



ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 24, 2019

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MORAGA WAY AND CANYON/CAMINO PABLO IMPROVEMENTS

In 2017, the Town secured a OneBayArea Grant (OBAG) to augment Measure K funds to: (1) Resurface, close the sidewalk gap, and improve bicycle facilities on Moraga Way from Moraga Road to Ivy Drive; and (2) Improve pedestrian crossing safety at the intersection of Canyon Road and Camino Pablo. Public outreach meetings are currently being scheduled for late February/early March and will be announced soon. Construction is scheduled to start this summer.



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION DELAY

A six-month backlog of work at the Caltrans Bridge Structural Review Division has effectively postponed the two-year construction of the Canyon Road Bridge to 2020 and 2021. On a positive note, the extra time will allow staff to prepare the package and solicit bids earlier which may garner better bid results. An update will be provided to the Council in the future.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of its Boards, Committees, and Commissions. In 2019, there are openings on the **Art in Public Spaces Committee** (2 openings), **Audit and Finance Committee** (2 openings), **Design Review Board** (2 openings and a vacancy), **Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee** (3 openings and a vacancy), **Park and Recreation Commission** (3 openings and a vacancy) and **Planning Commission** (4 openings and a vacancy). If interested, please visit the Moraga [website](#) (click on the “*Volunteer Now for Town Committees*” article on the homepage) to complete an application packet and submit to the Town Clerk’s Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to the Town Clerk [by 5:00 pm on Thursday, February 7, 2019](#).



2018 CRIME STATISTICS FOR MORAGA

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) noted that overall reported crime in Moraga decreased 21% in 2018 when compared to 2017 statistics. However, the numbers are mixed as property related crimes are down while reported crimes against persons showed slight increases. The following is a comparison of Moraga crimes reported to the Department of Justice in both 2017 and 2018:

Type of Crime	2017	2018	% change
Homicide	0	1	100%
Rape	1	2	100%
Robbery	3	2	-50%
Assault	11	15	36%
Burglary	29	12	-59%
Larceny	88	72	-18%
Auto Theft	10	7	-30%
TOTAL	142	111	-21%

Thanks to the Moraga residents for helping to reduce crime as these statistics are largely credited to diligent residents securing their property, using alarms and video surveillance systems and reporting suspicious persons and activity to the police, who then conduct thorough investigations. It is very important that everyone continue to do these things to help keep crime down and Moraga safe.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS on JANUARY 23, 2019

TOWN COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2019

Town Council received a [report](#) that included a list of 2018 accomplishments and the ongoing programs and current initiatives underway in each department. The Council discussed their goals and priorities for 2019 and decided to carry forward many goals that are still in process (such as improving fiscal discipline, implementation of the Moraga Center Specific Plan and streamlining the Town's planning processes). They also considered adding a new goal – implementation of the Town's Climate Action Plan. The Council will continue discussion of the proposed 2019 goals at the upcoming February 13, 2019 Town Council meeting.

MORAGA CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN (MCSP)

Town Council adopted two resolutions concerning the Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Project. The first resolution approves the Master Funding Agreement between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Town to receive a \$140,000 funding grant to complete the zoning update. The second resolution establishes a MCSP Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Mayor Wykle and Vice Mayor Korpus, to work with Town staff to provide guidance to staff on the MCSP zoning project and process.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Town Council approved the appointment of the Town Council representatives to the 2019 Committees, Commissions and Boards. See the entire list of appointments on the Town's [website](#).

ART IN PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE CHARTER UPDATED

Town Council amended the Art in Public Spaces Committee Charter to include language allowing a Council or Non-Council appointed liaison to serve on the committee and the removal of a Park Foundation member to establish a five- to six-member voting committee.



RECYCLESMART OFFERING ADVANCED TRAINING PROGRAM



CompostSMART was developed to help residents understand the importance of organics recycling, build composting systems, recycle food and yard waste at their homes, build healthy urban soils and support thriving landscapes. Receive in-depth composting, organics and recycling education with an experienced and knowledgeable team, and then share your training with the wider community. Apply today! The FREE series includes 30 hours of training, including classroom instruction, outdoor training, activities and tours. For more information visit [RecycleSmart](#). Application deadline February 22, 2019 and space is limited.



AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The next Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5 at 5:30 pm in the Town Council Chambers. During this meeting, Town staff will be presenting the Midyear Budget review for FY 2018/19. The presentation will contain a comprehensive review of the status and actual performance of the budget during the first six months of FY 2018/19.



MIDYEAR BUDGET - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

To achieve a more accurate and transparent budget for the current fiscal year and help shape the development of next year's budget, the Midyear Budget Review will be presented to the Town Council on Wednesday, February 13. Staff will address the Town's budget condition in the current fiscal year as compared to the 2018/19 Adopted Budget, summarize actual expenditures incurred and revenue receipts, discuss any major variances and highlight any major issues. This review is an essential element in maintaining financial stability and provides the Town Council an opportunity to review and adjust the General Fund and other funds.



EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL IN ORINDA

This Saturday, January 26, from 7:00 am to 8:00 am, residents of North Orinda will participate in the second full-scale evacuation exercise. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Moraga Police Department, Orinda Police Department, and Lamorinda CERT are coordinating the drill. This exercise is designed to test all of the agencies' abilities to manage a large-scale evacuation from three evacuation zones in Orinda. The exercise involves notifying residents using the Contra Costa Community Warning System (CWS) and sending two lanes of traffic towards Camino Pablo (in Orinda) on Miner Road. All Moraga residents should register for the CWS at [CWS Alerts](#).



MORAGA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

- Taco Bell reports all the Town and County permits have been issued and the speed of the remodel is in the hands of the franchisee, hopefully with an opening soon.
- US Realty Partners (the majority owner of the Rheem Center) plans to submit remodel/refresh plans (two-part phase) for Rheem Center within the first quarter.
- A new business *Sports Performance Training Facility and Batting Cage* opened on Sunday, January 20, at 1460-H Moraga Road (the former Hallmark store location in the Moraga Shopping Center).



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, January 28 – [Design Review Board](#), **CANCELLED**

Monday, February 4 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Monday, February 11, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, February 13, 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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