



ABOUT TOWN NEWSLETTER



May 6, 2022

WELCOME WEST COMMONS PARK

Join the Town in welcoming West Commons Park to the Town's park system. West Commons Park is located on Moraga Road across from Commons Park and is a natural park space that features pathways, interpretive signage, and picnic spaces. West Commons Park is accessible via the crosswalk located at the skatepark. Visitors are invited to enjoy the new addition to the Town's park system and encouraged to explore the new passive recreation experience.



JOINT PLANNING STUDY SESSION SUMMARY

Discussions on Inclusionary Housing and Parking

The Town Council and Planning Commission held a Special Joint Study Session to discuss and provide direction on [Tools to Facilitate Housing Development](#). The informational session included a [Power Point](#) to discuss options for Parking, Density vs. Floor Area Ratio, Height, Inclusionary Zoning, Density Bonus and Density Transfer. The tools discussed address common zoning and land use barriers that will be evaluated by the State Housing and Community Development Department as part of the Housing Element update. The study session reviewed standards in local jurisdictions that are similar to Moraga and discussed economic feasibility of potential projects with developers. Council provided direction on the possible tools the Town can use to meet the State Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 1,118 new units and achieve the Town's General Plan Goals, as follows:

- reduce parking standards for new, mixed use, and multi-family projects
- maintain density standards
- allow for a 45 foot tall height limit
- establish an ordinance for Inclusionary Housing
- broaden the application of Density Transfers and align with the State mandate for Density Bonus

MAYOR SOS HOLDS MOCK COUNCIL MEETING

Scout Pack 505

Scout Pack 505 participated in a mock Town Council meeting with Mayor Sos at the Moraga Library Community room. This immersive experience provided the Scouts with an introduction to local government. The mock meeting established a platform for the scouts to voice opinions and concerns about Moraga. They Mayor engaged with the young community members to help them learn about the importance of communication, transparency, and the public process.



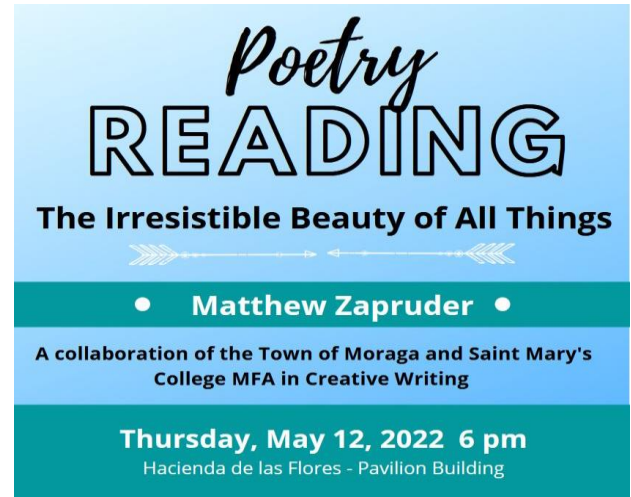
HACIENDA OPEN HOUSE – MAY 12

Property Tour / Meet Wedgewood



Meet the Town's new partner - Wedgewood Weddings - and tour the Hacienda de las Flores to see the numerous site improvements made around the property. The cocktail reception begins at 5:00 pm with light hors d'oeuvres. Small group tours will be provided until 6:30 pm.

Poetry Reading



While at the Hacienda, check out a special poetry reading at the Pavilion building at 6:00 pm. Matthew Zapruder, a Saint Mary's College professor, a Guggenheim fellow and former editor of the New York Times Magazine poetry page, will read from his latest collection.

SPRING FEST AT MORAGA COMMONS PARK – MAY 14

Sponsored by the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee

A new event is coming to Moraga Commons Park thanks to the vision and dedication of local teens! The Acalanes Union High School District (AUHSD) Spring Fest is a fun-filled event for all ages that highlights the diversity of Lamorinda with student clubs, local organizations, and live entertainment representing the community. The event will also feature teen artists, food trucks, arts and crafts, and a collaborative mural. Spring Fest is free to attend and will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Please [email](#) Jasmine Bateson, Recreation Supervisor if you have any questions or are interested in participating.



HACIENDA NIGHTS – MAY 17

Grab your picnic blanket, neighbors and friends and enjoy a fun evening on the great lawn of the Hacienda de las Flores. Hacienda Nights food truck events resume this month, with the first of four events scheduled for Tuesday, May 17. Food trucks featured for the May 17 event include Cousin's Maine Lobster, Ofie's Kitchen, Mozzarella, and Golden Gate Gyro. Beer and wine selections will be available from Canyon Club Brewery. Hacienda Nights events are sponsored by the Moraga Park Foundation, the Moraga Chamber of Commerce, and EVNTWRKS.



FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 OPERATING AND CIP BUDGET



The Town Council has reviewed the draft Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Capital Asset Replacement Program in preparation for the upcoming Fiscal Year and on May 11, 2022 will review and provide direction on discretionary items.

The Fiscal Year 2022/23 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets including the Five-Year Financial Plan are scheduled to come before the Town Council on June 8, 2022 for review and input. The Town Council will consider adopting the final Fiscal Year 2022/23 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets at the June 22, 2022 Town Council meeting.

ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Hosted by RecycleSmart and Republic Services

The annual compost giveaway is back on Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. RecycleSmart customers who are residents of Moraga, Orinda, or Lafayette are welcome. Bring 5-gallon buckets, cardboard boxes or other strong containers that you can lift yourself. NO BAGS or TRUCK BEDS. Republic Services provides staff to shovel compost into your containers. Residents can take up to 50 gallons of compost (ten 5-gallon buckets), while supplies last.

Complete details, including the pick-up location, are provided following registration.



[REGISTER](#)

SCHOOL DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

The Campolindo High School Environmental Club planted a tree in honor of Earth Day! The youth group donated the funds to purchase the crepe myrtle tree and donated their time to plant the tree in its new home in Rancho Laguna Park.

The Town valued this opportunity to partner with the local youth group and to collaborate and support Campolindo High School.



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