



## ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 29, 2021

### UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



#### I LOVE MORAGA!



We love Moraga so much that Moraga community members of all ages are invited to send a love letter to celebrate the people, places, and things in this community that they are crazy about. We encourage you to get creative - write a poem, a letter, draw or paint a picture, share a photograph, tell a story. [Entry details](#) are available on the Town's website, and submissions must be received by the Parks and Recreation Department at 2100 Donald Drive, or via [email](#) by Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:00 pm.



#### MORAGA FOR MONARCHS

The Moraga Garden Club has partnered with the Town of Moraga to develop a plan that establishes a Monarch and pollinator habitat garden. The [Moraga for Monarchs](#) project combines a beautification effort with important ecological and educational benefits. The proposed habitat will be located at Rancho Laguna Park. Fundraising efforts are underway by the Moraga Garden Club to achieve the \$30,000 fundraising goal. Information on how to donate or become involved with the project is available by emailing the [Moraga Garden Club](#).



#### FASTER DRIVING IS NOT SAFER DRIVING

School closures and people working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in fewer cars on the roads. Moraga Police are seeing faster speeds being driven in Town, as well as other hazardous driving behaviors. Wet weather can increase the danger of this type of driving. Please reduce your speeds, put your phone away and pay attention to the road. The life you save may be your own!



#### WELCOME HUSSAIN ARYA, ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN AND INSPECTOR



Hussain Arya recently joined Moraga as the new Engineering Technician and Inspector. He has a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and has been involved in the construction of large infrastructure and development projects over the past 18 years. He and his family moved to the United States three years ago from Afghanistan. Previously, he worked for the United States Army Corps of Engineers for nearly ten years on construction projects in Afghanistan. He is excited to be working with the Moraga community.



#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT

The Planning Department has an open recruitment for a part-time Senior Administrative Assistant. If interested, please go to [CalOpps.org](#) for details on the position and to complete an application.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 27, 2021

### **COUNCIL USE OF FORMAL TITLES**

Town Council agreed to refer to each other and staff by formal titles to bring a level of professionalism to the meetings and show respect for the positions that Councilmembers and staff hold.

### **TOWN COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2021 - PART 1**

Town Council discussed Mayor McCluer's proposed goals and the goals proposed by other Councilmembers. The 19 goals on the table were reduced to 13 which are scheduled to be brought to the February 10, 2021 Council meeting for further discussion and refinement.

### **STORM DRAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT DESIGN**

Town Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution awarding an engineering design agreement to WRECO (Walnut Creek) for the 2021 Storm Drain Rehabilitation project that focuses on the repair of three existing corrugated steel storm drainpipes: 1) a pipe culvert under Moraga Road; 2) a pipe under the upper parking lot at the Town-owned Hacienda de las Flores property; and 3) another pipe running through the Hacienda property. This storm drain rehabilitation project is not part of the separate Laguna Creek Restoration project. It is anticipated that design work will be completed at the end of 2021 and construction will start in late 2021 or early 2022.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DAY AND TIME CHANGE**

The Town Council voted unanimously to change the day and time of Planning Commission meetings. Effective March 2, 2021, the Planning Commission will meet the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 6:30 pm. The change in day and time will allow staff, the Planning Commission, and the public more time to review complex projects prior to meetings.

### **LOCAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE'S INDEPENDENT REPORT**

The Town Council received a report from the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee (LSTOC) on their review of the revenue and expenditures of the Measure K Local Sales Tax. This review affirmed the use of the funds consistent with goals and objectives of Measure K, specifically the funding of the Town's Pavement Management Program. The LSTOC's independent report was originally scheduled for presentation by Audit and Finance Committee Chair Larry Rosenberg on May 13, 2020 but due to an overcrowded agenda, followed by scheduling changes to the Town Council meetings brought on by the impacts of COVID-19, this report was delayed.



## MOFD COMMUNITY MEETING - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

A reminder that Moraga-Orinda Fire District staff is hosting a community meeting to explain the draft [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) (CWPP) and gather community input. All interested members of the community are encouraged to attend the [virtual meeting](#) which will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, February 1 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, February 2, 5:00 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#) – TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, February 3, 6:00 pm – [Geologic Hazard Abatement District](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

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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