



ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 12, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



SINKHOLE AT 398 RHEEM BOULEVARD

On Saturday, April 6, the depression on private property off of Center Street near Rheem Boulevard became a sinkhole. Although the sinkhole is not in the public right-of-way, the Town is concerned about potential impacts to the Town's storm drain system. The Town obtained permission from the property owner to conduct a video inspection of the culvert. Results from the inspection indicate that immediate repair is necessary in order to prevent a collapse. The Town is in discussions with the two property owners on how they intend to resolve the situation.



SPRING EGG HUNT - SATURDAY, APRIL 13



Hop on over to the Moraga Commons Park for the annual Spring Egg Hunt! Children eight and under can participate in an old-fashioned egg hunt, play games, and enjoy face painting, crafts, and bounce houses. Each child should bring a basket for collecting eggs, and parents are encouraged to arrive with camera in hand for photo opportunities with the Bunny. Admission to the event includes participation in an egg hunt. Tickets must be purchased in advance at [Moraga Juniors](#).



UPDATE ON LOS ENCINOS SUBDIVISION

On April 8, 2019, the Planning Commission considered an application seeking amendments to the vesting tentative map and hillside development permit conditions of approval, revisions to grading design, design review for ten homes and consideration of design guideline exceptions for the ten-lot Los Encinos subdivision which is located east of the intersection of Baitx Drive and Ketelsen Drive. After hearing testimony from the project applicant and neighbors, the Planning Commission directed the applicant to work with the neighbors and make revisions to the project and continued the item to the May 6 Planning Commission meeting.



LAMORINDA TRAILS CHALLENGE



Hit the Trails! The Lamorinda Trails Challenge invites everyone to explore local trails and do something good for your body and mind. The Trails Challenge is free, designed for all fitness levels and ages, and is a self-guided program to complete on your own schedule. Join friends and neighbors for this exciting challenge scheduled to run May 1 to October 31, 2019. The Trails Challenge Guidebook is available on the Parks and Recreation Department [website](#).



AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the April 9 meeting, the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) elected Bob Kennedy as the Interim Town Treasurer. The AFC also appointed members Tim Freeman and Phil Arth to perform a financial review of the Town's non-personnel operating expenses to identify potential cost savings. This task, requested by the Council, is to address the Town Council 2019 Goal of maintaining and improving fiscal discipline. The AFC will report back to Council once the financial review is completed.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 10, 2019

JOHN MUIR LAND TRUST AND PAINTED ROCK PROPERTY

Town Council considered the John Muir Land Trust's (JMLT's) proposed purchase of the Painted Rock property. See [staff report](#). The Council expressed their appreciation to JMLT for their efforts to purchase Painted Rock and agreed that preserving it as open space would be exceptional for the Town and is consistent with the Town's values as reflected in the General Plan. However, on a split vote, they did not approve a donation as they believe that at this moment the Town's fiscal situation requires austerity, not philanthropy, due to the Town's significant infrastructure needs.

SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES ORDINANCES

The Town Council adopted an urgency ordinance amending various sections of Moraga Municipal Code Chapter 8.144 to add general development standards, procedures and aesthetic criteria for [small cell wireless facilities](#). This action was mandated by the recently-enacted Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order, referred to as the "Carr Order." The Carr Order strips local jurisdictions of almost all of their ability to regulate the placement of small cell wireless facilities within the public right-of-way. The new procedures, standards and aesthetic criteria were designed to regulate small cell sites in a manner that adheres to the limitations of the Carr Order while still protecting the aesthetic character of the Town to the extent allowed. The revisions to the zoning ordinances were made under protest and solely for the purpose of complying with the express and overly burdensome mandates of the Carr Order.

UPDATE ON STORM DRAINS O&M PROGRAM

The Fiscal Year 2018/19 budget included \$170,000 to fund the start-up of a storm drain [Operations and Maintenance \(O&M\) Program](#). Staff provided an update on the implementation of the O&M Program and requested direction to proceed with the selection of an asset management software system. Town Council concurred with the staff recommendation to proceed using ESRI Solutions (asset management system) for the Town's storm drain infrastructure.

JOINT MORAGA-LAFAYETTE 2019 PAVEMENT SURFACE SEAL PROJECT

The Town and Lafayette are planning to prepare two separate surface seal projects this year with construction cost estimates of \$1,400,000 and \$500,000, respectively. Rather than individually going out to bid, the projects are being combined to achieve cost savings. The 2019 [joint surface seal project](#) work is scheduled to be completed this summer. The list of approximately 37 street segments totaling approximately 4.5 miles to receive either a rubberized cape seal or microsurfacing treatment will be posted on the Town's website next month. SB1, the Road Recovery and Repair Act, requires the Town adopt a list of projects to be funded with the Fiscal Year 2019/20 allocation of \$281,229. The Town selected Hardie Drive (Idlewood Court to Fieldbrook Place) from its list of proposed street segments to be funded primarily from SB1 revenue.

BELLA VISTA STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

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 and annex the subdivision 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 held a public hearing, tabulated ballots and ordered the Bella Vista territory be annexed to the Town Street Lighting Assessment District.

PROCLAMATION FOR CAMPOLINDO BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM



Town Council proclaimed April 10, 2019 as "2018-2019 Campolindo Boys Varsity Basketball Team Day" in the Town of Moraga, in honor of the Team's Division II State Championship victory and outstanding accomplishments. The Campolindo Cougars finished the past season with a 27-7 record and ranked No. 15 in the entire State of California (all divisions). The reigning State Championship winning Campolindo Boys Basketball Team is led by several underclassmen, so future seasons should be exciting! Go Cougars!



AUTO BURGLARIES

Recently, the Town has experienced an increase in auto burglaries. In all of the recent cases, the vehicle was left unlocked with valuables inside. Please help Moraga Police (MPD) prevent these crimes by locking vehicles, removing valuables or storing them in the trunk BEFORE parking (so someone does not watch you hide them) and reporting suspicious persons by calling Dispatch at 925-284-5010. Contact MPD with any questions or concerns at 925-888-7055.



PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

At the Planning Commission meeting on April 8, the Commissioners selected David Stromberg to serve as Chair and Brenda Luster to serve as Vice Chair for the next year. The Planning Commission also appointed Chairperson David Stromberg and Commissioner Suzanne D'Arcy to represent the Planning Commission on the Moraga Center Specific Plan Citizens Advisory Committee.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR EVENT - SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Join the community to honor Fred Weil on his selection as the 2019 Moraga Citizen of the Year for his outstanding and long-serving community service. Fred will be honored at the Citizen of the Year celebration dinner on Saturday, April 27, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Saint Mary's College, Soda Center. Tickets are available through the Moraga Chamber of Commerce [website](#).



LAMORINDA BUSINESSES JOB FAIR - MONDAY, APRIL 29

The Moraga Country Club has generously opened its doors to host a no-charge Job Fair on Monday, April 29, from 12 noon to 6:00 pm. Tables, chairs and light refreshments will be provided. Retailers, restaurants and office-based businesses (both full- and part-time) are encouraged to participate. To reserve a table, contact Kathe Nelson at the Moraga Chamber of Commerce at 925-323-6524 by Friday, April 26.



MORAGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD OPENING



The Moraga Community Foundation (MCF) is seeking applicants for a Board position opening in June. MCF has been working with the community since 2015 to build a vibrant future for Moraga including projects such as raising funds for the Town's security camera initiative and the re-opening of the Rheem Theatre. For more information visit [Moraga Community Foundation](#). Email a letter of interest to MCF Director [Bob Fritzky](#) by Sunday, May 5.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

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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