



## ABOUT TOWN - JULY 11, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### MORAGA WAY AND CANYON ROAD/CAMINO PABLO CONSTRUCTION

On **Monday, July 15**, Ghilotti Construction Company is expected to begin construction on the safety improvements along Moraga Way from Ivy Drive to Moraga Road and at the intersection of Canyon Road and Camino Pablo. Construction will typically occur on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, but limited work outside those times and on weekends may be needed to complete as much work as possible before the start of school. Please be patient and allow extra time due to increased congestion and construction traffic in the area. For additional project schedule information and updates, please go to [Moraga Way Safety](#) and [Facebook Moraga Measure K](#).



### CONTROLLED BURN A SUCCESS



On June 29, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD), joined by units from four other fire departments, conducted a controlled burn on the Painted Rock property. Firefighters practiced wildland fire suppression skills and ultimately burned a five-acre fuel break to protect homes in the Buckingham Drive neighborhood. The burn also served as a test of the mesh network fire detection sensors MOFD is helping to develop. Thank you to MOFD for their hard work!



### MCSP CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Citizens' Advisory Committee for the implementation of the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) held its first meeting on Monday, July 8, at the St. Mary's College (SMC) Soda Center. The focus of the meeting was to introduce the project team and the members of the CAC and describe the background, process, and timeline for completion of the development standards and zoning provisions that will implement the MCSP. The role of the CAC in the upcoming review of several design scenarios to outline the vision for development of the Moraga Center was also discussed. The next meetings of the CAC are scheduled for September 4 and September 19 at the SMC Soda Center.



### 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION - THANK YOU



Thank you to the community and service organizations who contributed to a successful 4th of July Celebration. The commitment of local volunteer groups created a memorable community event and fireworks display. The Town extends its sincere gratitude to MOFD, the Moraga Park Foundation, Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley, Moraga Lions Club, Boy Scout Troop 246, Marcia Trial and the Campolindo Track and Field and Cross Country Teams.

The [Buy-a-Rocket](#) fundraising campaign has reached \$19,100 of the \$30,000 goal. Donations can still be made [online](#) or checks can be mailed to Buy-a-Rocket, Town of Moraga, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga 94556.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JULY 10, 2019

### **FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 BUDGET AT A GLANCE**

Town Council received a presentation on the FY 2019/20 *Budget at a Glance*. This is the Town's first budget brief document produced by the Administrative Services Department that summarizes the recently adopted FY 2019/20 Operating and Capital Improvement Program budgets. The *Budget at a Glance* contains financial summaries, budget highlights and a budget message from the Town Council. It will be distributed to the Town residents in the upcoming July 24 issue of the Lamorinda Weekly. View the [Budget at a Glance](#) on the Town's website.

### **LOS ENCINOS APPEAL**

Town Council heard an appeal of the Planning Commission's 4-2 approval of amendments to the vesting tentative map and hillside development permit conditions of approval, revisions to grading design, design review for ten homes and design guideline exceptions for the Los Encinos subdivision, located east of the intersection of Baitx Drive and Ketelsen Court. After hearing testimony from the appellant, project applicant, and the public, the Town Council directed the applicant to make revisions to the project and continued the item to a special Town Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at 6:00 pm.

### **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

Town Council authorized the purchase of two dual-port electric vehicle (EV) charging stations from SemaConnect, Inc. for \$18,640. These will be installed later this year in the Town Offices parking lot (329 Rheem Boulevard) and in the Moraga Commons Park main parking lot on St. Mary's Road. Both stations will be capable of charging two EVs simultaneously. The installation of these EV charging stations is a project that the Town Council authorized staff to undertake on May 8 as part of its goal to implement viable strategies in the Town's Climate Action Plan.

### **2020 PAVEMENT OVERLAY PROJECT**

NCE has been providing the Town with pavement-related services including design, engineering, and pavement management updates since 2009. Town Council amended NCE's contract to provide design services and prepare bid documents for the 2020 Pavement Overlay project.

### **MID-YEAR UPDATE OF 2019 TOWN COUNCIL GOALS**

Town Council reviewed the work by Town staff in fulfilling the 2019 Goals set by the Town Council. These goals include a detailed examination of Town finances (currently being done by the Audit and Finance Committee); establishment of a work order system (Mobile Moraga); storm drain system inspections (in progress); reimbursement for the Canyon Road Bridge work and evacuation and emergency planning. Substantial work on these goals has been completed and is continuing. The Town Council complimented staff on the progress that has been made to date.

### **LAMORINDA SKATEPARK IMPROVEMENTS**

Town Council reviewed the skatepark improvements project scheduled in the FY 2019/20 Capital Improvement Program. The improvements include a new cement seat wall, water bottle filling station, and landscaping and safety signage improvements. The project was proposed by local teen Owen Myall and funded by generous donations from the Moraga Park Foundation, Orinda Community Foundation, Lafayette Youth Commission, Sustainable Lafayette and Orinda Park Foundation. Town Councilmembers praised Owen for his work on the project.



## "COPSICLE" FUN AT HACIENDA DAY CAMP



On July 2, Moraga Police officers made a surprise visit to the Hacienda Summer Day Camp. Officers handed out red white and blue "copsicles" to the campers, which was a hit! This was a fun way for the Moraga Police Department to continue its commitment to engage with the community. Be on the lookout for officers handing out more treats at a Moraga Summer Concert soon!



## WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS INSTALLED

New water bottle refilling stations have been installed at the Town offices (329 Rheem Boulevard) and the Council Chambers (335 Rheem Boulevard) and are available for public use when the buildings are open. The installation of these new water bottle refilling stations is a project that the Town Council authorized staff to undertake as part of its goal to implement viable strategies in the Town's Climate Action Plan. The stations help to reduce the Town's overall waste stream by discouraging the use of single-use plastic water bottles. The project estimate was \$20,000, but the project was completed for under \$12,000.



## FREE HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOP - THURSDAY, JULY 18

Attend the free Backyard Composting for Busy People [workshop](#) on Thursday, July 18, from 10:00 to 11:30 am at Moraga Gardens Farm, 1290 Moraga Way. The workshop will cover: hot/cold composting methods; vermicomposting (worms!); mulching and grasscycling; using your curbside green organics cart; Q&A and troubleshooting; and soil health and decomposers (compost critters). Workshop participants will receive a FREE kitchen food scrap container and can enter the raffle for a FREE Soilsaver compost bin. Register at [RecycleSmart Workshop](#) or call 925-906-1801.



## COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE RECESS

The Town Council meetings on July 24 and August 14 have been cancelled to provide a legislative break. The break occurs annually and was approved by the Council in January. The Council will resume their regular meeting schedule on Wednesday, August 28. However, a Special Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 31, at 6:00 pm to complete the Los Encinos appeal.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Monday, July 15 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Tuesday, July 16 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Monday, July 22, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Wednesday, July 24 – [Town Council](#), **CANCELLED**
- Wednesday, July 31 – [Special 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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