



ABOUT TOWN - NOVEMBER 15, 2018 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



FOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 29



The Town will host a food drive to benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano through November 29. Please drop off non-perishable and canned food at the Moraga Town Offices, 329 Rheem Boulevard, during normal business hours, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Labeled barrels will be prominently displayed. **Donation Ideas: Canned Meat, Fish and Soups; Canned Vegetables and Tomato Products; Peanut Butter (plastic container); Canned Fruit (in juice); Enriched Rice or Pasta and Powdered Milk.**



RECYCLE THOSE BICYCLES!

For the 21st year, Moraga residents Bobbie and Tom Preston will be collecting bikes for *Cycle Recycle*. These bikes are refurbished and given to charitable groups to distribute during the holidays. To date, over 3,600 bikes have been collected. New and/or used bikes and trikes in working or repairable order, or useable bike parts may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home at 1307 Larch Avenue in Moraga, throughout the month of November only. No skateboards, scooters or plastic bikes please. For more information, contact Bobbie or Tom Preston at 925-376-8474.



MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TOYS FOR TOTS



The Moraga Police Officers' Association and the Moraga Police Department are proud to partner with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program for their second annual Toys for Tots event to be held on Friday, December 7, at the Hacienda de las Flores beginning at 6:00 pm. Donate a new, unwrapped toy or cash and enjoy refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.



CLEARING STORM DRAIN INLETS TO PREPARE FOR RAINY SEASON

In preparation for the rainy season, last week the Town's maintenance crews removed accumulated debris, such as fallen leaves, branches, and sediment, from all Town-owned storm drain inlets to minimize localized flooding. This process, which occurs annually, began with a visual inspection of every inlet. If debris was encountered, the Town deployed a high pressure water system to push the debris out of the inlet, through its pipe, and to a manhole structure, where a hydrovac truck vacuumed up the collected debris for proper disposal.



STREET SWEEPING - DECEMBER 10, 11 and 12

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10, 11 and 12, all 56 miles of public (not private) streets will be swept by a street sweeper. Residents should park vehicles in garages or driveways and place garbage, recycle, and compost carts out the morning of your pickup day to avoid sweeper conflicts and ensure that the street in front of your residence gets swept. The Town does not post "no parking" signage, nor do the street sweepers have a set schedule, to maximize sweeping coverage in a single day. For questions, email [Jeanet Lara](mailto:Jeanet.Lara@moraga.ca.gov) or call 925-888-7026.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON NOVEMBER 14

BOLLINGER VALLEY PROJECT APPEAL

The Town Council considered an appeal by Joan Bruzzone and the Bruzzone family regarding the Planning Commission's adoption of a resolution recommending denial of the proposed General Plan Amendment, Rezoning, and Conceptual Development Plan for the Bollinger Valley Project, a 126-lot subdivision. After hearing presentations by Town staff and the appellant regarding the project, and considering public testimony, the Town Council adopted a resolution denying the appeal, and denying the project application. For more information, email [Derek Farmer](mailto:Derek.Farmer@moraga-nv.gov) or call 925-888-7043.

AB 1600 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Town Council reviewed, accepted and filed the AB 1600 Development Impact Fees Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. State law requires the Town prepare and make available to the public the Development Impact Fee Report within 180 days after the last day of each fiscal year. The [Annual Report](#) provides specific information about the fees, revenue collected and the amount of expenditures from the account during the year.

HARVEST COURT IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Works Department determined that private improvements and private landscape improvements associated with the Harvest Court Subdivision, located off of Camino Ricardo, are complete and in compliance with the approved improvement plans. Therefore, Town Council accepted the private improvements and private landscape improvements. There are still outstanding items to be completed related to the public landscaping improvements prior to accepting West Commons Park.

AMEND BKF ENGINEERS CONTRACT FOR STAFF AUGMENTATION

Since June, the Town's Assistant Engineer position has been vacant. Two recruitment processes have not resulted in a successful hire and the Town has had to retain consultant engineering services in order to manage the workload. Town Council amended the On-Call Civil Engineering Services contract with BKF Engineers in order to continue to provide staffing to maintain essential services that the former Assistant Engineer provided and to assist with processing time-sensitive federally-funded Town projects.

CANCELLATION OF NOVEMBER 28 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council voted unanimously to cancel the November 28 meeting as the content had been accommodated through the November 14 and December 12 meetings.



SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM

The recent California wildland fires have shown the importance of communicating accurate and prompt safety information to everyone. In an emergency, both Police and Fire agencies will primarily be using the Community Warning System to notify people of the need to evacuate or take other action. These notifications may not reach you if you have not registered your information with the Community Warning System. Please take a few minutes to register at [CWS Alerts](#). Please contact the Moraga Police at 925-888-7055 with any questions or concerns.



HOLIDAY EVENTS WITH MORAGA PARKS AND RECREATION

HACIENDA HOLIDAY FAIRE – November 30, December 1 and 2

The Hacienda Foundation of Moraga is hosting its annual Hacienda Holiday Faire featuring one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts and gourmet foods. The event will feature over 45 local artists! The Holiday Faire is open Friday, November 30 from 12 noon to 8:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores located at 2100 Donald Drive.



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING – Thursday, December 6

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6 at the Moraga Commons Park. Join the fun at 6:30 pm for cookies and cocoa, carols, and of course – Santa! The tree will be lit promptly at 7:00 pm. Enjoy the brand new energy efficient bulbs which should remain on the entire season!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – Saturday, December 8

Join Santa in an exquisite venue for a hot breakfast! Bring the whole family and enjoy a magical morning at the Hacienda de las Flores. Each family will have individual photo opportunities with Santa. Please bring your own camera. Limited seating is available. Visit moragarec.com to register today.



BUY-A-BULB FUNDRAISER

Help light the Holiday Tree in the Commons Park again this December! Support this old-fashioned family tradition of celebrating the holiday season. The community support received through the Buy-A-Bulb Fundraiser allows the Town to provide this wonderful event. Donate [online](#) or send a check made payable to the Town of Moraga, Attn: Buy-A-Bulb, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. The fundraising goal of \$6,000 ensures that this tradition continues in the Moraga community.



MORAGA COUNTRY CLUB'S 2ND ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

Moraga Country Club will host the 2nd Annual MCC Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, November 22. Over 560 runners/walkers of all age groups participated in last year's event, including infants in strollers and pets joining in the fun. There are minor changes to the routes, so both the 1.5K and 5K will now be on the back nine of Moraga Country Club. There will be awards for both distances in multiple age categories. All proceeds of the Turkey Trot will benefit the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano County. Please register and/or donate [here](#).



AUDIT AND FINANCE MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

The next Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 5 at 5:30 pm in the Town Council Chambers. During this meeting, Town staff and Maze and Associates, the Town's outside auditors, will be presenting the audited financial statements and reports for FY 2017/18.



SENIOR VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) is actively recruiting to fill the vacant Moraga seat. To represent the interests of area seniors, the applicant must be a resident of Moraga. Applicants should be interested in and knowledgeable of the needs of Moraga's senior population. For more information, email the [Town Clerk](#) or call (925) 888-7022. If interested, please complete an [application](#) and return to the Town Clerk.



TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Town Offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Thursday, November 22 through Sunday, November 25. The Town offices will re-open on Monday, November 26. All Town staff wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, November 19 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, November 20 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Monday, November 26, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, November 28 – [Town Council](#), **CANCELLED**

Thursday, November 29, 5:00 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#), Council Chambers

Monday, December 3 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, December 5, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Council Chambers

Monday, December 10 – [Design Review Board](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, December 12, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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](#).

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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