



ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 29, 2018

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



ALL-ACCESS PLAYGROUND NOW OPEN!



The Rotary Club of Moraga's Grand Opening of the Lamorinda All-Access Playground was held on Sunday, January 28. The Town was pleased to join the Rotary Club, Chamber members, service clubs and members of the community to celebrate the completion of the project and the community involvement that made it a reality. Thank you Moraga Rotary for the tremendous gift that children will enjoy for many years to come. The Lamorinda All-Access Playground is located at the Moraga Commons Park.



MIDYEAR BUDGET RESCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The Midyear Budget Review has been rescheduled to the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, February 14, instead of March 14. During the Midyear Budget Review process, department staff reviews actual revenue and expenditure activity to date and projected activity through June 30 and compares it to budget expectations, proposing budget adjustments based on that analysis. Proposals are validated by the Administrative Services Department and Town Manager and are scheduled to be considered at the February 14 Town Council meeting.



2017 CRIME STATISTICS

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) reports overall reported crime in Moraga decreased 11.25% in 2017 when compared to 2016 statistics. However, the numbers are mixed as larcenies and auto thefts are down while both burglaries and robberies are up. The following is a comparison of Moraga crimes reported to the Department of Justice in both 2016 and 2017:

<u>Type of Crime</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>% change</u>
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	1	1	0
Robbery	2	3	+50%
Assault	14	11	-21.4%
Burglary	24	29	+20.8%
Larceny	95	88	-7.4%
Auto Theft	24	10	-58.3%
TOTAL	160	142	-11.25%

These statistics are the lowest for Moraga in the past ten years and are largely credited to diligent residents securing their property, using alarms and video surveillance systems and reporting suspicious persons and activity to the police. It is critically important that all of the Town's residents continue to do these things to help keep crime down and Moraga safe.



PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Teddy Bear Tea - Saturday, February 3, 2018 – Kids four to nine years old - bring your favorite teddy or stuffed friend and your parent to the Hacienda de las Flores for tea time. There will be a

variety of teas, tasty treats and a cool craft to take home. The cost for the event is \$55 per couple, \$30 for each additional guest, teddies and stuffed friends are free; cost includes tea, beverages, finger sandwiches, pastries, fruit, sweet treats, child's craft and memories to last a lifetime!

Sign up for Spring Classes – Spring recreation classes begin in March and offer classes and activities for all ages! View the Activity Guide and register online at moragarec.com

Summer Camps Coming Soon – Summer camps and classes will be announced in mid-March of this year. There will also be an online-only early registration discount for anyone registering for summer camps on March 17 and 18. More information can be found under the “Special Events” section of moragarec.com or call 925-888-7036.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS on JANUARY 24

STORMWATER FEE INITIATIVE UPDATE

Storm drain infrastructure needs were identified as a top priority by survey respondents last fall. As a result, the Council initiated proceedings and adopted ballot procedures for a stormwater fee initiative to:

- Repair deteriorating pipes and infrastructure to prevent system failure and sinkholes;
- Protect clean East Bay drinking water; and
- Protect the Town against future flooding.

A Notice of Public Hearing has been mailed to all property owners affected by the proposed fees which will be about \$120 (or \$10 per month) for the average home in Moraga, with rates varying for other property types. The hearing is scheduled for March 14, providing an opportunity for property owners to attend and be heard. In addition, all property owners will have the opportunity to submit written protests of the proposed fees prior to and during the hearing. If a majority protest does not occur at the hearing, the Town Council will decide whether to move forward with the mail-in ballot phase for property owners to vote on the fee. For more information, including the full schedule of proposed fees, visit [Storm Drain Funding](#).

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (ADUs) ORDINANCE

The Town Council considered the second reading of an ordinance replacing Chapter 8.124 of the Moraga Municipal Code regulating the development of ADUs. During the hearing, the Town Council made a minor modification to the ordinance by clarifying language that allows a non-permeable surface material for a required parking space to be used in specific circumstances. The revised ordinance was reintroduced on a split vote and the second reading is now scheduled for February 14. The new ADU regulations are necessary to comply with recent changes in State law and establish local development and design standards for ADUs, including size, height, and location. For more information, contact [Brian Horn, Associate Planner](#).

CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

Following the Canyon Road Bridge closure in April 2017 due to landslide damage, the Town qualified for \$2.5 million in Federal Highway Administration emergency funding for eligible expenditures to remove the damaged bridge, build bridge abutments, roadway transitions, traffic light system and lease a one-lane bridge. On November 22, 2017, the bridge was reopened and, on January 24, 2018, the Town Council accepted the bridge removal and bridge installation construction contracts as completed. The Town does not expect reimbursement until the Federal government replenishes the State's emergency budget which may take years.

JOINT MORAGA-ORINDA PAVING PROJECT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The City of Orinda and the Town of Moraga are planning pavement rehabilitation projects for 2018, with construction cost estimates of \$10.3 million and \$1.1 to \$1.9 million, respectively. Through combining these projects, both agencies benefit by potentially obtaining lower bid prices compared to bidding the projects separately and individually. Town Council approved entering into an agreement with Orinda to partner in a joint Full Depth Reclamation project.

LIMEBIKE BIKE SHARE PROGRAM PRESENTATION

The Town Council heard a presentation from LimeBike, a bike sharing program offering a new

approach to the bike sharing concept. LimeBike offers a dockless approach where bike sharing can be designed based on actual usage and bike demand data to optimize flexibility and respond to demand for bikes more efficiently than traditional docking models. LimeBike has presented their business plan to Orinda and Lafayette as well and wants to set up a bike share pilot program involving all three communities.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING (ACOA) PRESENTATION

Town Council received an update from Keith Katzman, ACOA Moraga liaison, highlighting the importance of emergency preparedness and planning to determine evacuation transportation needs for seniors in the event of a major disaster, such as the recent north bay fires.

TOWN COUNCIL 2018 MEETING CALENDAR

Town Council reviewed and approved the 2018 Council meeting calendar, including a legislative summer break. To view the calendar, visit the Town's [website](#).

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Town Council approved the appointment of the Town Council Representatives to the 2018 Committees, Commissions and Boards. See the entire list of appointments on the Town's [website](#).



HILLSIDE AND RIDGELINE STUDY SESSION - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

The Town Council will conduct a second study session to review the draft amended Hillside and Ridgeline regulations at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers. The draft includes amendments to the General Plan, Municipal Code, MOSO Guidelines and Design Guidelines. The draft regulations have been developed through an extensive community process initiated in 2014 and were recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission at a Public Hearing on October 16, 2017. This project is one of the Council's priority goals. The staff report for the study session will be available on the Town website on February 2. For more information, contact [Derek Farmer, Acting Planning Director](#).



MORAGA ROAD SIDEWALK GAP CLOSURE PROJECT

Construction has started to close a sidewalk gap on Moraga Road between Corliss Drive and Draeger Drive. The Town was awarded a Transportation Development Act grant to install 800 feet of sidewalk to link the Commons Park pathway and the existing sidewalk to improve pedestrian access and safety. This will enhance safety for those walking to the Commons Park and Hacienda de las Flores. The work should be completed in a month, barring any weather impacts.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of its Boards, Committees, and Commissions. In 2018, there are openings on the **Art in Public Spaces Committee** (1 opening), **Audit and Finance Committee** (1 opening), **Design Review Board** (3 openings), **Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee** (4 openings), **Park and Recreation Commission** (4 openings) and **Planning Commission** (3 openings). If interested, please visit the Moraga [website](#) to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to Town Clerk [by 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 8, 2018](#).



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, February 5, – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, February 6, 5:30 pm - [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Wednesday, February 7, 6:00 pm – [Hillside & Ridgeline Regulations Study Session](#), Council Chambers

Thursday, February 8, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Monday, February 12, – [Design Review Board](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, February 13, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, February 14, 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](#).

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



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