



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



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE



The Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project is in its fourth week of construction and making excellent progress. The contractor is drilling and pouring concrete piles for the bridge abutments and will begin creek work as early as next week. The contractor's new construction hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The bridge will be closed Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Some extended hours, closures, and weekend work may be scheduled, if necessary. Remember to check the [Canyon Road Bridge webpage](#) for information on schedule changes and project updates.

The Town has been working with the contractor to locate a construction staging area. The only viable option at this time is a very small portion of the adjacent pear orchard. Working with community advocates for the pear orchard, mitigation measures have been agreed upon with the Moraga School District to begin using the staging area as early as next week. Once the project is complete, new trees will be planted throughout the orchard leaving it in an improved condition.



NEW TOWN WEBSITE COMING IN JUNE!

The Town of Moraga is excited to announce the unveiling of a new website soon! Residents seek current information from the Town's website and the new site will be mobile-responsive, accessible for all users, and include powerful new features and functions to help improve information sharing. Users will easily find the latest news and calendar events and have the ability to register for news updates by topic.



SLOW DOWN - KEEP MORAGA SAFE

The reduction in traffic during the COVID-19 situation is resulting in cars being driven faster. This week, a driver was cited during the day for 75 MPH on Moraga Way. Faster speeds not only cause more traffic accidents, but these accidents are more likely to result in injuries and major damage. Moraga Police will be increasing their enforcement actions to encourage drivers to slow down and drive more safely. Please do your part to help keep Moraga a safe community.



COVID-19'S PROJECTED IMPACT ON THE GENERAL FUND BUDGETS

Town Council received an [update](#) on the projected impact of the shelter-in-place order on the FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21 General Fund budgets and strategies to address the projected revenue shortfall and maintain the Town's 50% General Fund Reserve. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#). The Council also provided staff direction on projects and other funding decisions for the proposed FY 2020/21 Budget scheduled to be brought before the Town Council on June 10.



WHERE'S ALL THAT TOILET PAPER GOING? CENTRAL SAN HAS ANSWERS



If you've ever wondered what happens to the water (and everything else) that goes down the drain, Central San's Virtual Treatment Plant Tour offers an inside look—from the comfort of home. Explore 360-degree photos of the wastewater treatment plant and discover how Central San is making dirty water clean again through engineering and science. For those who want to learn more, Central San will host a virtual Q&A on Wednesday, May 27 to answer your questions: How does the treatment process kill coronavirus?

What happens to all that toilet paper? How can each of us help protect our sewer system and environment? Explore the virtual tour and register for the Q&A at: [Central San Virtual Tour](#).



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 13, 2020

ST. MARY'S ROAD TO CLOSE STARTING JUNE 1 FOR PG&E GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

PG&E's Gas Pipeline Replacement Phase 2 project is scheduled to begin on Monday, June 1. St. Mary's Road is scheduled to be closed from S. Lucille to Lafayette Community Center Park, Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm through August 14, 2020. This project will replace 450 feet of vintage gas transmission pipe across a St. Mary's Road bridge south of S. Lucille Lane in Lafayette. Motorists should follow the posted "detour route" to bypass the closed work area. For project information, please contact Julian Lacson, PG&E Public Affairs, at 925-348-3532; or julian.lacson@pge.com; and visit the Town's [St. Mary's Road Gas Pipeline Project web page](#).

DRAINAGE EASEMENT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Town of Moraga does not maintain storm drainage facilities on private property unless a storm drainage easement has been accepted by resolution by the Town Council (or by the County prior to the Town's incorporation. To help clarify property owners' responsibilities, on May 13, 2020, the Town Council adopted an [Ordinance](#) amending Moraga Municipal Ordinance No. 57, as related to the Town's acceptance of drainage easements. The Town also adopted a formal policy for the acceptance of offers of drainage easements, including criteria.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS ORDINANCE

Town Council discussed the proposed short-term rentals [Ordinance](#) and determined that less burdensome regulations would better meet the needs of the Town. The Council made changes to Title 8 of the Moraga Municipal Code to add definitions and establish the following short-term rental regulations: 1) All short-term rentals must be hosted; 2) short-term rentals shall not be rented for less than two consecutive nights; and, 3) short-term rentals shall not be allowed in a vehicle, trailer or tent. The Ordinance was then introduced and is scheduled to return to the Council for a second reading on May 27.

HETFIELD ESTATES ONE-YEAR EXTENSION

Town Council considered a one-year extension of the Vesting Tentative Map, General Development Plan, Conditional Use Permit and Hillside Development Permit for the Hetfield Estates Subdivision, a seven-lot single-family residential project on a 58.2-acre property. The Council voted to grant the extension, due to provisions of the State Subdivision Map Act which allow the life of a tentative map to be extended for a total duration of six years. Under the current legislation, the deadline to record the Final Map is May 20, 2022.

LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (LEAP) GRANT FUNDS

Town Council authorized the Town Manager to submit an application to the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development for receipt of \$65,000 in Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant funds. The Town is proposing to use these funds towards a zoning code amendment to streamline the Town's three-step development process and to facilitate compliance in implementing the 6th cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and update the Town's Housing Element.

UPDATED MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

As part of the annual budget process, the Town Council adopted a resolution to authorize updates to the Town's Master Fee Schedule. 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. The updated Master Fee Schedule will become effective July 13, 2020 and is integrated in the proposed FY 2020/21 budget.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS UPDATE

Public facilities including Town Hall, Hacienda de las Flores, and the Moraga Library will remain closed through May 31, 2020. Parks, trails, open space, and the skate park are open provided social distancing guidelines are followed. Amenities within the parks, including playgrounds, picnic areas, and courts remain closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Town has cancelled the 4th of July Celebration and the Summer Concert Series. The Hacienda Nights food truck events have been cancelled for June and July. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

LOCAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

This item was continued to a future Town Council meeting.

VOLUNTARY FURLOUGH PROGRAM

This item was continued to the May 27, 2020 Town Council meeting.

FIRE PREVENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE

Town Council authorized the creation of a Fire Prevention Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Mayor Korpus and Councilmember Woehleke to work with representatives of MOFD and the City of Orinda to receive updates, provide feedback, and facilitate coordination of MOFD's fire prevention efforts.



FEED THE NEED



**PARTNER WITH MORAGA KIWANIS
HELP FEED OUR COMMUNITY**

Join the Moraga Kiwanis as they "Feed the Need" and raise money to support Meals on Wheels, the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and the Monument Crisis Center. All three agencies are facing an unprecedented demand for food and support. 100% of donations are tax deductible and are divided equally between the three agencies. Double your money as Moraga Kiwanis will match donations up to a total of \$40,000 and accept non-matching donations beyond that. Go to [Moraga Valley Kiwanis](#) for more information.



COVID-19 TESTING

Seniors and staff in residential housing are at the highest risk of contracting and dying from COVID -19. In collaboration with the Contra Costa County Medical Director, Moraga Community Foundation (MCF) will fund COVID-19 testing at senior care facilities in Moraga. One round of testing will be offered to all employees and residents of these facilities. Medical professionals from our community will donate their time to administer the tests, which are provided by LabCorp. To donate, visit [MCF COVID-19 testing](#) or send a check to: Moraga Community Foundation, 1480 Moraga Road, Ste C #191 Moraga, CA 94556 and indicate "COVID-19 Testing."

The logo for 'Moraga CARES' features the word 'Moraga' in a blue, sans-serif font above the word 'CARES' in a larger, bold, blue, sans-serif font. The text is set against a light blue rectangular background.

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UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 18, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), **TELECONFERENCED**

Tuesday, May 19 – [Art in Public Spaces](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **TELECONFERENCED**

Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), **TELECONFERENCED**

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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