



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



### PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019



Join us for the annual Pear and Wine Festival on Saturday, September 28, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Moraga Commons Park as the community celebrates Moraga's pear heritage. Get ready for a small-town experience with neighbors and friends as you explore community booths, dine on delectable fall treats, and explore local and pear wines. This family event will feature inflatable bounce houses, a petting zoo, and face painting for kids.

Enter your signature dish in the Pear Recipe Contest! Details are available on the [Parks and Recreation Department website](#).



### MCSP CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The third meeting of the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is scheduled for 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 19, at Saint Mary's College Rheem Campus at 380 Moraga Road. The MCSP CAC is assisting the Town in crafting the zoning and development standards to implement the MCSP adopted in 2010. At this third meeting, CAC members and the public will break into small groups to discuss land use and development standards, specifically as it relates to allocation, setbacks on scenic corridors, sidewalks, etc. The maximum development potential of the area was approved in 2010 along with the Environmental Impact Report that included mitigation measures. Amendment of the MCSP falls outside of the scope of this implementation project. The meeting agenda and materials can be found at the [MCSP CAC webpage](#). [MCSP-IP Frequently Asked Questions](#) are also available online.



### MORAGA WAY AND CANYON ROAD /CAMINO PABLO PROJECT UPDATE

Over the weekend of September 7 and 8, Ghilotti Construction Company placed approximately 7,000,000 lbs. of asphalt pavement and Moraga Way received its final pavement surface composed of rubberized asphalt. Pavement resurfacing occurred at Canyon Road/Camino Pablo and Moraga Road/Corliss Drive intersections. The next tasks include completing remaining asphalt pathway, curb/berms and placing the permanent traffic striping on Moraga Way over the next few weeks along with finishing safety improvements at Canyon Road/Camino Pablo intersection. The Town appreciates our residents' patience during this important safety work. For additional project schedule information and updates, visit [Moraga Way Safety](#) and [Facebook Measure K](#).



### MORAGA POLICE HOLDING TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Moraga Police will be hosting two Town Hall meetings, led by Chief Jon King, to discuss crime information and trends with residents, answer questions and discuss common issues. The meetings will be held on **Tuesday, September 17**, and **Thursday, October 17**, 7:00 pm, at the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School auditorium, located at 1010 Camino Pablo in Moraga. The format of both meetings will be the same. Two meetings were scheduled to provide an opportunity for more people to attend.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)**

The Council received a presentation on the GIS project that is now live on the Town's website. The GIS Mapping Tool provides the community valuable information on properties, flood zones, scenic corridors, etc. The [GIS Mapping Tool](#) can be found on the Town's home page under Quick Links.



### **TOWN COUNCIL PROTOCOLS**

The Council discussed and revised sections (Sections 1. Authority, Section 2. Role of Town Council, Section 3. Council Officers and Section 4. Council Appointments) of the proposed Town Council Protocols in order to accomplish Goal 8 of the 2019 Town Council and Community Goals to develop written guidelines for ad hoc committees and individual Town Councilmembers' roles, responsibilities and powers. A Special Town Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm to review the remaining sections of the proposed protocols.

### **TOWN MANAGER'S SPENDING LIMIT ORDINANCE**

The Council adopted an Ordinance to amend the Moraga Municipal Code, Section 3.04.30 - *Contract Authority of the Town Manager* to increase the Town Manager's purchasing limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This will reduce administrative time related to the procurement of relatively small purchase amounts; facilitate implementation of Council goals and directions; and eliminate the delay in the procurement of goods and services. The increased limit of \$25,000 is consistent with similar authorization limits of city managers throughout Contra Costa County.

### **COMMERCIAL ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS ORDINANCE**

The Council adopted an Ordinance to amend several sections of the Town's Zoning Code to simplify the process for new commercial businesses attempting to locate in Moraga. The amendments simplify the land use approval process for business owners wanting to locate in the Town's Community Commercial and Limited Commercial Districts which comprise all of the commercial areas in and around the Moraga Center and the Rheem Valley Shopping Center as well as the shopping center where 24 Hour Fitness and Saint Mary's College satellite campus are located.

### **CATTLE GRAZING ON MULHOLLAND RIDGE OPEN SPACE**

The Council considered and approved extending the existing Cattle Grazing Agreement with John Hoover for an additional five years. The extension to the Right of Entry and License Agreement reduces fire fuels and mitigates fire hazards on Mulholland Ridge Open Space Preserve and generates additional revenue for the Town.



## KEEP YOUR RECYCLABLES EMPTY, CLEAN AND DRY!

RecycleSmart is asking for your help. Even though recycling goes through a complex process to sort and separate out all non-recyclables and contamination, inevitably some non-recyclables slip through. It is not possible to meet the strict quality requirements in this new era of recycling without everyone's help. Topmost things everyone can do to reduce contamination in the blue recycling cart:



- Place recyclables loose in the blue cart (do not bag).
- Keep paper clean and containers empty, clean and as dry as possible.
- Wipe food residue out of glass and plastic recyclable containers with a paper towel then put the paper towel in green cart for composting and the clean/dry containers in blue cart for recycling.
- Toss food-soiled paper (like napkins and paper food boxes) into the green cart for composting.
- Bundle clean and dry plastic bags inside a larger plastic bag.

And most of all...NO garbage in the blue cart! Visit [RecycleSmart](#) for more information.



## ART PARTY FOR PRESCHOOLERS

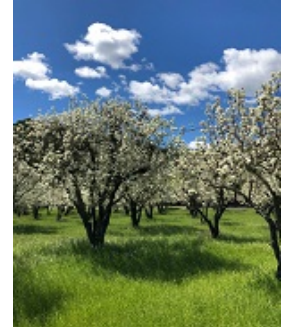


Art Party is a special experience designed for kids two to five years of age! Each class is carefully crafted around a special theme providing young children the opportunity to explore and create age-appropriate arts and craft masterpieces. The first class “On the Farm” is scheduled for Thursday, September 19, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hacienda de las Flores. [Pre-registration](#) is required. Cost is \$5 per class.



## PEAR ORCHARD TREE PRUNING - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Volunteers are needed to remove fire blight damaged branches from the 106-year old pear orchard adjacent to Joaquin Moraga School in Moraga (corner of Camino Pablo and Canyon). The infection remains an ongoing threat to this historic orchard, which is a source of great local pride. This annual event is sponsored by the Moraga School District (land owner). Each year the Moraga Park Foundation harvests the pears for the Contra Costa Food Bank, supplying much-needed fresh produce for the hungry. Volunteers will be pruning Saturday, October 5, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and should bring gloves, loppers, hand pruners, pole pruners and orchard ladders. For more information, email [Bobbie Preston](#) or call at 925-376-8474.



## 2019 SURFACE SEAL PAVING PROJECT UPDATE

The Town’s contractor, VSS completed the resurfacing of 28 streets this summer and when combined with the Moraga Way project, amounted to resurfacing 10% of the street network. Starting next week, the contractor is scheduled to return to Moraga to work on punch list items prior to placing the permanent traffic striping. There may be additional lane and partial street closures necessary for the contractor to complete this work. Signs for parking restrictions and street closures will be posted 72 hours in advance as necessary. For any questions, please email [Sharon Chan](#), Assistant Engineer, or call at 925-888-7028.



## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM?

Fall in the Bay Area brings an increased risk of wildland fires, one of which could threaten Moraga. In an emergency, both Police and Fire agencies will primarily be using the Community Warning System to notify people of the need to evacuate or take other action. These notifications may not reach you if you have not registered your information with the Community Warning System. Please take a few minutes to register at [CWS Alerts](#). Please contact the Moraga Police at 925-888-7055 with any questions or concerns.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Monday, September 16 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Thursday, September 19, 6:30 pm – [MCSP Citizens Advisory Committee](#), Saint Mary’s College, Rheem Campus, 380 Moraga Road
- Tuesday, September 24, 6:00 pm – [Special Town Council](#), Council Chambers
- Wednesday, September 25, 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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