



ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 24, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



THE NEW NORMAL

It's hard to believe it is week six of the Shelter-in-Place (SIP) order. Most Town employees provide essential services and have continued to work onsite incorporating cleaning, distancing and other procedures into their work day to stop the potential spread of COVID-19. Town staff has also been teleworking and becoming proficient in Zoom meetings, including holding Town Council and other commission meetings. It is remarkable how much work we have been able to accomplish during this difficult time. Work on the permanent Canyon Road bridge has started; the Town has abated the 398 Rheem Boulevard sinkhole nuisance, and has had time to handle maintenance and improvement projects in-house. We have also been running multiple budgeting scenarios to determine strategies to keep the Town operating in light of the impact of COVID-19 on the Town's revenues. It was difficult to close the skatepark, play equipment, parking lots and cancel the after school camps, weddings and other events planned at the Hacienda. Staff is thankful for the support of the community and that people have been following the SIP order and are now covering their faces. We encourage everyone to support Moraga's local businesses so that there are places to go when the SIP order is lifted. We are scheduled to provide an update on community events and the impact on this year and next year's budgets at the May 13 Council meeting. Stay healthy, stay strong, and stay inside!



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT



The Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project started Monday, April 20, with clearing and grubbing and the installation of an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Fence. The contractor will be working Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm as well as some Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. As construction continues, plan to expect traffic delays for 15 minutes or longer. **Beginning Monday, May 4, 2020, Canyon Road Bridge will be closed Monday through Friday and some Saturdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to all traffic with the exception of emergency services.** We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience during construction. For current updates, please check the Town's [Canyon Road Bridge webpage](#) regularly.



BE A COVID-19 SUPERHERO - COVER YOUR FACE!

Thank you to all who are working hard to abide by the Health Officer's COVID-19 orders. As of Wednesday, April 22, everyone is required to cover their nose and mouth when inside an essential business or when outside and within 6 feet of another person. You are not required to cover your face when exercising, except when you are near other people. Regardless, everyone still needs to practice social distancing. Check [CC Health](#) often for updated information.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 22

HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES RESTAURANT UPDATE

Town Council received an [update](#) on the Hacienda Restaurant Operator Request for Proposals (RFP) which closed on March 9, 2020. The Town received one proposal from Hacienda Partners, LLC which is a collaboration between Thomas Capital Investments and Pacific Meritage but did not include specifics regarding an on-site restaurant in the near term. Town Council directed staff to commence preliminary conversations with Hacienda Partners and to continue exploration of other opportunities for the site including event management opportunities.

WORST STREETS IN TOWN TO BE REPAIRED

The Town Council received the 2020 [Pavement Management Report](#) and a [presentation](#) and directed staff to use a "Worst-First" pavement repair approach to target repair of Town streets, paths and parking lots in "Very Poor" and "Poor" pavement condition. The rehabilitation of the Town's worst streets will be done over a three year period from 2022 to 2024. The increase in the Town's overall Pavement Condition Index to "Good" and the reduction in "Very Poor" Streets from 6% in 2011 to 3% in 2020 and in "Poor" streets from 51% in 2011 to 10% in 2020 (thanks to the voter approved Measure K local sales tax), presents a strategic opportunity to focus on repairing the worst streets. While these streets are more expensive to repair, the reduction in the number of streets needing complete reconstruction allows the Town to develop a three-year \$7.1 million project to eliminate the streets in the worst condition.

STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

In order to maintain and continue the street lighting assessment district, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process. Town Council approved the Engineer's Report, declared the intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2020/21, and set a Public Hearing date of June 10, 2020.



MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

As part of the annual budget process, the Town Council will consider a resolution to authorize updates to the Town's Master Fee Schedule at the regular Council meeting on May 13. The FY 2020/21 updated Master Fee Schedule lists all the fees and charges by department to offset the Town's costs in processing permits, licenses, subdivision maps and entitlements and other services. If approved, the updated Master Fee Schedule will be included in the proposed FY 2020/21 budget.



COMMUNITY RED "C" RISING

Celebrate Campolindo and the community! Campo is running a campaign called "Red 'C' Rising" to support the students and increase hope and spirit in the community. Rise up and support and celebrate the student body, the community and especially the Class of 2020! It's a Campo tradition for attendees of big games to dress and decorate in red. Starting this week the whole Town is encouraged to decorate and make this Town **RED, RED, RED** and full of spirit. It will cheer up the community, students and especially the senior class! Visit [Red "C" Rising](#) for decorating ideas.



SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN MORAGA

The Planning Commission voted 5-2 to recommend the Town Council adopt a new Ordinance regulating short-term rentals (such as Airbnb™, VRBO™, and HomeAway™). The recommended regulations include: requiring all rentals are hosted; limiting rental listing to only one in the Town of Moraga; and establishing a minimum stay of two nights and a maximum stay of 90 days per calendar year. Owners and operators would also be required to obtain a permit from the Town. Short-term rentals are defined as properties that are rented for less than 30 consecutive days. Standard rental properties that offer leases longer than 30 days would be exempt from this Ordinance. The Council is currently scheduled to consider the Ordinance on May 13.



MORAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce is committed to Moraga's businesses in any way that they can help. They are finding answers, promoting businesses and keeping businesses up to date on the latest small business loan programs, opportunities and ultimately how to strategize and reposition local businesses moving forward. Let the Chamber promote your business by keeping them informed about your current status. Working with Moraga Citizens Network, Viva Moraga, NextDoor, About Town and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, the Chamber is keeping the community in touch with the Town's restaurants and their hours of operation. Check [Moraga Chamber](#) for an updated list of businesses open in Town with hours of operation.



PLANNING COMMISSION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to reappoint David Stromberg as the Commission's Chair and Brenda Luster as its Vice Chair. Mr. Stromberg and Ms. Luster will serve the Town in these respective capacities for the next year until May 2021.



MORAGA PUMPING STATION PROJECT



Central San will begin a two-year upgrade of their pumping station on School Street in May. The pumping station handles the flows from almost every home and business in the Town, pumping wastewater until it can flow by gravity to the treatment plant in Martinez. Most of the work will take place from May through October of 2020 and 2021, and minor activities will take place during wet weather. Upgrades include replacing electrical and control systems, pumps, a standby power generator, adding new grinders and landscaping improvements. For more information, contact Central San's Community Affairs Representative [Chris Carpenter](#) or 925-229-7316.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 4 – [Planning Commission](#)- **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers or via teleconference

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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