



ABOUT TOWN - FEBRUARY 12, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR - A CALL TO VACCINATE

LEND A HAND
**Help Loved Ones
Get Vaccinated**

Some people eligible for a vaccine appointment may not be comfortable navigating a web page or recorded telephone prompts or entering information into online forms.

Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) is sharing **Help Your Neighbor**, a new community call to action for everyone who lives or works in the county to ensure that friends, family members and neighbors can get a COVID-19 immunization appointment when they are eligible. Visit the CCHS [Help Your Neighbor web page](#) for videos and how-to resources to help residents and their helpers make COVID-19 immunization appointments, and access a selection of [printable fliers and COVID-19 vaccination resources](#). CCHS has an

[online request form](#) for eligible county residents who need appointments and a vaccine appointment line: 1-833-829-2626, open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily.



MORAGA RECEIVES TREE CITY USA RECOGNITION

Moraga has been recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a 2020 Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. This is the sixth year Moraga has received this national recognition. Tree City USA communities have met the four requirements for certification and recognize the importance of a healthy urban forest in reducing costs for energy, stormwater management, and erosion control and reducing energy consumption.



HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES OPEN FOR OUTDOOR CEREMONIES AND DINING

The Hacienda de las Flores continues to serve the community by hosting outdoor, COVID-19 compliant ceremonies and cultural events. In addition, outdoor dining space is available for private groups at 50% capacity. The Hacienda Patio can currently accommodate dining for 64 and the Pavilion Patio can accommodate dining for up to 100. To find out more or to reserve space please visit the [website](#) or [email](#) staff.



LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING



The Town of Moraga will be hosting a presentation and [community meeting](#) on **Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 6:00 pm** for the design of the Laguna Creek Restoration Project. Staff is seeking the public's input on this important project. Due to COVID restrictions, the meeting will occur via a Zoom Webinar. The project consists of removing an eight-foot diameter underground culvert and creating a natural channel in its place. The project location is at the Hacienda de las Flores near the Pavilion building, where historic flooding has occurred at the culvert. The public meeting will consist of an update on the design effort and schedule, followed by a facilitated workshop to elicit community feedback into various aspects of the design.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 10, 2021

PROCLAMATION HONORING KATHE NELSON

The Town Council declared February 10, 2021 *Kathe Nelson Day* in recognition of her constant and unwavering support of the Town and its business community. As Executive Director of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Kathe was the voice of Moraga businesses, advocating to “Shop Moraga First,” instrumental in developing programs and events, and always willing to help. The Council expressed their gratitude and wished Kathe a long and enjoyable retirement.

BELLAVISTA SUBDIVISION ACCEPTANCE

The Council accepted as complete the improvements completed by SummerHill Homes on the 27-lot Bellavista subdivision (formerly Rancho Laguna II) and accepted the offers of dedication for roadway right-of-way purposes in accordance with the subdivision improvement agreements. The project will enter a one-year warranty period after recordation during which time the developer is to continue to be responsible for the performance of the improvements. The project includes the dedication of 162 acres, 90 percent of the property, as open space. The open space is scheduled to be transferred into the Moraga Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) at a future publicly noticed meeting.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS ORDINANCE

Town Council adopted the January 1, 2020 State mandated amendments to Moraga Municipal Code 8.124 for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs). State Laws require ADUs be allowed in all residentially zoned districts. Five types of streamlined ADUs and JADUs must be approved within 60 days at the staff level. Additionally, the State law allows for standard ADUs with one bedroom at 850 square foot or less and ADUs with more than one bedroom at 1,000 square feet or less. The [staff report](#) and [presentation](#) provide additional information.

FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENTS

Town Council reviewed and accepted the FY 2020/21 Mid-Year Budget Report during the February 10 Council meeting. Staff outlined changes in both revenue and expense projections to reflect the projected impact of COVID-19 on the Town. The Town’s General Fund Proposed Budget Adjustments for FY 2020/21 resulted in a minor decrease to the projected year-end fund balance from \$4,872,847 to \$4,870,297 or \$2,550 and still meets the General Fund Reserve Policy of 50%. Council also approved the mid-year amendments to the FY 2020/21 budget, which included allocating \$97,000 of the FY 2019/20 budget surplus to be transferred to Fund 750 - Asset Replacement consistent with Town policy.

MEETING ENDED EARLY DUE TO TECHNICAL ISSUES

The remaining items on the Council agenda - Town Council 2021 Goals; Discussion of Mayor and Vice Mayor engaging with community groups; and an Ordinance to change the Council meeting start time from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm – were continued to a future meeting due to internet problems.



ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN UPDATE COMING TO PLANNING COMMISSION

In March staff will present the annual general plan update to the Planning Commission with a recommendation to the Town Council for approval. Every year by April 1, each local jurisdiction is required by State Law to submit a report on progress towards implementation of the General Plan and achievement of the Housing Element objectives. The report includes the number of housing units approved and built and policies that have been implemented. The annual update is submitted to the State and allows Moraga to seek future funding from the State for projects.



SUSTAINABLE MORAGA CHALLENGE

Join the [Sustainable Moraga Challenge](#) now! Learn about the actions you can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fight climate change. Gather your friends and neighbors and learn together how to save resources such as energy, water, and money in your home. Residents, community groups, faith organizations, and small businesses can monitor the impact of their actions on the environment - and even engage in friendly competition.



PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day Monday, February 15, re-opening for business on Tuesday, February 16.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Tuesday, February 16 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Tuesday, February 16, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces](#), TELECONFERENCE
- Tuesday, February 16 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Wednesday, February 17, 5:00 pm – [Town Council Special Meeting](#), TELECONFERENCE
- Monday, February 22 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 pm – [Laguna Creek Restoration Project Community Meeting](#), TELECONFERENCE
- Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), 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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