



ABOUT TOWN - NOVEMBER 14, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



LEARN ABOUT THE UNFUNDED NEEDS ASSESSMENTS AND PROVIDE INPUT

The Town has completed three unfunded needs assessments – a Capital Assets Replacement Analysis and Report, a CalPERS Actuarial Analysis June 30, 2019 Valuation Report, and the newly released 2019 Addendum to the Storm Drain Master Plan. Please attend one of the two public community meetings to discuss the report findings and provide feedback on your priorities for the Town. Meetings are scheduled for the following dates at the Hacienda de las Flores Fireside Room:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 6:30 PM



VETERANS DAY GATHERING



The Town hosted the annual Veterans Day Celebration at the Moraga Commons Park on Monday, November 11 to celebrate those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The event was a success thanks to the dedicated service organizations who sponsored the event, including Moraga Boy Scout Troops 212, 234, 246, and 249, and Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts from Orinda Moraga Service Unit 327. Thank you to the veterans, officials, and community members who participated in the event.



STATE AUDITOR RATES MORAGA AT A LOW FINANCIAL RISK

The California State Auditor's Office recently unveiled a new study and launched an [Online Dashboard](#) revealing the fiscal health of 471 cities in the State. The Town of Moraga ranked 410 of the 471 cities statewide in overall risk, with the higher the number indicating the lower the risk. The study used data from each city's audited financial statements and ranked each city for fiscal distress based on ten financial indicators, such as a city's cash position and liquidity, revenue trends, general reserve balance, debt obligations, pension costs and funding. Moraga's fiscal conservancy has paid off and the Town is in a better financial situation than 87% of cities in California.

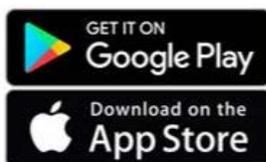


PLANNING COMMISSION - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Planning Commission will hold a [regular meeting](#) on Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Items will include consideration of a special exception for a proposed 6-foot fence in the front yard at 780 Country Club Drive; variance and design review for a residential addition project at 120 Merion Terrace; and renewal of a conditional use permit for an existing wireless communication facility on a PG&E tower located on Fayhill Road.



MOBILE MORAGA SO EASY TO USE!



Mobile Moraga is a fast and easy way to inform the Town of issues and items in need of attention. Use Mobile Moraga to relay maintenance issues, code compliance concerns, or general suggestions directly to Town staff. The Mobile Moraga work order system is available for FREE on your mobile devices or available via "Quick Links" on the Town's [website](#).



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON NOVEMBER 13

2019 ADDENDUM FOR THE STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN

Town Council accepted the [2019 Addendum to the Storm Drain Master Plan](#) which serves as a standalone document to reprioritize storm drain projects, update cost estimates, incorporate operations and maintenance (O&M) program needs, quantify needs to address high and moderate capital needs over the next ten years, and identify funding needs over the next ten years. The 2019 Addendum is meant to serve as a planning tool for the Town to identify \$540,000 in funding to implement a \$420,000 a year enhanced O&M program and a \$120,000 a year capital improvement program to complete nine capital improvement projects.

TOWN WEBSITE REDESIGN

Town Council received an update on the comprehensive municipal website redesign currently under development. Utilizing the CivicPlus technology platform, the Town anticipates a live launch of the updated website in May 2020. The comprehensive redesign will provide improved website functionality aimed at increasing transparency and improving information dissemination to the community.

COUNCIL REVIEW OF LEGAL FEES

The Council is taking proactive steps to improve its oversight of legal expenses and provide transparency to the public. They completed a performance evaluation of the Town Attorney that included a [comprehensive review](#) of legal expenditures over the last five years and a cost comparison of the Lamorinda cities. To better track legal expenses, the Council will be receiving quarterly reports from the Town Attorney as well as updates on any expenses that exceed \$5,000 a month. The Council further directed the Town Attorney to work with the Town Manager to align fees for special legal services with Orinda and Lafayette's rates.

CHASE BANK STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ANNEXATION

The developer for Chase Bank was required to install two public streetlights on Moraga Way at the northwest corner of Moraga Way and School Street as a Condition of Approval for the development. This public improvement requires the property be annexed into the Town's Street Lighting Assessment District so that the property owner will pay its fair share of the streetlight's operations and maintenance. Town Council approved initiating the annexation proceedings and the Engineer's Report, declared the intention to annex territory, and set a public hearing for January 8, 2020.

COUNCIL AFFIRMS THE ORDER TO ABATE VIOLATIONS AT 398 RHEEM BOULEVARD

On September 13, 2019, the Town issued a Notice and Order to Abate public nuisances at 398 Rheem Boulevard constituting of 1) the cavity in the ground situated near the landscaped median in the driveway and walkway near Center Street (Sinkhole); 2) a cavern underneath the surface of the Sinkhole that is larger than the Sinkhole itself (Unstable Ground); and 3) the failing stormwater pipe near and below the Sinkhole (Stormwater Pipe). On September 23, 2019, the property owner appealed the Notice and Order. On October 30, 2019, Town Council conducted a public hearing for the Appeal and voted unanimously to affirm the [Notice and Order](#) based on the evidence in the record.

NEW PUBLIC ART SCULPTURES



Town Council approved two new artwork loan agreements with artists Buddy Brodwin and Pierre Riche. The artists will be providing their artwork for the property known as the "Triangle" at the corner of Rheem Boulevard and Moraga Road.

Left: *The Garden Sees You* by Pierre Riche

Right: *Alu-Motion* by Buddy Brodwin





KIWANIS SEE'S CANDY SALES

The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley's See's Candy Holiday Shop will open for business on Friday, November 22. The Shop will be located in the Rheem Shopping Center and will feature all of See's major selections. It will be open daily (except Thanksgiving) through December 23, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. 100% of the profits are returned to the community through donations and grants. Buy See's candy and support Kiwanis' community giving!



NATIONAL AWARD FOR PAVEMENT PRESERVATION



The Town received the Federal Highway Administration James B. Sorenson National Award for Excellence in Pavement Preservation. Past recipients include state departments of transportation and large counties. While Moraga may not be a big agency with ample resources, the grassroots efforts to pass Measure K to fund local streets and roads has resulted in an award-winning program and more importantly, significantly improved streets.



CCC CLERK-RECORDER APPLICANT PROCESS

Contra Costa County is recruiting for the County Clerk-Recorder position per State law which provides for the Board of Supervisors to appoint an individual for the remainder of the recently retired Clerk-Recorder's term that will expire January 2, 2023. The minimum qualifications are that the person must be 18 years of age, a citizen of California, and a resident and registered voter of this County upon appointment. The Board has adopted a transparent process and opened the application period immediately. Following the close of the application period on December 16 at 5:00 pm, the Board will review all applications in open session on January 14, 2020 and select candidates to interview by the Board on January 21, 2020. The Board will appoint a finalist as Clerk-Recorder on February 4, 2020. Visit [Clerk-Recorder Application](#) to complete an application.



2020 CENSUS RECRUITING



Be a 2020 Census Taker and earn extra income while helping the community. This is your chance to play a part in history! Temporary census positions offer paid training with flexible hours. For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020. The U. S. Census Bureau is also seeking qualified office staff for the local area with excellent pay, flexible hours, paid training and temporary positions. Apply online today at [2020 Census Jobs](#).



HOLIDAY EVENTS WITH PARKS AND RECREATION

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING – Thursday, December 5

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5 at the Moraga Commons Park. Join the fun at 6:30 pm for cookies and cocoa, holiday music, and of course – Santa! The tree will be lit promptly at 7:00 pm.

HACIENDA HOLIDAY FAIRE – December 6, 7 and 8

The annual Hacienda Holiday Faire featuring one-of-a-kind, handcrafted gifts and gourmet foods will feature over 45 local artists! The [Holiday Faire](#) is open Friday, December 6 from 12 noon to 8:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores located at 2100 Donald Drive.



BUY-A-BULB FUNDRAISER

Help light the Holiday Tree in the Commons Park again this December! Support this old-fashioned family tradition of celebrating the holiday season. The community support received through the Buy-A-Bulb Fundraiser allows the Town to provide this wonderful event. Donate [online](#) or send a check made payable to the Town of Moraga, Attn: Buy-A-Bulb, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. The fundraising goal of \$6,000 ensures that this tradition continues in the Moraga community.



TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29. The Town offices and Hacienda will re-open on Monday, December 2.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, November 18, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers
Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
Monday, November 25, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Council Chambers
Wednesday, November 27 – [Town Council](#), **CANCELLED**
Monday, December 2 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
Wednesday, December 11, 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](#).

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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