



## ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 27, 2018 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### WELCOME STEVE KOWALSKI, SENIOR PLANNER



Steve Kowalski has been appointed as Moraga's new Senior Planner. Steve will be filling a crucial position supporting the Town's planning efforts and goals. He has extensive experience working in the cities of Fremont, Sacramento, South San Francisco, and Los Gatos and has managed many complex development projects throughout his career. Steve will be managing several in-process development applications, as well as assisting with long range planning efforts and other Town improvement projects.



### LAMORINDA JOINT MEETING UPDATE

On April 26, the City of Orinda hosted the annual Special Joint Meeting of the Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda City/Town Councils. The three Councils heard reports on: the Implications of Approved and Proposed Housing Legislation; Lamorinda Communities' Development projects; and Moraga's Agreement Regarding the Rheem Theatre. Additionally, the Councils discussed issues including: PG&E's Planned Pipe Replacement Project on St. Mary's Road; Lafayette Downtown Congestion Reduction Plan; and Proposed Signage to the North End of Lafayette.



### LA FINESTRA AT THE HACIENDA

A new restaurant could soon be coming to the Hacienda. Town Council has authorized the Town Manager to commence lease negotiations with Jeff Assadi, the Chef/Owner of La Finestra, which recently burned to the ground. If the new lease is approved by Town Council, La Finestra at the Hacienda would open later this year with the restaurant and Hacienda grounds open to the public seven days a week. Increased vitality and usage of the Hacienda de las Flores remains a goal of the Town Council.



### MORAGA YOUTH INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT



Applications are now being accepted for the 2018/19 term of the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC). The MYIC is a committee comprised of students who reside in Moraga and want to contribute to their community and learn the civic process. The [application](#) deadline is Friday, September 7, 2018. The MYIC acts as an advisory body to the Town Council on youth-related issues, organizes youth/family events for the Moraga community and completes philanthropic projects. For more information or to apply visit [MYIC](#).



### SIGN UP NOW FOR THE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 19

Residents of the Town of Moraga are invited to host garage sales at their homes, join with neighbors for block sales, or coordinate with a community group for a special sale. A \$15 registration fee advertises a garage sale in the Community Garage Sale Guide. Guides with maps will be available starting May 15. Register [online](#) or call 925-888-7036 for more information.



## BIKE TO WORK DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 10

Join thousands of others in the Bay Area for the 24th annual Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 10. There will be “energizer stations” throughout the Bay Area open during morning commute hours (visit [BikeEastBay.org](http://BikeEastBay.org) to find your station), with drinks and snacks to power your ride and giveaways for participants. For more information visit [Bike to Work Day](http://Bike to Work Day).



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 25

### ***PG&E’s GAS PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ON ST. MARY’S ROAD – SUMMER 2018***

Town Council received a [presentation](#) from PG&E on their project to replace and upsize an existing vintage gas line on St. Mary's Road between S. Lucille Lane in Lafayette and Rheem Boulevard in Moraga. While PG&E originally proposed a 100-day construction schedule, requiring temporary, partial and full closures on St. Mary's Road, after hearing the concerns from Moraga and Lafayette staff and Councils, PG&E proposed an alternate condensed 60-day plan. The condensed construction schedule would enable the work to be completed over the summer break but would require full closures from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday - Saturday. Moraga and Lafayette’s Councils preferred the shorter and less impactful schedule, and urged PG&E to begin their outreach campaign immediately to include electronic signs, letters, phone calls, an open house, and canvassing of the highly impacted neighborhoods. Julian Lacson, from PG&E, is the point-of-contact for any questions and concerns and can be reached at 925-348-3532 or [J5LR@pge.com](mailto:J5LR@pge.com).

### ***GETTING THINGS DONE: A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY AND RECOVERY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY GOALS FOR 2018***

The Town Council discussed their 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; and improvements to Moraga’s Trail System.

### ***SENIOR POLICY PLATFORM***

Fran Smith, Program Coordinator, Contra Costa County (CCC) Council on Aging, provided the Council with an overview of the County’s Senior Policy Platform. Recognizing that the number of residents aged 65 and over living in CCC will grow by more than 90% by 2030, the program will focus on creating age-friendly communities whether one is eight years old or 80 years old.

### ***PROCLAMATION FOR POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY***

Town Council presented a proclamation designating May 13 to 19 as Police Week. Peace Officers’ Memorial Day in Moraga is May 15, with flags flown at half-staff, honoring the officers in our country who have lost their lives and made the ultimate sacrifice. The Council also recognized the men and women of the Moraga Police Department who are dedicated to protecting and serving the community. Please join the Town Council and thank Moraga’s officers for their service.



## MORAGA COMMUNITY FAIRE & CAR SHOW - SATURDAY, MAY 12

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. There is a Kids Zone with pony rides, a climbing wall and a bounce house as well as many free activities including classic cars, games, booths and live entertainment. The Police and Public Works Departments will be there to meet residents and share information. Learn about Clean Water! Families are encouraged to ride bikes to the Faire and take advantage of a free bike valet.





## CANDIDATE WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, MAY 12

Considering running for public office? The [Contra Costa County Elections Department](#) is holding a free workshop to learn about the basics of running for public office. Topics include candidate filing and campaign finance disclosure requirements, working with the media, and hearing from past local candidates. It will be held on Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Pacheco Community Center, 5800 Pacheco Boulevard in Pacheco. Space is limited and attendees should call 925-335-7805 or email [Outreach@vote.cccounty.us](mailto:Outreach@vote.cccounty.us) to make a reservation.



## DISPOSE OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS

The Moraga Police Department (MPD), through a cooperative effort with Contra Costa Central Sanitary District, accepts unwanted prescription and other medications for safe disposal. Drop off medications at the Police Department lobby during business hours. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MEDICATIONS AT THE DOOR WHEN THE OFFICES ARE CLOSED! Unused or expired medications can lead to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment. In 2017, the MPD was able to safely dispose of over 1,000 pounds of unwanted drugs through this service. Thank you Moraga!



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 7, – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, May 9, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Thursday, May 10, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

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

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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