



# ABOUT TOWN - DECEMBER 12, 2019

## UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### HOW SHOULD THE TOWN SPEND YOUR MONEY?

Please take a moment to learn about the results of the three unfunded needs studies and provide input regarding your priorities. The studies were performed because the Town has insufficient funds to pay for needed infrastructure investment and projected increases in pension liability. The Town would like to know what the residents think the Town should fund. FAQs on the unfunded needs assessments and a survey can be found on the Town's [website](#).

NOTE: If opening the fillable form on your mobile phone you may need to download one of several apps available online to carry out this operation.



### THANK YOU MAYOR WYKLE



Outgoing Mayor Roger Wykle gave a [2019 Year in Review](#) presentation. It was a productive year and he highlighted many of the Town's accomplishments, including: improved fiscal discipline; identification of the Town's infrastructure shortfalls; progress on implementation of the Moraga Center Specific Plan and the Town's Climate Action Plan; and revitalization efforts at the Hacienda de las Flores. Roger was recognized and thanked by fellow Councilmembers, Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen and Don Tatzin representing Senator Steve Glazer for his years of service and innumerable contributions to the Town of Moraga.



### MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT TOYS FOR TOTS



Join the Moraga Police Officers Association on Friday, December 13, at 6:00 pm for its annual Toys for Tots reception at the Hacienda de las Flores. Drop off an unwrapped toy and enjoy a beverage and hors d'oeuvres with other community members. Toys are being collected for the U.S. Marine Corps' toy drive to benefit kids in need throughout the East Bay. Toys can also be dropped off at the Moraga Police Department before Sunday, December 22.



### VOLUNTEER NOW FOR TOWN COMMITTEES

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of its Committees and Commissions. In 2020, there will be openings on the **Art in Public Spaces Committee** (1 opening), **Audit and Finance Committee** (2 openings), **Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee** (3 openings), **Park and Recreation Commission** (3 openings), **Planning Commission** (3 openings) and **Library Commission** (1 opening). If interested, please visit the Moraga [website](#) article "Volunteer Now for Town Committees" to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#) by 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 23, 2020.



### SELF-SERVICE SANDBAGS

Self-service sand bags are available at no charge at the Commons Park parking lot, 1425 St. Mary's Road. Sand, bags, and a shovel are provided for Moraga residents. Please take only what you need and fill bags one-third full for recommended stacking.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON DECEMBER 11, 2019

### **COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR**

At the December 11 meeting, the Town Council conducted their annual reorganization. The Council elected Kymberleigh Korpus Mayor for 2020 and Mike McCluer Vice Mayor.

### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MORAGA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

The Council honored the Moraga Police Department (MPD) with a proclamation acknowledging the 40th anniversary of the Police Department. Moraga originally contracted for law enforcement services with the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff and created the MPD on December 17, 1979. Since then, MPD has provided the Town with a high level of customer and law enforcement services. Congratulations to MPD and its officers for their hard work and dedication to Moraga.

### **AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/19**

The Town Council reviewed and filed the annual independent audit report of the Town's financial statements. The Town's independent auditors, Maze & Associates, conducted their audit in accordance with the auditing standards and rendered an unmodified ("clean") opinion. The Town's General Fund-General Purpose Unassigned Fund Balance of \$4.53 million is \$170,000 higher when compared to the \$4.36 million of the adopted budget due to receipts of grant reimbursements for various capital projects and expenditures falling below the budgeted amounts.

### **CANYON ROAD BRIDGE UPDATE**



The Town Council approved a Construction Management contract with Harris & Associates for the Canyon Road Bridge. Federal grant funding requires that the Town now submit the Construction Management Contract to Caltrans for their approval. View the [staff report](#) for a detailed project update. At the same meeting, the Council approved a tree removal contract with Julian Tree Care to remove approximately 30 trees along Canyon Road on the eastern banks of the Moraga Creek prior to the start of bridge construction in the spring of 2020.

### **CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE FOR 2019**

The Town Council introduced and waived the first reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2019 California Building Standards Code (CBSC), with enhancements to some building requirements to address local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. The California Building Standards Commission adopted the 2019 CBSC, replacing the 2016 CBSC, as the new minimum required standards for building construction in California. The Town's modifications substantially correspond with those adopted by Contra Costa County, which issues building permits and conducts building inspections for the Town.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

Town Council authorized the Town Manager to execute a grant agreement with Contra Costa County for \$79,375 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The grant funding awarded will be used for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) site improvements at the Hacienda de las Flores including the installation of a new ADA restroom, and ADA improvements to a portion of the pathway from the parking lot to the building.



## BUY-A-BULB FUNDRAISER

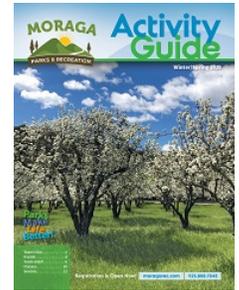
The Holiday Tree at Moraga Commons Park is lit to signify and celebrate the holiday season. Thank you to the community members who participated in the annual tree lighting ceremony on December 5. Please support this time-honored tradition and help us reach our \$6,000 goal. Donations can be made to the Buy-A-Bulb fundraiser [online](#) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department. Donations can also be made via check to the "Town of Moraga" and mailed to: Buy-A-Bulb Fundraiser, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga CA 94556.





## WINTER / SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Parks and Recreation Department has released the Winter/Spring Activity Guide. Check out the latest edition to see what Moraga Rec has in store for 2020. Registration for classes and events is now open! Register at [Moraga Rec](#) and reserve your spot today. Popular classes and events fill up quickly, so don't miss out! Registration for the Teddy Bear Tea, Preschool Art Party, and Winter/Spring Town After School Enrichment Program are now open. Check out the back cover for a sneak-peak at summer camp activities. Summer 2020 will feature Moraga Day Camp and a return of Camp Connect. Summer registration will open April 1, 2020.



## SHOP MORAGA FIRST FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Local holiday shopping helps Moraga businesses and the Town (sales tax dollars spent in Moraga stay in Moraga!) Don't miss the following:

- Visit the free "Photo with Santa" at 5A Rent A Space, 455 Moraga Road on Saturday, December 14, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Don't miss Santa's Free Wrapping Room (also at 5A Rent A Space) now through December 24, open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- The Rheem Theatre re-opens December 19 with *Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker*. Get your reserved seat online.
- The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley's See's Candy Holiday Shop is located in the Rheem Shopping Center. It is open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily through December 23. 100% of the profits are returned to the community through donations and grants.



## WELCOME WILLIAM CHONG, ACCOUNTANT



William Chong recently joined the Administrative Services Department as the Town Accountant. William is a CPA with more than twenty years of audit and accounting experience in financial and public services. William has held various management positions in banks and investment companies before switching to public services. Prior to joining Moraga, William worked for the Mt. Diablo Unified School District as the District Financial Accountant. William lives in Danville with his wife and two children. Please welcome him to Moraga!



## 2020 CENSUS HIRING EVENT - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18



Attend the 2020 Census Job Fair on Wednesday, December 18 from noon to 3:00 pm at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Learn how to earn additional income (\$20 to \$27.50 per hour) and help the Moraga community. There is paid training, weekly paychecks and flexible hours. Working with the 2020 Census is a job that can fit in with existing commitments. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that the Town of Moraga is running behind the hiring goals and they need more applicants to assist with the 2020 Census in the Town of Moraga. Apply online at [2020 Census Jobs](#).



## MAINTAIN YOUR DRAINS

The Town's maintenance crews have removed accumulated debris, such as fallen leaves, branches, and sediment, from all publicly maintained storm drain inlets to minimize localized flooding. Private property owners are responsible for maintaining the sections of creeks, channels, v-ditches and storm drain pipes on their property to prevent flooding.



## ENJOY A CLOG-FREE HOLIDAY

With the holidays upon us, Central San reminds residents to help protect your sewer pipes and the environment by disposing of food waste properly. To prevent clogged pipes and sewage overflows from ruining your holidays: 1) Keep all fats, oils, grease, and fatty foods out of the sink drain and garbage disposal; and 2) To dispose of fats, oils, and grease, pour them into a disposable container such as a milk carton or lidded coffee can. Freeze to solidify or mix in an absorbent material, then put it in the trash.



## HOLIDAY CLOSURE OF TOWN OFFICES

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, January 1 for the winter holidays, reopening on Thursday, January 2, 2020.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, December 16, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 17 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#) **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, December 25 – [Town Council](#) **CANCELLED**

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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