



ABOUT TOWN - AUGUST 28, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MCSP COMMUNITY WEBINAR - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

A Zoom webinar will be held to discuss the Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Project (MCSP-IP) on Wednesday, September 2, at 6:00 pm. Town staff, including the Police Chief and Assistant Town Attorney, and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief will be available to answer questions and hear feedback. The MCSP-IP continues the 20-year plus planning process for the Moraga Center area and implements the 2010 Moraga Center Specific Plan. Email planning@moraga.ca.us or call 925-888-7040 for more information. Project FAQs are available on the Town's [website](#). Click the following link to join the webinar: <https://tinyurl.com/yxrflk9k> or telephone: 669 900 6833; Webinar ID: 864 4648 5659.



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE



The bridge replacement project remains on schedule and budget. The inbound lane of the bridge super structure is near completion. To support the new roadway, 240 feet of tall retaining walls are being constructed. The contractor is currently finishing the retaining wall on the west side of the bridge, drilling 71 deep pile supports and installing walls. For more information, visit the [Project website](#) page. To sign up for project updates, please register on the Town's website at [Notify Me](#).



CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 2020

On November 3, 2020, Moraga voters will elect three Councilmembers. The nomination period for the election has closed and there are five qualified candidates: Kendall Langan, Teresa Onoda, David Stromberg, Renata Sos and Ursula Schilling. All Moragans are encouraged to meet the candidates virtually and learn about Town issues by attending the Moraga Citizens Network (MCN) "Candidates' Night" on Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00 pm via a Zoom meeting. More details coming soon.



TOWN OF MORAGA SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM



The Town has established a \$30,000 Small Business Relief Program to support our local businesses with a portion of the Federal CARES Act funding the Town received. The \$500 - \$2,000 grants are to assist local businesses in adjusting their operations during these extraordinary times. The grant will reimburse small businesses for expenses incurred to comply with the public health regulations related to COVID-19. More details and the application are available online at [Moraga Planning](#). For more information call 925-888-7040 or email planning@moraga.ca.us.



2020 OVERLAY PAVING PROJECT UPDATE

This year's pavement overlay project will resurface eight residential streets starting the first week of September. The contractor, Bay Cities Paving, will be lowering manholes and valve boxes and installing stormwater pollution prevention measures on the streets included in this year's project. Please visit the [2020 Pavement Overlay Project](#) website for more information.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTION ON AUGUST 26, 2020

MORAGA COMMONS PARK BANDSHELL RENTAL FEES

Town Council considered and adopted a new hourly rental fee for use of the Bandshell at Moraga Commons Park. The hourly fees are intended to encourage community and business use of outdoor spaces while restrictions on indoor activities continue to be limited due to COVID-19. The new hourly rates are effective immediately – Nonprofit Use (\$40/hr); Private Use (\$50/hr); Commercial Use (\$70/hr). Reservations can be made through the Parks and Recreation Department and applications are available on the Town’s website at [Moraga Rec.](#)

AMENDED 2019 FIRE CODE

Council ratified the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Ordinance which adopts the Fire Code including [amendments](#) to reflect local climatic, geologic and/or topographical conditions and support best practices to harden homes to withstand wildland fire exposure, create defensible space and ensure adequate roadway access. The more stringent fire prevention requirements go into effect on January 1, 2021. Residents are encouraged to view MOFD’s current [Fire Prevention Requirements](#) in light of the existing fire risk.

AMENDED CONTRACT WITH PLACEWORKS, INC.

The Town Council [amended](#) the existing contract with PlaceWorks, Inc. by \$24,200 for completion of the Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Project (MCSP-IP). Additional funds are needed to address recent legislation, hold a third Planning Commission meeting, and analyze public comments.

CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT

Council unanimously approved spending its \$209,235 of federal [CARES Act](#) grant funding on expenses necessary to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health and safety requirements. The funding will be used to cover actual costs incurred and projected FY 2020/21 expenses for equipment and facility enhancements, materials and supplies, personnel, and a Small Business Relief Program. See above for additional information about the Small Business Relief Program.

GRAND JURY REPORT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Town Council considered a report from the [Contra Costa County Grand Jury](#) that recommended that police departments throughout the county, including the Moraga Police Department (MPD), increase staffing to provide additional services to residents. However, there are not sufficient resources in the Town’s current budget to fund increased MPD staffing. MPD will continue to work with the community and other resources, including mental health agencies, to provide the best possible level of service to Moraga.

JOINT FIRE PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE

The Town of Moraga, City of Orinda and Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) have created a Joint Fire Prevention Subcommittee to support MOFD’s fire prevention outreach and education programs. The Subcommittee will receive updates, provide feedback and facilitate coordination of MOFD’s fire prevention efforts.



COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM GETS NEW PHONE NUMBER

The Community Warning System (CWS) has changed the number that will display on your phone to 925-655-0195. This was done as the old number (0000000000) was often labeled as “Spam.” This change should improve the reliability of the CWS notifications in emergencies. The Town recommends adding this number to your contacts. Remember, CWS is the primary method that will be used to notify residents of an evacuation (not Nixle). Register for CWS at [CWS Alerts](#).



CAMINO PABLO ANNEXATION - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

On September 8, 2020, at 7:00 pm, the Planning Commission will hold a Study Session for a 23.9-acre parcel of undeveloped hillside land which would preserve 15.4 acres on the northern portion of the

property, and develop a 13-lot residential subdivision and annexation on the southern portion of the property. The project property is located off Camino Pablo adjacent to the Sanders Ranch, Sky View and Carr Ranch subdivisions. A June 2020 Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has been published for public comment. The Town seeks early input and comment on the proposed project, and the IS/MND is available at [Camino Pablo IS/MND](#).



SMALL WEDDINGS RETURN TO THE HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES

Small weddings and private religious ceremonies have returned to the Hacienda de las Flores. Adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Contra Costa County Health Order, the facility currently allows outdoor religious ceremonies for 75 or fewer and outdoor dining for 50 or fewer persons. Events must adhere to the County guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



THANK YOU MORAGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Moraga Community Foundation has donated \$5,000 to the Town of Moraga to install a new water fountain/bottle filler at Moraga Commons Park. The newly installed unit is located near the main restroom building. The upgraded model features a bottle filler which provides a water source to park users through a contactless and touch-free method.



HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES ADA RESTROOMS

The improvements at the Hacienda de las Flores to install a new restroom are underway. These restroom facilities are being developed to support the planned use of the Hacienda building and to bring the facility into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Currently, rough framing, plumbing, and electrical construction have been completed. Completion is anticipated next month.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 2, 6:00 pm – [MCSP Community Webinar](#)

Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE ONLY

Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE ONLY

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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