



ABOUT TOWN - MAY 11, 2018

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 9

RESCISSION OF DECLARATION OF FISCAL EMERGENCY

Town Council voted unanimously to rescind the Fiscal Emergency declared on June 28, 2017 based on the Town's projected June 30, 2017 General Fund Reserves balance of \$1.6 million. The emergency was caused by two significant events, the Rheem sinkhole and the Canyon Road bridge failure with a combined repair cost of \$6.16 million. The Council decision to lift the [Fiscal Emergency](#) was based upon many factors, including: the audited FY 2016/17 budget year ended stronger than expected; the FY 2017/18 mid-year budget adjustments added additional funds; and the Emergency Relief reimbursements for the Rheem sinkhole are projected to arrive in FY 2017/18 and FY 2018/19. Although Moraga still faces several fiscal challenges, the Town has moved from emergency to recovery.

TOWN COUNCIL GOALS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

The Town Council adopted [14 goals for 2018](#) which include obtaining reimbursement funding for the sinkhole and Canyon Road bridge projects; fiscal sustainability and operational efficiency; protection of open space; funding for the long-term maintenance and operation of the storm drain system; street and road repairs; increased activity at the Hacienda de las Flores; preservation of the Rheem Theatre; retail revitalization; implementation of the Moraga Center Specific Plan; partnership with the Moraga School District; alignment of the planning entitlement process with residents' sentiments and expectations; improvements to Moraga's Trail System; and the provision of quality Police services.

PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

National Public Works Week is May 20 through 26 and brings attention to the importance of public works in the community and recognizes the dedicated professionals who serve the public every day. This year's theme, "The Power of Public Works," celebrates the vitality of public works professionals who keep the Town's community and environment vibrant.



WELCOME RAUL SERRANO, MAINTENANCE WORKER



Raul Serrano has been hired as a maintenance worker for the Town. Raul is one of four maintenance workers, led by the Town's Maintenance Manager, who maintain all Town roads, parks and facilities. Previously, Raul worked as a Seasonal Worker for the City of Pleasanton. During his time with Pleasanton, Raul worked in both Public Works and Parks, operating the leaf truck and later working in their sign shop. Raul's primary focus in Moraga will be on park maintenance. If you see him out in one of the Town's beautiful parks, please take the time to say hello and welcome him to Moraga.



STORMWATER FEE BALLOTS DUE BY TUESDAY, MAY 15

The ballots for the Stormwater Fee (Proposition 218 property-related fee) are due back to the Town Clerk's office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. **Ballots received after 5:00 pm on the 15th will not be accepted.** For those who did not receive a ballot, have lost their ballot or require a replacement ballot, there will be staff at the Town offices on May 15 between 3:00 and 5:00 pm to create replacement ballots for property owners. The ballots will be counted on Wednesday, May 16 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. The public is invited to observe the ballot count which will take place in the Town offices.



MORAGA COMMUNITY FAIRE TOMORROW - STOP BY THE TOWN'S BOOTHS



The 12th annual Moraga Community Faire & Car Show is being held on Saturday, May 12 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. **The Police and Public Works Departments will be there to meet residents and share information.** Visit the clean water booth featuring Mr. Funnelhead to learn about the importance of keeping pollutants out of the drinking water system. Did you know that the Town's creeks flow into Upper San Leandro Reservoir, which EBMUD eventually treats and distributes to the Bay Area? Families are encouraged to ride bikes to the Faire and take advantage of a free bike valet.



BOBA WITH A BADGE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Ready for a late afternoon treat? Join Moraga Police Officers for "Boba with a Badge" on Wednesday, May 16, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at iTea in the Moraga Shopping Center. All ages are welcome to stop by for a tea drink and informed conversation with some of the Town's Police Officers. See you at iTea on Wednesday!



NEW PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS

Two new public art pieces arrived in Moraga this past week. The sculptures "Briar" and "Rossette" by artist Suzannah Israel are part of the public artwork loan program and are on display at Town Hall. The additions are part of the most recent round of installations made possible by the Art in Public Spaces Committee. The final installation, "Toranski Koki's Journey" is expected to arrive in Moraga later this month and will be on display at the Town Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard.



PUBLIC WORKS RESCUES TURKEY CHICKS



On May 1, neighbors in the Rheem Valley Manor community noticed a mother turkey hovering over her chicks trapped in a storm drain inlet and contacted the Town for help. Public Works Maintenance Worker Jose Limon came to the rescue and removed the heavy cast iron grate to release the chicks. With a gobble of relief, Mother Turkey reunited with her chicks and trotted away. Fortunately, no fowl play was involved.



WANT TO BE A PART OF THE ELECTIONS DAY TEAM?

The Contra Costa County Elections Division is looking for civic-minded men and women to volunteer as poll workers on Election Day. To find out more about providing this vital service for democracy and to sign up, go to [CCC Poll Worker](http://ccc.gov/pollworker). Orientation classes will be scheduled to provide information about this exciting opportunity. Classes will be held at the Elections Office, 555 Escobar Street, Martinez. You must sign up to attend.



UPCOMING MORAGA MEETINGS

Would you like to be notified of upcoming public meetings in Moraga? Each week the Town of Moraga sends out an email with meeting agendas and cancellation notices for the upcoming week. Email kclancy@moraga.ca.us to be added to the agenda subscriber list.



SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER CAMPS



School will be out in just one month! "Travel the World" in eight weeks with Moraga Day Camp (formerly Camp Hacienda). This summer favorite continues with weekly themed activities for ages five to ten. Moraga Parks and Recreation is offering a variety of summer camps for all ages and interests: Coding, Bricks for Kidz, Techsplosion, Kindercool, Skyhawks Sports, and more are available! [Sign up today](#). For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 925-888-7036 or visit moragarec.com



RETURN OF THE TELEPHONE SCAM

Moraga is once again a target for telephone scams. Even the Police Chief received a scam call telling him there was a warrant issued for his arrest by the IRS! (There wasn't...) The IRS does not telephone people to tell them of a warrant or outstanding tax bill. They communicate via US Mail and do not make threats of immediate arrest. Do not be fooled by your Caller ID as scammers can spoof a number and make it seem like it is a local call or coming from a government number. If you receive a call from a suspicious number, allow your voicemail to pick it up and report the call and number on the Federal Trade Commission website (www.ftc.gov). For more information, call the Moraga Police Department at 925-888-7055.



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 19

Join neighbors and friends next Saturday, May 19, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (individual hours may vary) for the Moraga Community Garage Sale. There are over 20 registered garage sales taking place throughout Town. Maps with garage sale listings will be available [online](#) beginning May 17.



ELECTION EQUIPMENT TESTING UNDERWAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 1

To ensure that every Contra Costa County (CCC) vote is counted completely and accurately, Elections Division technicians are programming and testing every piece of voting equipment that will be used in the June 5, 2018 Primary Election. A public demonstration of the central count voting equipment is scheduled for Friday, June 1, at 9:00 am at the CCC Elections Office, 555 Escobar Street, Martinez. Visitors should check in at the Elections lobby.



MCE COMMUNITY MEETING AT THE LIBRARY - TUESDAY, JUNE 5

The Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, will be hosting an informational meeting with Marin Clean Energy (MCE) on Tuesday, June 5 at 6:30 pm. An MCE representative will present a program about residents' new options to choose more renewable, locally controlled energy service. Come and learn how the new options will affect Moragans' electric bill and what changes are in store. For more information, visit [MCE Clean Energy](#) or call 888-632-3674.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 14, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 15, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#), Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 15, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
Monday, May 21, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 23, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers
Thursday, May 24, 7:00 pm – Special [MYIC](#) meeting, Hacienda de las Flores

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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