



## ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 13, 2018 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### WELCOME JOE TANNER, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR



Joe Tanner has been appointed as Moraga's new Administrative Services Director. Mr. Tanner grew up in the area and is familiar with the Town's charm and amenities. He received his Bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's College in politics and his MBA from John F. Kennedy University. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Tanner was the Administrative Services Director in Desert Hot Springs. In addition, he has served local governments in various positions for the Cities of Desert Hot Springs, Rio Vista and San Ramon. He is excited about working with the community and moving back to the Bay Area with his wife and two children.



### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, APRIL 17

The Town Council has scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, April 17, at 6:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers to hear and discuss the Hacienda Subcommittee's recommendation to the Town. The Subcommittee is recommending the Town forego a Request for Proposals process and negotiate a market rate lease agreement with Jeff Assadi for "La Finestra at the Hacienda." The public is invited to attend and provide feedback.



### PG&E CONSTRUCTION ON ST. MARY'S ROAD - SUMMER 2018

At the April 25 Town Council meeting, PG&E will be presenting their project to replace and upsize an existing vintage gas line on St. Mary's Road from S. Lucille Lane in Lafayette to Rheem Boulevard in Moraga. The work will unfortunately require temporary partial and full closures of St. Mary's Road during the approximately 100-day construction schedule. However, the project is necessary for the safety of the community. Please attend the Council meeting, or view on Livestream, to learn more about the project and provide input to PG&E.



### STORMWATER BALLOT PROCESS

Mail-in ballot packets for the Prop 218 property-related fee were delivered to affected property owners in early April to vote on a stormwater fee to 1) Address deteriorating pipes, infrastructure, and sinkholes; 2) Protect drinking water sources from pollutants; and 3) Prevent local flooding due to insufficient capacity or condition. An average home in Moraga would be assessed \$120 annually (or \$10 per month), with rates varying for other property types. The ballot packet includes a ballot, a ballot information guide, and a postage-paid return envelope. The ballot will include the question with a place to indicate a "Yes" or "No" vote, a place for a signature, and some basic instructions on how to complete and return the ballot. Ballots are due back to the Town Clerk's office by 5:00 pm on May 15, 2018 (postmarks will not be accepted). For those who have lost their ballot or require a replacement ballot, please call 925-888-7026. Ballots will not be opened until the tabulation process commences on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 9:00 am in the Moraga Town Offices, Walnut Conference Room, at 329 Rheem Boulevard. The tabulation process will be open for viewing by the public and will be done under the direction of the Town Clerk. Once the tabulation is complete, the results will be brought before the Council for certification. If the measure passes, the Council may take action at that time to implement the fees beginning July 1, 2018. For more information, visit [Storm Drain Funding](#).



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 11, 2018

### **HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE REGULATIONS ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

The Town Council introduced an Ordinance amending Titles 8 and 14 of the Municipal Code and adopted several resolutions amending the General Plan, MOSO Guidelines and Design Guidelines, and the environmental documentation for the project. These regulations have been developed through an extensive community process, initiated in 2014, were recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission, and then were analyzed in three Town Council study sessions. The second reading of the Ordinance is scheduled for the April 25 Council meeting. For more information, contact Planning Director [Derek Farmer](#).

### **STORMWATER FEE VOTE FOR TOWN-OWNED PARCELS**

Under the regulations established through Proposition 218, State law dictates that schools, churches and public entities are not exempt from the Stormwater Fee and requires that the fees are proportioned so that the public entities are assessed their fair share. Based on the Town's property ownership, the Town of Moraga's assessment total is approximately \$14,500 annually for the 12 Town-owned parcels. Town Council endorsed the Stormwater Fee measure and agreed to vote "Yes" on the Town's ballot. For more information, visit [Storm Drain Funding](#).

### **MANAGEMENT PARTNERS MORAGA STAFFING ASSESSMENT**

The results of the March 2018 [Staffing Level Assessment](#) performed by Management Partners were presented to the Town Council. The report compared the Town to five similar agencies and reported that Moraga has approximately half of the administrative services and public works staff as the average of the other agencies and close to the average number of employees in planning, park maintenance and parks and recreation. The eight recommendations in the study fell into two basic categories: guidelines on managing vacancies and guidelines on establishing systems to evaluate workload and gain efficiencies. The Town's management team is now in place and will be exploring technology enhancements to improve efficiencies, track data and make more information readily available to the public.

### **CHANGE TO SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE APPROVED**

Town Council adopted a change to the Social Host Ordinance in light of the new recreational marijuana laws. Currently, the Ordinance prohibits any person from hosting or allowing a party with over five persons under 21 years old where alcoholic beverages are possessed or used. This change adds recreational cannabis and cannabis products to this prohibition as it is illegal for persons under 21 to use or possess recreational cannabis. For more information, contact Police Chief [Jon King](#).

### **ALL-ACCESS PLAYGROUND PROJECT ACCEPTANCE**

Town Council accepted the site preparation, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, playground equipment, and rubber safety surfacing work completed by HM Construction, Inc. and Ross Recreation Equipment. Due to penalties for non-performance, the project concluded \$115,000 under budget.

### **2016 FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION PAVING PROJECT ACCEPTANCE**

Town Council accepted the pavement improvements completed by Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc. Although the roadway reconstruction work on Bollinger Canyon Road (St. Mary's Road to Joseph Drive), Corliss Drive (Wakefield Drive to Camino Ricardo), and Larch Avenue (#1160 Larch Avenue to Camino Pablo) was completed in 2016, the Town had to wait until all environmental permits were issued prior to completing paving and repairing the storm drain outfall that was undermining Bollinger Canyon Road in 2017.

### **SENATE BILL 1 FUNDS FOR PAVEMENT PROJECTS**

On April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Recovery and Repair Act of 2017. Various portions of this new funding will be deposited into the newly created Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA). Town Council appropriated the Town's allocation of \$277,000 for this fiscal year into the 2018 Joint Moraga-Orinda Full Depth Reclamation project.

### **PROCLAMATION DECLARING ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH FOR APRIL 2018**

Town Council presented a proclamation to Jaime Rich of the Lamorinda Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team (ADAPT) declaring April as Alcohol Awareness Month in Moraga, recognizing the problems inherent in the use of alcohol by under-age youth that affect all communities.



### **MORAGA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR EVENT - SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

Join the community to honor Sam and Susan Sperry on their selection as the 2018 Moraga Citizens of the Year for their outstanding community service. The Sperrys will be honored at the Citizen of the Year celebration dinner on Saturday, April 28, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Saint Mary's College, Soda Center. Tickets are available through the [Moraga Chamber of Commerce website](#).



### **CREDIT CARD SKIMMERS**

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) has been investigating a number of fraud cases involving credit card skimming. Please take precautions to avoid becoming a victim, such as: at outdoor terminals, check for tampering or loose card readers; go inside the business to pay or use cash; regularly monitor your accounts as there may be a delay between the skim and the fraud; and immediately report fraud to banks and credit card companies. For more information, please contact MPD at 925-888-7055.



### **FISCAL YEAR 2018/19 TOWN BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**

Town staff is working diligently on developing the annual operating budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2018/19. The process starts with staff reviewing revenues and expenditures for the upcoming year. Once staff has completed their review, the proposed budget will be forwarded to the Audit and Finance Committee for review before Town Council consideration. The Audit and Finance Committee will preview the budget on Wednesday, May 30 at 5:30 pm. The Council will consider the budget on Wednesday, June 13 and June 27 beginning at 7:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public and will be held in the Council Chambers.



### **JOINT MORAGA-ORINDA PAVEMENT PROJECT - THURSDAY, APRIL 19**

Moraga and Orinda are partnering to reconstruct their roads under a single construction contract in 2018. The Town's portion, consisting of Tharp Drive (\$1.1 million) will be combined with Orinda's portion, estimated at \$14.1 million. Rather than individually seeking bids, both agencies will benefit by combining the projects. The Town expects lower bid prices due to significantly increasing the size of the project. With these anticipated savings, combined with the new Senate Bill 1 funding, the Town hopes to have extra funds to add Ascot Drive (Ascot Court to 1,145 feet east of Ascot Court) and Crossbrook Drive (Greenfield Drive to North End) to the project. A community outreach meeting about the project is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at 22 Orinda Way, Orinda in the Sarge Littlehale Room.



### **MCE CLEAN ENERGY UPDATE**

Beginning in April, MCE Clean Energy, a local, not-for profit, public agency began providing renewable energy service to Moraga residences and businesses that did not opt out during the enrollment period which began in February. Customers still have 60 days from the start of MCE service to opt out and remain with PG&E service at no charge. After the first 60 days of service, residential customers will be subject to a one-time \$5 fee and businesses to a one-time \$25 fee to opt out. For questions about MCE, or to opt up to Deep Green 100% renewable energy, or to opt out of MCE, go online to [MCE Clean Energy](#) or call 888-632-3674. Additional information from MCE should be arriving in mailboxes within the next few weeks.



### **LAMORINDA JOINT COUNCILS MEETING - THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

The public is invited to attend the annual Special Joint Meeting of the Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda Councils on Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting, hosted by the City of Orinda in the Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way, features an agenda which includes updates on development projects, pavement and infrastructure projects; Moraga agreement regarding the Rheem Theatre; and transportation updates.



## COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 19



Time to clean out the garage? Join the Moraga Community Garage Sale and sell your unwanted items while getting acquainted with neighbors and promoting responsible practices for the environment. A \$15 registration fee advertises a garage sale in the Community Garage Sale Guide. The Town will provide marketing and maps for the event and the sellers keep the cash - it's that easy! [Register online](#) or call 925-888-7036 for more information. Community Garage Sale Guides, including maps of garage sale locations, will be available beginning May 15.



## TOWN OF MORAGA BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who took the time out of their day to donate blood for the Town's second blood drive. Because of the Town's donors, 24 pints of blood were collected, which equates to 72 blood products for patients in the Bay Area hospitals. The Town looks forward to hosting another blood drive in the fall.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 16, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 pm – [Town Council Special Meeting](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 17 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Monday, April 23, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Thursday, April 26, 7:00 pm – [Joint Lamorinda Councils Meeting](#), Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda

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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