



ABOUT TOWN - MAY 27, 2021 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



BE RED CROSS READY VIRTUAL EVENT - TUESDAY, JUNE 8



Be Red Cross Ready is an emergency preparedness presentation typically presented in-person to audiences age 14 and up. It has been adapted to a virtual format to ensure communities continue to learn this critical information amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The [June 8 program](#) features actionable lessons focused on building an act fast emergency kit, home fire prevention and safety, and information about other local hazards (earthquakes and wildfires). Presentations are typically 45-60 minutes with time for Q&A. View and save the Be Red Cross Ready [PowerPoint presentation](#).



COMMUNITY MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 7

SAVE THE DATE for a community discussion about the proposed [Wedgewood Weddings](#) lease of the Hacienda de las Flores. Meet the Executive Director of Wedgewood Weddings – Bill Zaruka, and the Vice-President of Business Development – Kevin Lyons. Details of the proposed lease framework will be reviewed. The proposed lease would significantly reduce the Town's net operating cost of the Hacienda along with several other benefits to the Town. The lease agreement is scheduled for consideration at the June 9 Town Council meeting. Join us on Monday, June 7 at 6:00pm via Zoom for a community discussion to learn more on the proposed opportunity. [Zoom Meeting Link](#)



WELCOME DONALD SCULLY TO PARKS AND RECREATION

Donald Scully is the newest, energetic addition to the Parks and Recreation Department. He recently started in the Recreation Coordinator I position. Donald holds a B.A.S. degree from Ex'pression College for Digital Arts. He has worked for the City of Walnut Creek since 2001 and recently relocated to Moraga with his wife and newborn son. Donald will oversee the Moraga Day Camp program, the Town After School Enrichment (ASEP) program, Senior Day Trips, and will work on numerous Town and community events. Donald is already busy working on bringing back the Hacienda Food Truck nights and Outdoor Movie Nights for Summer 2021.



PLANNING COMMISSION DIRECTION ON CAMINO PABLO DEVELOPMENT

At a Special Planning Commission meeting on May 25, the Commission held a public hearing to review the technical merits of the proposed Camino Pablo development project which includes annexation of the site located in unincorporated Contra Costa County on the south-eastern edge of the Town, fronting Camino Pablo, into the Town of Moraga. The proposed project includes 13 single-family homes on the southern portion of the property and the permanent preservation of 15.4 acres on the northern portion of the property as open space. The Commission directed staff to return with a recommendation to uphold the current 1 dwelling unit per acre General Plan designation for a portion of this site. The Planning Commission findings to support this recommendation will then be presented to the Town Council.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 26, 2021

WEST COMMONS PARK TRAIL DESIGN

Town Council approved the new design for the failing asphalt pathway within the West Commons Park. The Harvest Court residential development was required to construct and dedicate 2.53-acre passive park to the Town. The original pathway, constructed in late 2016, developed significant cracking because of movement of expansive soils. The redesign has a significantly stronger pavement structure. Additionally, the expansive soils are being replaced with engineered and treated soils.

MEASURE J BIENNIAL COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Town Council adopted the Growth Management Plan checklist of calendar years 2018 and 2019, a requirement for the Town to receive Fiscal Years 2019/20 and 2020/21 Measure J Local Street Maintenance and Improvements funds. Measure J is a one-half percent regional sales tax adopted in 2004 and includes the allocation of 18% of the total funds to local jurisdictions to finance transportation related capital improvements and programs. The Town's current budget assumes Measure J expenditures on the following projects: ADA Compliant Streets, Canyon Road Bridge Replacement, Moraga Way and Canyon/Camino Pablo Improvements, and 2022 Pavement Reconstruction.

STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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 2021/22, and set a Public Hearing date of Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

MORAGA APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONTRA COSTA LIBRARY COMMISSION

Town Council appointed Sarah Morgan, a teacher-librarian at Campolindo High School with 18 years' experience as a school librarian in K-12 schools, to the Contra Costa Library Commission to represent the Moraga community. The Council also reappointed Janette Maher as the Town's alternate Library Commissioner. Both appointments were for the remainder of four-year terms ending June 30, 2024.

TOWN MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Town Council approved a third amendment to the Town Manager's employment agreement. The Council stated that their performance evaluation of the Town Manager had been very positive. An Ad Hoc committee created to negotiate with the Town Manager shared the criteria they relied upon in recommending a 3% increase to the Town Manager's salary consistent with comparable cities.

PROCLAMATION HONORING JAMES DONAHUE

Vice Mayor Woehleke presented a proclamation to Saint Mary's College President James Donahue honoring him for his service to the community and commitment to strengthening the Town/Gown relationship; his proactive approach to satisfactorily resolving issues between the College and its neighbors; development of a comprehensive Campus Master Plan with a strong vision for future campus improvements and projects through 2030; and encouraging the citizens of Moraga to enjoy the variety of cultural activities at the campus. The Council wished him a long and healthy retirement.



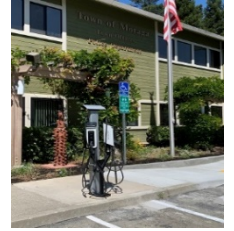
HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAFETY TIPS FROM MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Memorial Day we honor those who have given their lives in defense of our country. The Moraga Police Department offers the following safety tips during this holiday weekend. If you are traveling, even for a short time, please ensure that your doors and windows are all closed and locked. On vacation? Use the Moraga Police [Vacation House Watch](#) program so officers know you are away. Roads will be busy so please drive safety and anticipate slow traffic in congested areas. Temperatures will be unseasonably high, so be sure to hydrate and use sunscreen. Above all, have a safe Memorial Day weekend.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE PUBLIC CHARGING STATIONS

Attention electric vehicle owners: there are now two Town-owned electric vehicle public charging stations in Moraga that are available for use 24 hours a day. The charging stations, each with two Level 2 chargers, can be found at the Town offices at 329 Rheem Boulevard and the Commons Park main parking lot off St. Mary's Road. The charging stations use SemaConnect software and the cost is between \$0.31 and \$0.53 per kilowatt hour depending upon the time of day.



211 CONTRA COSTA - A FREE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL SERVICE



If you or someone you know needs help, start with 211. [211 Contra Costa](#) is a free resource and referral network that provides local health and social service information 24/7. 211 Resource Specialists are trained to assess callers' needs and provide comprehensive and up-to-date information on a wide range of services as well as crisis and suicide prevention. Available to everyone, 211 is especially critical for vulnerable populations such as single parents, very low-income families, frail elders, people with disabilities, caregivers, and non-English speakers in need of vital resources. Call 211 or text HOPE to 20121 for assistance in connecting with thousands of local resources. For more information visit [Contra Costa Crisis Center](#).



AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

The Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) will review and discuss the draft Town Budget on Wednesday, June 2, at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Each year the Operating Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement program are reviewed and approved by the AFC before forwarded to the Town Council. The public is invited to attend via Zoom or watch it on Livestream. Visit [AFC Agendas and Minutes](#) on the Town's website for more information.



DRAFT BUDGET TO TOWN COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

Town Council is scheduled to review and discuss the FY 2021/22 draft budget at the June 9 Town Council meeting which includes a \$10.3 million Operating Budget and \$3.8 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. The draft operating budget projects a surplus of \$75,424 and a year-end General Fund Reserve level of \$4.98 million, or 50%, and will be presented for consideration and adoption at the June 23, 2021 regular Council meeting.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Tuesday, June 1 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Wednesday, June 2, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), TELECONFERENCE
- Tuesday, June 8, 5:30 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), TELECONFERENCE
- Wednesday, June 9, 6:30 pm* – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE ***NEW 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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