



ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 29, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE COMING SOON!



The Summer 2019 Activity Guide featuring camps, classes and community events will be available to view online on April 4 and will be distributed to Moraga residents with the Lamorinda Weekly on April 17. Don't miss Moraga Day Camp, now including weekly field trips/entertainment and new for 2019, Camp Connect, designed to build capacity for service and civic involvement in young teens through volunteerism and engaging activities. Parks and Recreation is excited to offer Kids' Night Out - a fun evening of games, crafts, movie and pizza for kids ages 5 to 10. Online registration begins April 4. Receive a 10% discount on summer camp registration when completed by April 30.



LAND MOVEMENT NEAR CENTER STREET AND RHEEM BOULEVARD

The Town has recently become aware that there is earth movement which is causing the ground to sink on private property off of Center Street near Rheem Boulevard. Although the depression is not in the public right-of-way, the Town is concerned about potential impacts to the Town's storm drain system as the movement is above the 96-inch storm drain culvert that runs below the Rheem Boulevard and Center Street intersection and the Rheem Valley Shopping Center. The Town has obtained permission from the property owner to inspect the private culvert so as to identify potential impacts to the functionality of the Town's infrastructure. In an abundance of caution, the area has been cordoned off. A video inspection of the culvert is scheduled for next Monday. The Town hopes to obtain useful information from the inspection despite the flow of water which may obscure visibility of the conditions in the culvert. The Town is acting with a sense of urgency and will continue to closely monitor the situation.



2019 MORAGA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The 2019 Moraga Citizen of the Year Award Banquet will be held Saturday, April 27, in the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College. Festivities will begin with a social hour at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm and formal program at 8:00 pm. Make your reservations through the [Moraga Chamber of Commerce](#), an event co-sponsor, for \$60 per person pre-paid. RSVP deadline is Monday, April 22.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 27, 2019

JOHN MUIR LAND TRUST PAINTED ROCK PRESENTATION



Linus Eukel, Executive Director, John Muir Land Trust (JMLT), updated the Town Council on JMLT's progress on their campaign to save Painted Rock. If the fundraising goal of \$2 million is met, JMLT will acquire the 84-acre property which will anchor a new preserve of 505 acres of natural open space. The current priority is to secure an additional \$100,000 in donations by May 1 to meet a \$350,000 match pledge. Mr. Eukel provided a PowerPoint [Presentation](#) featuring aerial views of the land and encouraged everyone to make a donation. The Council is scheduled to discuss the matter at the April 10 Council meeting.

INSOURCING ENGINEERING SERVICES

To improve customer service and consistency in service delivery, the Council approved the creation of an Associate Engineer position and the hiring of in-house staff to handle land-use development plan check services currently performed by CSG Engineers. The Associate Engineer will also assist in implementing the storm drain operations and maintenance program, provide additional support in traffic engineering and should time allow, manage the implementation of minor capital improvement projects. The Town manages 34 consultant services agreements that total over \$4 million annually. Insourcing a small portion of work currently handled by consultants will help stabilize the department by providing additional staff to meet ongoing and unexpected needs. The projected annual cost of \$156,000 will be offset by additional revenue from developer deposits and a decrease in the amount paid for consultant services. This change in service delivery should not impact the General Fund. For additional information about this matter, visit [Insourcing Engineering Services](#) and [Presentation](#).

TOWN REVIVES MORAGA CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

With funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Town Council authorized a contract with Opticos Design, Inc. for technical assistance to complete the Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Project (MCSP-IP). The Council also adopted the charter for the MCSP-IP Citizens Advisory Committee. The principle role of the Citizens Advisory Committee is to review and advise on design standards and draft zoning provisions, prior to them being considered by the Planning Commission and Town Council for review and adoption. The Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting three or four times over the next few months to provide input on the process.

MORAGA MUNICIPAL CODE REVISIONS TO COMMERCIAL LAND USE REVIEW

The Town Council gave unanimous direction to staff to proceed with the task of identifying revisions to the Town's current commercial zoning regulations that would simplify the commercial land use regulations and approval processes for new businesses wishing to open in Moraga. This effort is being undertaken to address Goal #2 of the Council's 2019 goals which calls for reviewing and amending the sign ordinance and various chapters of the zoning code to explore ways to make the Town more business-friendly.

CAMINO RICARDO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

Town Council considered the annual report for the Camino Ricardo subdivision development agreement prepared by the developer and found that it was in good faith compliance with the terms of the agreement.

BELLA VISTA STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ANNEXATION

SummerHill Homes, the developer for the Bella Vista subdivision (formally Rancho Laguna II) was required to install a public streetlight on Rheem Boulevard at Faye Hill Road. This public improvement requires the subdivision be annexed into the Town's Street Lighting Assessment District so that property owners of the subdivision pay their fair share of the streetlight's operations and maintenance. Town Council approved initiating the annexation proceedings, approved the Engineer's Report, declared the intention to annex territory, and set a public hearing for April 10, 2019.

PROCLAMATION FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG AWARENESS MONTH

Town Council presented a proclamation to Chris Janssen of the Contra Costa MEDS (Medication/Education/Disposal/Safety) Coalition declaring March as Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness Month in Moraga. This recognizes the magnitude and seriousness of prescription drug abuse issues that affect all communities.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Town Council deliberated and appointed Kerry Hillis to a two-year term and Karl Davis to a one-year term on the Planning Commission. Suzanne D'Arcy, Brenda Luster and David Stromberg were reappointed at the March 13 Council meeting.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 8, 7:00 pm – [Special Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers
Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Council Chambers
Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers
Monday, April 15 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED
Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
Wednesday, April 24, 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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