget Report during the February 12 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 also approved the mid-year amendments to the FY 2019/20 budget, which included allocating the FY 2018/19 budget surplus of \$169,000 to the Capital Asset Replacement Program. Lastly, the Council amended the FY 2019/20 salary schedule for the Recreation Leader I, Maintenance Worker, Facilities Attendant and Intern to comply with the California minimum wage increase and for the Recreation Leader II classification to address salary compaction.

LAMORINDA SHARED ENGINEERING TECH/GIS ASSISTANT

To implement the Town's enhanced Storm Drain System Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Program, there is a need to collect field generated storm drain inspection data and input into the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS). The Town of Moraga continues to explore areas of cost savings and efficiency in delivering needed services and maintaining public infrastructures, regularly partnering with our neighboring cities of Lafayette and Orinda. At their February 26, 2020 meeting, the Town Council will consider the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lafayette and Orinda to jointly share a Lafayette staff person on a temporary basis, at a considerable cost savings versus contracting out these services to perform these O&M Program duties.



PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day Monday, February 17, re-opening for business on Tuesday, February 18.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 18, 5:30 pm – [Art in Public Spaces](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Wednesday, February 26, 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](#).

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



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