



ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TOWN RECEIVES \$2.38 MILLION FOR SINKHOLE REIMBURSEMENT

The Town of Moraga is pleased to announce the receipt of two reimbursement checks from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the amounts of \$881,636 and \$1,500,067 for the Rheem Boulevard Sinkhole and Pipeline Replacement Project. While nearly \$1 million was used to re-pay other Town accounts, \$1.4 million has been returned to the Town's General Fund Reserves and the projected reserve level as of June 30, 2018 was 45%, close to the Council's 50% goal. The Town continues to work diligently on the FHWA claim of \$2.9 million in reimbursement funds for the Canyon Road Temporary Bridge project.



FINAL HACIENDA NIGHTS - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The final Hacienda Nights event for 2018 will take place on Friday, September 14 at the Hacienda de las Flores from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Enjoy an evening out with family and friends and try a new food truck experience. This event will feature [Ranchero Catering](#), [Yummy BBQ](#), [Cosa Nostra](#), [Copper Skillet on Wheels](#), [IzzyA's Frozen Custard](#), and [Canyon Club Brewery](#). There will be lawn games and activities for all. Sponsored in part by the [Hacienda Foundation of Moraga](#) and [Moraga Park Foundation](#).



MORAGA CANDIDATES' FORUM - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Four Moraga community groups (Viva Moraga, Safe Moraga, Preserve Lamorinda Open Space, and We WILL) are co-sponsoring a Moraga Town Council Candidates' Forum on Monday, September 17, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road. This first forum provides an opportunity to hear candidates' answers to specific questions regarding issues that these community groups focus on: stimulating more vibrant retail districts in Moraga; enhancing community safety; preserving Moraga's open space and scenic beauty; and increasing the Town's creative vitality. A second forum, sponsored by the Moraga Citizens Network, will be held on Wednesday, October 3, at 7:00 pm at the Serbian Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga.



PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22



Join the Town of Moraga to celebrate the 20th Annual Pear and Wine Festival on Saturday, September 22, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Moraga Commons Park. Over 30 community booths will be participating in this year's event, including three wineries from the [Lamorinda Wine Growers Association](#). Bring the kids along as the park will be filled with family-friendly activities including bounce houses, face painting, and a petting zoo. Festival goers can enjoy pear pie, pear cider, and other fall treats. Local [DJ RyanO](#) will host the annual event with entertainment for all ages! The annual [Pear Recipe Contest](#) winners will be announced at 1:00 pm. This fun-filled day celebrates Moraga's heritage as a pear growing community.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 12

REPUBLIC SERVICES DONATION TO 4TH OF JULY

Town Council received a generous donation from Republic Services in the amount of \$7,880 to support the Town's annual 4th of July Celebration. The donation is a significant contribution to the Buy-A-Rocket fund and aided the Town in reaching the \$30,000 fundraising goal and sustaining a community celebration and tradition.

PROCLAMATION HONORING EDY SCHWARTZ FOR HER LASTING IMPACT ON MORAGA

Town Council honored Edy Schwartz, a remarkable Moraga citizen who served the community for more than 50 years. Edy's children accepted the proclamation on Edy's behalf and were joined by dozens of other Moragans who shared their love and appreciation for Edy. Her accomplishments included co-founding the Moraga Citizens Network and Lamorinda Presents, serving as President of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce and board member of the Moraga Community Foundation, creating a Community Conversations group to increase communication between the Town and Saint Mary's College and helping to save the Rheem Theatre from closure on more than one occasion. Edy passed away on Saturday, September 8 surrounded by her family. A *Celebration of Life* will be held on Saturday, October 6, at 3:00 pm at Rancho Laguna Park.

MOFD UPDATE ON BUCKINGHAM FIRE AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

The Council received a [presentation](#) from Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Chief Winnacker regarding the July 2 Buckingham Fire. Chief Winnacker described the efforts by firefighters from MOFD and other departments to extinguish the fire before it reached homes on Buckingham. Additionally, Chief Winnacker provided information about how MOFD is managing vegetation to reduce fire hazards throughout the District and encouraging residents to prepare for emergencies.

MORAGA TRAILS MAP

The Parks and Recreation Department shared the new [Moraga Trails Map](#), a two-sided map of Moraga trails, including Town trails, East Bay Regional Park trails, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) trails, and John Muir Land Trust. The Park and Recreation Commission, led by Commissioner Bill Carman, have made significant contributions to this project which will be followed by the release of Town trails in the AllTrails mobile application before the end of the year.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Town Council directed staff to amend the proposed Electronic Communications Policy and bring it back at a future Council meeting on the Consent Agenda. The Policy is in conformance with the Town's current Records Retention Schedule and provides guidance to Council and staff on the identification and retention of electronic communications.

TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Town Council considered the interview process options for the 11 applicants seeking appointment to the vacant Council seat. Council directed staff to schedule two (2) meetings for the interviews to accommodate the number of applications received and that the order of the applicant interviews be set in a random order. Applicants will be interviewed at a special meeting on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 pm and a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard. Both meetings will be available on Livestream via the Town's website.



JOIN NIXLE FOR EMERGENCY AND OTHER NOTIFICATIONS



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Town activities and crime prevention. Nixle.com will be a primary source of information should an evacuation ever be ordered. Please enroll for this free service at [Nixle.com](#). For more information, contact the Moraga Police Department at 925-888-7055.



ST. MARY'S ROAD ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT

Two community informational meetings are scheduled for Thursday, September 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm and from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Orinda Room at the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College. The project is to develop preliminary engineering plans and construction grant application materials for St. Mary's Road safety improvements at the Rheem Boulevard and Bollinger Canyon Road intersections. The meetings will include a presentation that addresses feedback collected from two public outreach meetings held in 2017 and breakout stations focused on different aspects of the project for attendees to gain more in-depth information about the project.



JOINT MORAGA-ORINDA PAVEMENT PROJECT

The Moraga phase of the joint Moraga-Orinda pavement project has begun. The following streets will be reconstructed with a Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) treatment: Tharp Drive (Camino Pablo to northeast end); Ascot Drive (Ascot Court to 2084 Ascot Drive); and Crossbrook Drive (Greenfield Drive to north end). FDR is a rehabilitation technique in which the existing pavement is pulverized and blended with cement to provide a stronger, homogeneous material. By recycling existing materials, less virgin materials and off haul/delivery trucking are required, yielding cost savings of 30% to 40% when compared to traditional reconstruction methods. The final surface of the streets will be paved with asphalt incorporated with recycled rubber from tires through a CalRecycle grant. To learn more about the project, including a three-week advance schedule that will be updated weekly, visit the Town's [Pavement Program](#) page. For daily construction activities, please follow the Town's [Measure K Facebook](#) page.



FY 2018/19 BUDGET AND MASTER FEE SCHEDULE ON TOWN'S WEBSITE

The Town Council adopted the FY 2018/19 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget at their regular June 27, 2018 meeting. At their regular August 22, 2018 meeting the Town Council adopted the Master Fee Schedule for FY 2018/19, which is effective October 21, 2018. Both documents are available to the public on the [Administrative Services Department](#) section of the Town's website.



COFFEE WITH A COP - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

As October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, members of the American Cancer Society will be joining the Moraga Police Department (MPD) for the next "Coffee with a Cop" on Wednesday October 3, beginning at 3:00 pm at Starbucks, 470 Moraga Road. Join MPD officers for coffee and informal conversation and honor those who have survived their fight with cancer. Please mark your calendars and bring your questions! Call MPD at 925-888-7052 for more information.



MORAGA LEISURE SPORT TRIATHLON - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6



Gather your friends and family and create a team for the Moraga Leisure Sport Triathlon on Saturday, October 6. This is a fun alternative to the traditional triathlon where teams play Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, and Disc Golf. Teams of four rotate between the three activities throughout the day. Participants will receive an event t-shirt, event pint glass, and catered hot BBQ lunch. The winning team gets their names immortalized on the Leisure Sport Triathlon perpetual trophy. Registration ends September 28, so [sign up](#) today! For more information visit [Moraga Rec.](#)



SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning. This September, Disney Pixar's superhero family, the Incredibles, will team up with the ALA to promote the value of a library card. Head to the library during September to see what's new and take part in the celebration. Have friends who don't have library cards? Invite them to the Moraga library at 1500 St. Mary's Road.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Monday, September 17, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Tuesday, September 18, 5:30 pm – [Special Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Monday, September 24 – [Design Review Board](#), **CANCELLED**
- Tuesday, September 25, 6:00 pm – [Special Town Council](#) , Council Chambers
- Wednesday, September 26, 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](#).

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