



## ABOUT TOWN - MAY 10, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### MOBILE MORAGA AVAILABLE NOW!



The Town has launched Mobile Moraga which enables citizens to report non-emergency concerns to the Town. The FREE app is now available for download in the App Store and in Google Play. Citizens can also report concerns through Mobile Moraga on the Town's website under "Quick Links". Mobile Moraga also provides a comprehensive listing of Town services right at your fingertips. The functionality of the new work order system allows the Town to streamline the work order process improving efficiency.



### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 18

The Town of Moraga has partnered with Republic Services and RecycleSmart to hold the Moraga Community Garage Sale. Residents of Moraga are invited to hold garage sales at their homes, join with neighbors to hold block sales, or get together with their community for a group sale. Register your sale for free or browse the sale locations online at [MoragaGarageSale.com](http://MoragaGarageSale.com). The Town will provide marketing for the event and the sellers keep the cash!



### SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The Moraga Police Department (MPD) has been receiving a number of traffic complaints about speeding in school zones and drivers passing school buses that are displaying flashing red lights. These lights signify that children are getting on or off the bus and there is a danger of a child darting out into traffic. Drivers in both directions are required to stop while the red lights are flashing. If the road has a median or more than one lane in each direction, drivers must stop for a school bus in their direction. Additionally, the vehicle speed limit in school zones is 25 MPH when children are present. Officers, even the Chief, are enforcing these laws and issuing citations to keep our roads safe for drivers and children. Please assist the MPD by driving cautiously and obeying the traffic laws. Please call MPD at 925-888-7055 with any questions or concerns.



### RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 8, 2019

#### **MASTER FEE SCHEDULE APPROVED**

As part of the annual budget process, the Town Council adopted a resolution to authorize updates to the Town's Master Fee Schedule. The FY 2019/20 updated Master Fee Schedule lists all the fees and charges by department to offset the Town's costs in processing permits, licenses, subdivision maps and entitlements and other services. The updated Master Fee Schedule will become effective July 7, 2019 and is integrated in the proposed FY 2019/20 budget.

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

In order to maintain and continue the street lighting assessment district, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process. Town Council approved the Engineer's Report, declared the intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2019/20, and set a Public Hearing date of June 12, 2019.

### ***\$2.65 MILLION FHWA EMERGENCY RELIEF REIMBURSEMENT***

The Town's is scheduled to receive \$2.65 million from the Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief in reimbursement for the temporary Canyon Road bridge project prior to fiscal year end, June 30, 2019. \$1 million will be used to repay a loan from the One-Time Developer Fees Fund (Palos Colorados). The remaining \$1.65 million will repay a General Fund loan. \$745,000 is needed to restore the General Fund reserve to the Town Council's goal of 50%. The Council discussed how to best allocate the \$825,000 in one-time funding to priority projects and directed staff to: fund a 2019 Storm Drain Master Plan Update and the Bollinger Valley Study Area General Plan amendment and rezone; contribute to the Storm Drain Operations and Maintenance program; and allocate \$255,000 to the Asset Replacement Fund to start to address the backlog of projects.

### ***CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE***

The Town Council was given an [update](#) on the progress in implementing the goals and strategies of the Town's [Climate Action Plan](#). After considering recommendations from staff, the Council voted unanimously to direct staff to pursue three projects: (1) installing public electric vehicle charging stations at the Town offices and the main Moraga Commons parking lot; (2) installing public water bottle refilling stations with built-in water fountains at the Town offices and the Council Chambers; and (3) undertaking various energy-efficiency lighting and HVAC system upgrades at all four Town properties. The EV charging stations and water bottle refilling stations will be funded by General Government Facilities Impact Fees which are restricted to capital improvements to government buildings. The energy efficiency upgrades will be funded using 0% interest financing with an estimated payback period of 5.4 years.

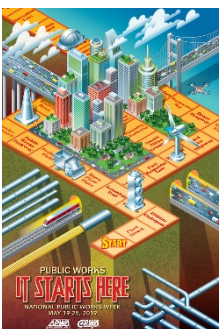
### ***FIRE PREVENTION PRESENTATION***

Chief Winnacker provided information on the Moraga-Orinda Fire District's (MOFD) efforts to mitigate wildland fire risk which included information on high severity zones; history on major past fires and the role of Diablo winds; the importance of fire breaks and their multi-agency work to coordinate more effective breaks; the importance of defensible space; and community evacuation planning. MOFD has been proactive in fire prevention efforts which include notifying residents that vegetation needs to be removed, following up with education and if needed, mitigating and charging for the service. MOFD shared that they will provide free inspections and advice (call 925-357-1909) on how to maintain defensible space around your house. MOFD also has a free chipper which they will deliver to your home when five or more property owners coordinate their efforts. Watch the informative [presentation](#) on Livestream. MOFD is scheduling a Wildfire Forum on Wednesday June 5, 7:00 pm at the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School auditorium, including information on evacuations, preparedness and community alert systems.

### ***PROCLAMATION FOR POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY***

The Town Council honored the Moraga Police Department by declaring May 11 to 17 as Police Week and May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day. These declarations are authorized by Federal Law and honor the ultimate sacrifices made by peace officers throughout the country. The Moraga Police Department also honors Moraga Police Officer Mary Anne Borden, who died in 1988 from cancer. Thank you to all MPD officers for their service to the Moraga community.

### ***NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK***



Town Council issued a proclamation declaring National Public Works Week from May 19 through 25. Instituted in 1960 by the American Public Works Association, this week brings attention to the importance of public works in the community and recognizes the dedicated professionals who serve the public every day. This year's theme "It Starts Here" represents the many facets of modern civilization that grow out of the efforts put forth by the public works professionals across North America. Infrastructure starts with public works... Growth and innovation starts with public works... Mobility starts with public works... Security starts with public works... Healthy communities start with public works... The bottom line is that citizens' quality of life starts with public works.



## SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

The Lamorinda School Bus Transportation Agency is experiencing a shortage of school bus drivers. Anyone interested is encouraged to apply. With no nights or weekends required, opportunities for additional hours and paid training, all qualified applicants are welcome to apply. Call 925-926-0375 or visit [FirstGroupCareers](#) for more information.



## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION EVENT - TUESDAY, MAY 28

This Transportation Information Event is designed to be a comprehensive, informational forum for employers, employees and the public with exhibitors to educate attendees about the complete range of transportation alternatives and related support programs available to aid them in their commute. The event will be held at Moraga Country Club, 1600 St. Andrews Drive, Moraga on Tuesday, May 28, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This free event is sponsored by the [Moraga Chamber of Commerce](#) and [511 Contra Costa](#) and hosted by the [Moraga Country Club](#).



## ALL ABOUT EAST BAY WILDFIRES - FRIDAY, MAY 31

Attend this presentation on Wildfire Prevention and Evacuation Strategies Friday, May 31, at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette at 1:30 pm. East Bay Regional Park District and Moraga-Orinda Fire District will give presentations on the history of wildfires in the Lamorinda area and the top fire prevention priorities. Local law enforcement will also be present to discuss strategies. This free event is sponsored by [Lamorinda Village](#), a non-profit dedicated to supporting Lamorinda seniors as they age in their community.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Tuesday, May 21, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces](#), Council Chambers
- Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers
- Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), 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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