



## ABOUT TOWN - JUNE 13, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### DRONES AND EMERGENCIES DO NOT MIX

While drones can be fun to use and produce interesting photos and videos, they can be a hindrance to emergency crews at critical incidents. This past week, someone was flying a drone around the small vegetation fire off Augusta Drive which prevented the helicopters that arrived to assist from being able to fight the fire. This could have had tragic results if the fire had spread as firefighters lost a critical firefighting tool. It is imperative that drones are not flown around an emergency incident - not only is it hazardous to all, but it is also illegal under state and federal laws.



### BUY-A-ROCKET



Support the annual fireworks show and [Buy-a-Rocket](#) to ensure the beloved community tradition continues! Donations can be made [online](#) or checks can be mailed to the Town of Moraga, Buy-a-Rocket, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.



### MORAGA DAY CAMP BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 17



Moraga Day Camp begins Monday, June 17 and runs through August 9. Day campers 5 to 10 years of age are invited to attend. Camp is held in the Casita building at the Hacienda de las Flores and includes games, activities, crafts, songs, and more! New this year is the addition of weekly fieldtrips each Thursday. Every Friday, campers spend a fun-filled day at the Moraga Commons Park. Morning and afternoon extended care is available from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. [Register now](#) for week-long sessions. Daily rates are also available.



### KIDS' NIGHT OUT - FRIDAY, JUNE 21



Well-trained summer camp counselors are hosting a Kids' Night Out on Friday, June 21 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores. Join the fun at this Toy Story themed event. The cost is \$25 per child (5 to 10 years old) and includes an evening of games, crafts, activities and a pizza dinner. Feel free to dress up for the theme and bring a sleeping bag and pillow for the movie! Take advantage of this opportunity to skip the babysitter. [Pre-registration is required.](#)



### RESIDENTIAL CART "RE-STICKERING" PROJECT

Republic Services, the Town's solid waste provider, is conducting a recycle and organics cart "re-stickering" project to replace some lid labels that have faded or peeled. On residents' regular service day over the next four to five weeks, a team from ContainerPros will be applying new stickers to carts at the curb that have labels that they deem to be in very poor condition. The team will be wearing safety vests and carry identification, and will not be entering properties to access carts. If you have any questions, please contact [Kimberly Lam](#) or call 925-671-5851.





## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JUNE 12, 2019

### ***TOWN TO INITIATE LITIGATION AGAINST EBMUD***

After a special closed session, the Council authorized legal counsel to initiate litigation arising out of the landslides that impacted the Canyon Road bridges due to the fact that continuous discussions with EBMUD have not been successful. EBMUD is not taking responsibility for the damage their landslides caused to the old and temporary bridges or the increased design and construction costs of the new bridge. In addition, EBMUD's failure to correct the deficiencies on their property is jeopardizing the Town's ability to receive funding and move forward with design and construction of the new permanent Canyon Road bridge.

### ***FY 2019/20 OPERATING PROGRAM BUDGET***

Town Council reviewed and discussed the preliminary FY 2019/20 \$10.3 million operating budget. Thanks to the scheduled receipt of the \$2.65 million Federal reimbursement for the temporary Canyon Road bridge project, both this year and next year's projected year-end General Fund Reserve meets the 50% level recommended by Town policy. The Council was able to fund the following discretionary programs: storm drain operations and maintenance; comprehensive wireless ordinance update; two internships; an unfunded pension liability study; and Mullholland Ridge maintenance. The budget also includes funding that is being set aside for a potential revenue measure. The budget does not provide full funding of the Town's infrastructure needs. To better determine the Town's unfunded needs, FY 2019/20 includes projects to: 1) identify any additional expenditure reductions; 2) quantify the Town's current and aging infrastructure funding needs and shortfalls based on analysis conducted by subject matter experts on storm drains and asset replacement; and 3) conduct an unfunded pension liability obligation study. The budget adjustments requested by the Town Council will be incorporated into the final budget document including the Capital Improvement Program budget reviewed on May 22, and presented for consideration and adoption at the June 26, 2019 regular meeting.

### ***RADAR SPEED SIGNS***

Town Council approved a resolution authorizing the purchase of three speed signs that would complement the existing signs used by the Town. New technology will provide the same traffic information to drivers as the current signs, but also capture the traffic data for future analysis. The purchase will increase the Town's ability to provide traffic education and the capability to conduct traffic surveys and determine the most effective traffic enforcement periods.

### ***MORAGA CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT***

The Town Council approved a resolution authorizing a contract with Placeworks, Inc., for completion of the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) Implementation Project. The contract funds technical assistance covered under the scope of work authorized by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) grant-funded contract and is in lieu of the unexecuted contract with Opticos, Inc. approved by the Town Council in March. The first MCSP Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, at 6:30 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores.

### ***PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH***

Town Council presented a proclamation to Campolindo High School SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance) representatives declaring June as Pride month. Many members of the community attended and spoke about the importance of supporting visibility, dignity and respect for all people and providing the community's LGBTQ+ youth with a safe environment in which to grow and thrive.

### ***STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT***

To maintain and continue the street lighting assessment district, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process. Town Council held a public hearing and approved continuing the current assessment of \$58 for a typical single-family residence within the Street Lighting Assessment District to fund operations and repairs of the Town's streetlights and traffic signals.

### ***JOINT MORAGA-LAFAYETTE SURFACE SEAL PROJECT***

To increase efficiency and take advantage of low bid unit prices, Town Council authorized staff to

increase the scope of the 2019 Joint Moraga-Lafayette Surface Seal project by adding the following FY 2019/20 surface seal related CIP projects: 1) Rubberized cape seal of the Commons Park main parking lot; 2) Microsurfacing of the basketball court at the Commons Park; 3) Moraga Road and Alta Mesa Intersection Improvements; and 4) Striping maintenance at various locations.

### **MORAGA ROAD / ALTA MESA CROSSWALK PROJECT**

The Town is scheduled to receive a Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 grant to partially fund the Moraga Road/Alta Mesa Crosswalk improvement project. The crosswalk project includes surface sealing the intersection to reconfigure traffic striping and other pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements. To prepare the crosswalk project for its incorporation into the 2019 Joint Moraga-Lafayette Surface Seal project, the design must be completed immediately. Town Council appropriated funding and amended a contract with BKF Engineers to complete the design so that the improvements could occur this summer.



### **SENIOR VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging (ACOA) is actively recruiting to fill the vacant Moraga seat. To represent the interests of area seniors, the applicant must be a resident of Moraga and knowledgeable of the needs of Moraga's senior population. If interested, please complete an [application](#) and email to the [Town Clerk](#) or call 925-888-7022.



### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR COUNTY CONNECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

County Connection is actively recruiting for a volunteer to represent the Town of Moraga on its County Connection Advisory Committee. Applicants must be active in the community, reside in Moraga, be a current or former user of fixed-route and/or paratransit service and an advocate for transit users in their community. If interested, please complete an [application](#) and email to the [Town Clerk](#) or call 925-888-7022.



### **FREE HOME COMPOSTING WORKSHOP - THURSDAY, JULY 18**



RecycleSmart is offering a FREE Home Composting Workshop on Thursday, July 18 from 10:00 to 11:30 am at Moraga Gardens Farm, 1400 Moraga Road. The workshop will cover the basics of backyard composting with food scraps and yard waste, soil health, the role organisms have in the soil as well as hot/cold composting and vermicomposting (worms!). Register online for free at [RecycleSmart Workshop](#) or call 925-906-1801.



### **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

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

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 26, 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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