



ABOUT TOWN - DECEMBER 13, 2018 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



THANK YOU MAYOR TROTTER AND VICE MAYOR ONODA



Outgoing Mayor Dave Trotter gave a presentation on [2018 Year in Review](#). He and Vice Mayor Teresa Onoda were recognized and thanked by fellow Councilmembers, Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen (pictured to the left with Teresa and Dave) and Teresa Gerringer representing Senator Steve Glazer for their years of service and innumerable contributions to the Town of Moraga.



WELCOME COUNCILMEMBERS McCLUER AND WOEHLEKE



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At the Town Council meeting on December 12, newly-elected Councilmembers Mike McCluer and Steve Woehleke were sworn in by the Town Clerk following the certification of the election votes. Mike grew up in Moraga and raised his two daughters here. He is a retired CFO who served on the Town's Planning Commission and is a member of Rotary. Steve is a 30-year resident of Moraga and raised his two daughters here. Steve has served on the Town's Design Review Board, Planning Commission and is active in the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley.



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COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR AND VICE-MAYOR

The first item of business of the newly seated Council was to elect the Mayor and Vice Mayor positions for 2019. Roger Wykle was unanimously elected Mayor and Kymberleigh Korpus was unanimously elected Vice Mayor.



EVACUATION DRILL - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 7:00 AM

This Saturday, December 15, residents of Moraga Country Club (MCC) will participate in a full-scale evacuation exercise. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Moraga Police Department, Orinda Police Department, MCC staff and Lamorinda CERT are coordinating the drill. Expect delays on Moraga Way during the drill (7:00 am to 8:00 am). This exercise is designed to test the Town's ability to manage a large-scale evacuation from one of the Town's 23 zones. The exercise involves notifying MCC residents using the Contra Costa County Community Warning System and sending two lanes of traffic toward Orinda on Moraga Way from St. Andrews Drive to Glorietta Boulevard.



VOLUNTEER NOW FOR TOWN COMMITTEES

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of its Boards, Committees, and Commissions. In 2019, there will be openings on the Audit and Finance Committee (2 openings), Art in Public Spaces Committee (2 openings), Design Review Board (3 openings), Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee (4 openings), Park and Recreation Commission (4 openings) and Planning Commission (5 openings). If interested, please visit the Moraga [website](#) article "Volunteer Now for Town Committees" to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#).



WELCOME JASMINE BATESON - RECREATION SUPERVISOR



Jasmine Bateson is the Town's new Recreation Supervisor in the Parks and Recreation Department. Jasmine graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in Recreation and has worked for the Cities of Dublin and San Leandro in various capacities. She has extensive experience operating municipal facilities, and will oversee rentals at the Hacienda de las Flores. Jasmine will work on various special events put on by the Parks and Recreation Department throughout the year. Her expertise in planning and organizing community events includes many popular events in the East Bay including Splatter, Heritage Faire, Cherry Festival and Summer Concert Series.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON DECEMBER 12

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FY 2017/18

The Town Council reviewed and filed the annual independent audit report of the Town's financial statements. The Town's independent auditors, Maze & Associates, conducted their audit in accordance with the auditing standards and rendered an unmodified ("clean") opinion. Out of the total General Fund ending fund balance of \$3.6 M, \$215,719 is assigned to the Canyon Road Bridge Reopening project leaving \$3.4 M, or 44%, unassigned or available for other uses.

VIA MORAGA IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Works Department determined that public and private improvements associated with the Via Moraga Subdivision, located off of Moraga Road, are complete and in compliance with the approved improvement plans. Therefore, Town Council accepted the improvements.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLANNING

Town Council received a [presentation](#) on the Emergency Evacuation Planning efforts for the Town. Police Chief Jon King advised that the Town has been divided into 23 evacuation zones. Through the Community Warning System (CWS), zones can be notified individually or in groups of impending evacuations or other emergency information. More information can be found on the Moraga Police [webpage](#). Residents can sign up to receive CWS notifications at [CWS Alert](#).

PROCLAMATION FOR DON TATZIN

Town Council [recognized](#) Don Tatzin for his four decades of service to the City of Lafayette and his efforts towards regional cooperation by the three Lamorinda cities. Don's wisdom, objectivity and brilliance shaped Lafayette and improved the quality of life for the 57,500 residents of Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda.

PROCLAMATION FOR RON HAAS

Ron Haas, General Manager of the Moraga Country Club, was presented with a [proclamation](#) honoring him for his leadership and vision. Ron was thanked for aspiring to "create a great community here" by embracing pivotal stakeholders such as the Town government, the Moraga Chamber of Commerce and Saint Mary's College.

DECLARING A SHELTER CRISIS

Town Council joined all the cities in Contra Costa County in declaring a county-wide shelter crisis. This action will assist the County in qualifying for grant funds to help address the homeless issue throughout the County.



WILDFIRE SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM

As part of its enhanced wildfire safety efforts, PG&E is conducting detailed and accelerated inspections of transmission towers and poles in areas at higher risk of wildfires. This work is in addition to their routine inspections and maintenance programs. Their contractor crews will be in Moraga soon to conduct these inspections, starting as early as the first quarter of 2019. This work is being done as an additional precautionary measure following the recent wildfires to further reduce the risk of wildfire. For questions about the upcoming inspections, call 1-800-PGE-5000, email wildfiresafety@pge.com or view the [PG&E Fact Sheet](#).



SALE OF FIREARMS ORDINANCE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9, 2019

The Town Council will be considering a Planning Commission recommendation concerning the locations in the Town for the sales of firearms at the January 9 meeting. The Planning Commission has recommended revisions to the Moraga Municipal Code to provide land use regulations for the sale of firearms, and provide a new, transparent process for firearms dealers wishing to open and operate such businesses in the Town.



PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREEKS AND STORM DRAINS

The maintenance of creeks and storm drain systems running through private properties is the responsibility of the property owner. Creek maintenance requires removing overgrown vegetation along the banks and bottom of creeks and obstructions such as fallen trees that block or restrict the flow of the creek. If there is another property on the other side of the creek, each property owner's responsibility extends to the middle of the creek. Storm drain maintenance requires removing debris from inlets, concrete drainage swales, and pipes. The latter may require a professional pipe roter to clear out plugged drains. A poorly maintained creek and private storm drain system can cause a blockage that could potentially cause damage to your property and property owners up and downstream from your location.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE OF TOWN OFFICES

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 1 for the winter holidays, reopening on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, December 17 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Tuesday, December 18 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), CANCELLED

Monday, December 24 – [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, December 26 – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED

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

Wednesday, January 9, 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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