



## ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 26, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### WELCOME NEW ASSISTANT ENGINEER, SHARON CHAN



Sharon Chan has joined the Public Works team to fill the Assistant Engineer position that has been vacant since June 2018. She recently worked for BKF Engineers as a Project Engineer and has been working for the Town as a part-time contract engineer since November 2018. Sharon has worked for the Cities of Mill Valley and Fairfield and has experience in capital improvement and private land development projects. Sharon has a degree in civil engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and looks forward to working with the community.



### UPDATE ON SINKHOLE AT 398 RHEEM BOULEVARD

On April 19, the Shopping Center property owner inspected the 96-inch Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) storm drain culvert and discovered that a 20-foot section of CMP under the sinkhole was offset which was allowing water, dirt and sediment to flow into the pipe from above. On April 22, the property owners shored up the damaged CMP to prevent it from collapsing and potentially causing failure of the entire 500-feet of CMP. The Town has been clear that the property owners are responsible for repairs to the storm drain pipes on their property. However, given the Town's knowledge of the storm drain system, the serious health and safety issues which need to be addressed, and the impact that the repair could have on upstream sections of the storm drain, a Special Town Council meeting was held on April 24 to appropriate \$80,000 from the General Fund Reserve to the Storm Drain Maintenance operating budget to provide initial technical support necessary to protect improvements to the Town's storm drain infrastructure.



### LIBRARY HVAC REPAIRED!

The HVAC system at the Moraga Library is now functioning following three months without heat or air conditioning. In February, the Town Council approved funding to replace the existing boiler at the Moraga Library which was identified as the cause of the system malfunction. The cost of the boiler replacement totaled \$26,496.



### MOBILE MORAGA TO LAUNCH SOON



Town Services will soon be at your fingertips! Mobile Moraga, the Town's mobile "see-fix-click" application, is scheduled to launch at the end of April. The free app will be available for download in the App Store and on Google Play. The *Report an Issue* function will allow citizens to report non-emergency concerns to the Town. The app will also feature Town News, social media and Livestream feeds and a comprehensive listing of Town and community information.



### FY 2019/20 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGETS

Following the mid-year budget review and the development of the Town goals and priorities in January, the Town Council and staff began the process of developing the operating and capital budgets for FY 2019/20. The process typically starts in late December when individual departments analyze their needs and priorities. They are now submitting their budget proposals to the Town Manager. The proposed budget is scheduled to be released in May to the Audit and Finance Committee for review and then presented to the Town Council at the Council meeting on June 12.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS on APRIL 24, 2019

### **COUNCIL APPRECIATION OF PAST COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



The Town Council honored the Town's former Treasurer Bradley Ward for his six years of service, along with Bob Foxall, Kevin Gregory, and Grant Tormey who served on the Design Review Board, and Bill Carman who served on the Park and Recreation Commission. Unable to attend were Lena Cooper (Park and Rec), Susan Sperry (Art in Public Spaces) and Clyde Wilson (DRB). The success of the Town is largely due to those who dedicate their time and energy toward making Moraga a better place to live, work and play. Thank you to all who volunteer.

### **EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION ESTABLISHED**

The Town Council voted to approve the negotiated labor contracts of the Department Directors, Mid-Managers, Moraga Employees Association and the Moraga Police Officers Association. The new contracts will run three years, effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, for all employees. The contracts are aligned with the Town goals of fiscal prudence and sustainability and the attraction and retention of qualified, productive staff. Included in the agreements are annual cost-of-living increases. The agreements, including CalPERS, health, insurance and other benefits, are projected to result in a fiscal impact of \$136,500 in FY 2019/20.

### **CANYON ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE AND AMEND NV5 CONTRACT**



On April 5, 2019, Caltrans Highway Bridge Program approved the Town's request to reprogram the project's construction funding to Federal Fiscal Year 2018/19, enabling the Town to begin construction in spring 2020. The Town Council received an update including an overview of the original replacement bridge project; the temporary bridge project necessitated by a landslide in 2017 on EBMUD's nearby property; how risk management has been handled throughout the process; the revised bridge project and updated cost estimates. Information was presented on the costs of keeping the temporary bridge. The estimated \$2.7 million cost to either purchase or lease a temporary bridge with a 20-year lifespan was not justifiable given the \$750,000 cost to the Town for the \$9.7 million permanent replacement bridge with a 100-year lifespan. The Town Council amended Nolte Vertical 5's (NV5) bridge design contract so that bid documents can be finalized. The [staff report](#) and [presentation](#) provides a detailed project update.

### **SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES ORDINANCE**

The Town Council voted unanimously to waive the second reading and adopt an [ordinance](#) amending Moraga Municipal Code Chapter 8.144 establishing development standards, procedures, and aesthetic criteria for the development of small cell wireless facilities within public rights-of-way in the Town, in compliance with the recent Carr Order issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

### **APPOINTMENT OF TOWN TREASURER**

The Town Council voted unanimously to confirm the Audit and Finance Committee's (AFC) selection of Robert Kennedy as Town Treasurer for a term of two years. Robert Kennedy is an original member of the AFC and previously served in this capacity from 2006 to 2009 and again from 2011 to 2013.

### **PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING THE 2020 CENSUS**

Town Council presented a proclamation "*Recognizing the Importance of the 2020 U.S. Census*" to Dom Pruet, from Supervisor Andersen's office. This recognizes that a complete and accurate count of California's population is essential for California to receive a fair share of federal funding. The 2020 census, for the first time, will rely heavily on online responses.



## TWO ENGINEERING POSITIONS NOW OPEN

**Associate Civil Engineer:** The position will focus mainly on land development projects but offers a unique opportunity to work on a diverse array of other assignments, including Town capital projects, transportation planning and traffic engineering, and construction and maintenance of public infrastructure. The ideal candidate will also have extensive work experience and knowledge in asset management of storm drain systems using GIS. The Associate Civil Engineer position will provide essential input to the small but dedicated staff team in a community-focused organization that values initiative, energy, and a willingness to work across disciplines and departments to ensure quality service and development that respects and enhances Moraga’s unique community, conditions, and character. Apply now at [CalOpps/Assoc Civil Engineer](#).

**Engineering Intern:** The position performs a wide variety of tasks in the field and/or office, with extensive focus on importing plans into digital format. The successful candidate must possess the knowledge of basic research; analysis and statistical methods; have the ability to effectively work with others; and utilize the Microsoft software suite proficiently. Experience with ArcGIS and AutoCAD are highly desirable. The ability to lift and manually transport field survey and inspection equipment and work in a variety of weather conditions is also required. The Engineering Intern will assist with reviewing, adding, and updating information on the Town’s Geographic Information System (GIS) as it relates to the storm drain system, including storm drain easement research and inventory and gathering storm drain infrastructure data in the field. Apply now at [CalOpps/Engineering Intern](#).



## MORAGA LIBRARY BOOK SALE - SATURDAY, APRIL 27



The Friends of the Moraga Library *Spring Book Sale* will be held Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Moraga Library (1500 St. Mary’s Road). Books for children, teens and adults are available for as little as \$0.50. The \$5 bag sale starts at 1:00 pm. Proceeds from the sale support Library collections and programs.



## BIKE TO WORK DAY - THURSDAY, MAY 9

Join thousands of others in the Bay Area for the 25th annual Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 9. Staff will host an energizer station on the corner of Moraga and St. Mary’s Roads. There will be “energizer stations” throughout the Bay Area open during morning commute hours (visit [BikeEastBay.org](#) to find your station) with drinks and snacks to power your ride and giveaways for participants.



## COMMUNITY FAIRE AND CAR SHOW - SATURDAY, MAY 11



The 2019 Moraga Community Faire and Car Show will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Rheem Valley Shopping Center - offering a wonderful opportunity for a day of family fun! \$5 unlimited Kid’s Zone activities include pony rides, bounce house and mazes, Bot Bash Party and Bay Area Ball Players. Food trucks, live music, wine and beer, over 70 classic cars and booths to meet local artists, business and organizations. For more information, visit [Moraga Chamber](#).



## 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 are invited to hold garage sales at their homes, join with neighbors for block sales, or get together with their community group to hold a group sale. Register your sale for free at [MoragaGarageSale.com](#)! The Town will provide marketing for the event and the sellers keep the cash!





## SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM

During a disaster, such as a fire or earthquake, it is important to communicate accurate and prompt safety information to everyone. 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, May 6, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, May 8, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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

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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