



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



### PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - 20th ANNUAL



The Town of Moraga is celebrating the 20th Annual Pear and Wine Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Moraga Commons Park. Stop by and enjoy wine tasting with the [Lamorinda Wine Growers Association](#) and some of your festival favorites including pear pies and pear cider. Hosted by local [DJ RyanO](#), the event will feature kids' activities – face painting, petting zoo, inflatable jumpies, chalk art, games and prizes. The Pear and Wine Festival will feature some hometown fun including pear recipe contest and pear pie eating contest. Community groups, artisans, and local businesses are encouraged to [apply](#) with the Parks and Recreation Department for a booth at the festival.



### ST. MARY'S ROAD PG&E PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PG&E achieved their goal of installing the new gas pipeline and reopening St. Mary's Road to traffic by August 14, 2018. Bernard, Inc. continues working on gas pipe ties to existing customers at a limited number of spot locations using single-lane closures around the work. This repair work will be ongoing through August 31, 2018. The next steps are to complete any remaining pavement repairs at tie locations; micro surfacing/slurry seal resurfacing; and traffic restriping of the full length of southbound St. Mary's Road. The southbound resurfacing work is tentatively scheduled for St. Mary's Road from Tuesday, September 4, to Saturday, September 8, 2018. Motorists should expect delays during this pipe tie-in and resurfacing work as only one lane will be open at times.



### CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL 2018

The California Independent Film Festival will be celebrating its 21st festival in Lamorinda from August 24 to August 30, at the Rheem and Orinda Theatres. Tickets are available online at [CAIFF](#) or at the Orinda and Rheem Theatre box offices.



### COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM

Sign up today for the Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS), which is recognized as one of the nation's most modern and effective all-hazard public warning systems. CWS is designed to deliver time-sensitive and potentially life-saving information to Contra Costa County residents. The CWS Telephone Emergency Notification System is a computerized system that makes telephone calls to the known telephone numbers in the vicinity of a hazard, based on incident-specific issues, and would be used to warn of an incident in Moraga. The Town has predefined zones to only warn affected areas in an emergency. To register, please visit [CWS Alerts](#).



### SHAWN KNAPP - MANAGER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

The Public Works Department supported Shawn Knapp, the Town's Senior Civil Engineer for his *Manager of the Year* nomination in the category of Emergency Management at the Staff Appreciation event held by the Northern California Chapter of American Public Works Association. Although he did not garner the award, the Moraga community still considers him a winner for his work managing the Rheem Boulevard Sinkhole and the Canyon Road Temporary Bridge emergency projects.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON AUGUST 22

### **PROCLAMATION HONORING JEANETTE FRITZKY FOR HER SERVICE TO MORAGA**

There was standing room only at the beginning of the Town Council meeting as the community gathered to honor Councilmember Jeanette Fritzky for her Service to the Town of Moraga. Jeanette's family was present to accept the [Proclamation](#) thanking her for her service, wishing her and her family strength during this challenging time and reminding her of the ground swell of support she has in the community.

### **HETFIELD ESTATES VESTING TENTATIVE MAP EXTENSION**

Town Council considered a one-year extension of the Vesting Tentative Map, General Development Plan, Conditional Use Permit and Hillside Development Permit for the Hetfield Estates Subdivision, a seven lot single-family residential project on a 58.2-acre property. The Council voted 4-0 to grant the extension, due to provisions of the State Subdivision Map Act which supersede the provisions of the Town's subdivision ordinance. The Council directed staff to address potential issues related to grading and environmental concerns during review and construction of the project.

### **OPTIONS TO FILL THE TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY**

After considering a number of options, the Town Council decided to use a public application, interview and appointment process to fill the remainder of Councilmember Fritzky's term, which runs until December 2020. The Council discussed holding a special election, but decided against it as the cost of the election is estimated by the County Elections Division to be between \$74,000 and \$106,000 and would result in the position being vacant until March 2019. The Council also declined to make a direct appointment as they felt this option did not provide enough transparency and opportunity for those interested in the position. The Town will be accepting [applications](#) from qualified registered voters through September 12 at 5:00 pm. Questions and more information about the process can be directed to the [Town Clerk](#).

### **MASTER FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE**

Town Council adopted revisions to its Master Fee Schedule to ensure that fees are set appropriately and reflect the estimated reasonable cost of providing a service or use of a facility. A few new fees were added, such as a Re-roofing Fee of \$115 which is less than the \$175 fee currently charged, and a new Film Permit Fee of \$1,000 per day to be charged to those filming movies and advertisements in the Town. The Hacienda Event Rental Fees were also increased by \$100 for Residents and \$150 for Non-Residents. The [Fiscal Year 2018/19 Master Fee Schedule](#) will be effective on October 21, 2018.

### **TEMPORARY BANNER SIGNS POLICY**

Town Council adopted policies and procedures for approval of temporary wall and banner signs on Town-owned property. The policies address both banners that may be affixed to stands, fences, or walls on Town property, or that are mounted on street light poles owned by the Town. These policies will provide clear direction to both Town staff and the public since the Town regularly receives requests for installation on Town-owned property to promote community events and functions.

### **MORAGA'S LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP)**

Town Council adopted the Contra Costa County Hazard Mitigation Plan Volume 1 – Planning Area-Wide Elements and Volume 2 – Planning Partner Annexes, Chapter 9 – Town of Moraga, as the Town's LHMP. The Town is required to adopt an LHMP to qualify for federal funding for disaster mitigation activities. Adoption of the plan will make the Town eligible for hazard mitigation assistance programs.

### **MORAGA'S UPDATED EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

Town Council reviewed and approved the updated Town of Moraga Emergency Operations Plan. The plan will be the guiding policy document for the Town's response to emergency incidents or local disasters. Moraga and Orinda both have recently updated their plans, with the assistance of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, resulting in all three Lamorinda cities having similar plans, allowing for increased cooperation, shared personnel and efficient use of resources during emergencies.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Town Council interviewed and appointed David Zeimer to the Art in Public Spaces Committee and Grant Tormey to the Design Review Board. Each will serve a two-year term.

## MORAGA COMMONS PARK RESTROOM DESIGN



The design for the restroom replacement at Commons Park was endorsed by Town Council. The [new design](#) is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and features four all gender stalls, two drinking fountains, a water bottle filling station and a pet water bowl. The [Moraga Community Foundation](#) has undertaken a fundraising campaign to raise the \$275,000 for the purchase and installation of the new restroom structure. The capital improvement project will be completed by Town staff once the fundraising goal is met.



## NEW PUBLIC ART AT TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Town of Moraga welcomes the newest addition to its [Public Art](#) collection, Toranski Koki's Journey by artist Glenn Takai. The installation is on display outside Town Council Chambers at 335 Rheem Boulevard. The piece is currently on loan from the artist, and will remain on display in Moraga for the next two years. To see additional artwork by the artist Glenn Takai, visit the [online gallery](#). The Art in Public Spaces Committee continues to seek artwork to enhance, beautify, and intrigue the Moraga community.



## ST. MARY'S ROAD ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT

A community informational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11. The project is to develop preliminary engineering plans and construction grant application materials for St. Mary's Road safety improvements at the following intersections: Rheem Boulevard; and Bollinger Canyon Road. The Project Team has collected feedback from the two public outreach meetings held in 2017 and will provide a brief overview of the project. Staff will be on hand after to answer any project related questions. The meeting location and time will be posted next week on the Town's website.



## LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices, located at 329 Rheem Boulevard and the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, will be closed Monday, September 3, for the Labor Day holiday, reopening on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, August 27 – [Design Review Board](#) **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, September 4 – [Planning Commission](#) **CANCELLED**

Monday, September 10, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), **CANCELLED**

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

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

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



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