



## ABOUT TOWN - MAY 13, 2021 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Town has made the difficult decision to cancel the annual 4th of July Fireworks Display and the Summer Concert Series hosted by the Moraga Park Foundation. While a loosening of restrictions is anticipated on June 15, no guidance has been issued by the State or County pertaining to community-wide festivals and gatherings scheduled after June 15. The Town will be resuming the Family Campout at Rancho Laguna Park and an Outdoor Movie Night at Moraga Commons Park at limited capacity with pre-registration required for both events. Preliminary dates are on hold to resume

Hacienda Nights in July and August and the annual Pear and Wine Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, awaiting further guidance from the State and Contra Costa County. For more information visit the [Parks and Recreation webpage](#).



### ARE YOU READY FOR AN EMERGENCY?

The recent hot weather is a good reminder of the importance of preparing for emergencies. Planning and preparing for emergencies can save lives. Are you and your family ready for an emergency or for potential PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs? Do you have a family emergency plan and review it with family members? Have you created an emergency supplies kit? Do you know what evacuation zone you are in and are you registered with the [Community Warning System](#)? The Town's Emergency Plan and Evacuation Plan are available for review on the [Police Department page](#) of the Town's website. Find more information go to [Cal OES](#) and [Ready for Wildfire](#).



### ST. MARY'S ROAD CLOSURE MAY 15 - 20

EBMUD will be continuing work on an emergency 16-inch valve replacement project on St. Mary's Road from Bollinger Canyon into Lafayette. Due to the nature of certain operations, EBMUD will be closing St. Mary's Road from Bollinger Canyon Road to Rohrer Drive (in Lafayette) on Saturday, May 15, through Thursday, May 20, during work hours only. Access will be maintained for residents within the closure. The work hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information, please contact EBMUD representatives: [Kathryn Horn](#) at 510-283-2053; [Richard Paniagua](#) at 510-287-0834; [James Bradley](#) at 510-715-7987; or [Chas White](#) at 510-715-7584.



### CANYON ROAD BRIDGE DAYTIME CLOSURE MAY 17 - 21

Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project is under construction and currently installing piles for the bridge's abutments. The contractor is currently working Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Please expect traffic delays of 15 minutes or longer. Beginning Monday, May 17 through Friday, May 21, Canyon Road Bridge will be closed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to all traffic, with the exception of emergency response services. The closure will ensure the safety of the community and the construction team during the installation of the creek diversion system. The Town apologizes for the inconvenience and appreciates your patience during construction. For current updates, check the Town's [Canyon Road Bridge project webpage](#) regularly.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 11 and 12

### ***COUNCIL OPPOSES MOFD CONSOLIDATION***

The Council discussed the history behind the formation of Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) which was to provide specialized fire protection, fire safety and emergency response services to the Town of Moraga and City of Orinda. The Council shared their firm belief that MOFD provides the exceptional service that was envisioned when it was formed and that there is NO community support or justification for consolidating with the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (ConFire). The Council voted unanimously to send a letter to the MOFD Board of Directors strongly opposing consolidation of MOFD with ConFire and opposing spending resources studying a process for doing so.

### ***PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROCESS***

At a Special Council meeting on May 11, staff [presented an overview](#) of the current Planned Development (PD) process and requested input from Council on an initiative to update the process. Staff provided information regarding recent State legislation including Senate Bill 330 which mandates a five-meeting limit, the 2015-2023 Housing Element policies, analysis of the current process and new considerations. Council provided feedback and requested staff continue analyzing the process and work with the Planning Commission on a draft Ordinance to streamline and update the PD process.

### ***ARPA AND BUDGET DISCUSSION***

A second stimulus bill in the amount of \$1.9 trillion called the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 11, 2021. ARPA includes a State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which provides \$130 billion for local governments to replenish revenue losses and cover COVID-related expenses and lay the foundation for economic recovery. Town Council discussed the Town's ARPA allocation of \$3,347,260 consistent with the guidelines to replace General Fund revenue loss and invest in the public stormwater system infrastructure. They also discussed numerous assumptions proposed for the FY 2021/21 budget and provided direction to staff. View the [presentation](#).

### ***FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET***

Town Council received a [presentation](#) on the draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget which includes projections for the next five years to enable the Town to more strategically approach meeting its infrastructure and other needs. The proposed budget includes recommendations on funding programs in multiple categories with the most significant investment in transportation projects, including traffic safety and pavement repair. The report and presentation included a review of funded and ongoing CIP projects, CIP projects recommended for FY 2021/22 funding, and unfunded CIP projects.

### ***COUNCIL SUPPORTS SB 612 REGARDING ALLOCATION OF LEGACY RESOURCES***

Moraga customers who have opted to receive electricity from Marin Clean Energy, as opposed to PG&E, continue to pay PG&E a "Power Charge Indifference Adjustment" which for the average Moraga resident costs more than \$285.60 annually. Senate Bill 612 would require the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) to recognize the value of GHG-free energy in legacy contracts and would require transparency around how investor-owned utility companies negotiate these contracts. The Town Council voted to send a letter to State representatives supporting this proposed legislation.

### ***HETFIELD ESTATES PROJECT ONE-YEAR EXTENSION***

Town Council considered a request for 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 an approved 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 21, 2022. View the [presentation](#).

### ***MASTER FEE SCHEDULE APPROVED***

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 2021/22 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 FY 2021/22 Master Fee Schedule will become effective July 11, 2021 and is integrated in the proposed FY 2021/22 budget. View the [presentation](#).

### **ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

Town Council has issued a proclamation declaring April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in Moraga. The Town Council recognized the Moraga Garden Club who recently donated several trees to enhance and beautify two center medians. Trees play an integral role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem and community and are essential to maintaining a high quality of life in Moraga. The Town of Moraga is a designated Tree City USA community.



## **TOWN EMPLOYMENT RECRUITMENTS**

Looking for a challenging and dynamic work environment in a beautiful setting? The Town of Moraga offers a unique career opportunity and seeks applicants for two recruitments:

### **ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN/INSPECTOR RECRUITMENT**

The Town is seeking an Engineering Technician/Inspector to provide technical assistance and support to Town professional staff. Experience with a strong focus on capital improvement projects, asphalt paving construction, encroachment permitting, plan checks, engineering design and construction bidding is highly desirable. For more information, visit the Town of Moraga's [website](#) or [apply online](#).

### **PARKS AND RECREATION RECRUITMENT**

The part-time Administrative Assistant will work 18-20 hours per week in the Parks and Recreation Department. Performing a wide variety of routine and complex office, administrative and technical support tasks, this position offers the opportunity to interface with the public and work on special projects, public outreach and marketing, and community-wide special events. Applications must be received by May 28, 2021. For more information, visit the Town of Moraga's [website](#) or [apply online](#).



## **LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT - 30% DESIGN**

The Laguna Creek Restoration 30% project design drawings have been completed and can be viewed on the Town's [Project website](#). The Town is seeking the public's input on this important project. To provide public feedback on important elements of the landscape design, please go to the Town's [Project web page](#) to access our Web Survey. The Town Council will receive a presentation of 30% Design and results of the polling at an upcoming meeting. For additional project information or comments, please contact [Mark Summers](#) or call 925-888-7038.



## **MORAGA CREEK FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL PROJECT**

On April 27, 2021, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) awarded the contract for the Moraga Creek Flood and Erosion Control project to Condon-Johnson & Associates, Inc. The first phase of construction is expected to start in mid-June 2021 and continue until the beginning of the rainy season, around October 2021. The second phase is expected to begin in the spring of 2022 and be completed in the fall of 2022. EBMUD has already begun work removing trees in the area and the first phase of construction will include installation of wildlife exclusion fencing. Please visit the [project website](#) for more information. For questions, please contact [Kathryn Horn](#) from EBMUD or call 510-287-2053.



## **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

Monday, May 17, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, May 18 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, May 18, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 pm – [Special Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 pm\* – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE **\*NEW start time**

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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