



ABOUT TOWN - FEBRUARY 26, 2021 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



COYOTES IN MORAGA



The Moraga Police Department continues to assist the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) as well as USDA Wildlife Services in their daily operations to catch the coyote responsible for the series of bites. DFW is the lead agency and USDA Wildlife Services are experienced experts in this field. DFW and USDA conducted a detailed survey of the terrain and implemented an extensive operation to catch the offending animal. Please contact Dispatch at 925-284-5010 to report coyote sightings and continue to follow precautions found at [Keep-Me-Wild/Coyote](#).



TOWN COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

On February 17, the Council interviewed and appointed applicants for the Town's Commissions and Committees as follows: Suzanne D'Arcy and Grant Rusk to the Art in Public Spaces Committee; Town Treasurer Bob Kennedy and Stephen Huxley to the Audit and Finance Committee; Laszlo Bonnyay, Bill Faoro, Nate Levine and Ursula Schilling to the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee; Tara Crain, Christopher Kolm, Christina Pelchat and Lauren Stone to the Park and Recreation Commission; and Marcus Bode, Karl Davis, Kerry Hillis and Brenda Luster to the Planning Commission. The Town appreciates and thanks all the volunteers.



PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

The next Planning Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 pm and the agenda includes: a request for an extension of the duration for Bay Area Ballplayers temporary outdoor sports training facility; design review of the proposed six-foot tall fence around the Lamorinda Skatepark; the annual General Plan and Housing Element Implementation report; selection of a Commission member for the Art in Public Spaces Committee; and a Public Works Department update on the Laguna Creek Restoration project. The regularly scheduled March 16 meeting has been cancelled and staff has tentatively scheduled a special meeting on March 23 to discuss the Camino Pablo Annexation.



SUMMER RECREATION JOBS AVAILABLE

Are you ready for the best summer job ever? The Parks and Recreation Department is now hiring for part-time summer camp positions. The Recreation Leader I/II positions operate the Town's day camp program which offer youth daily activities including arts, crafts, games, songs, and special events. Join our team and help children ages 5.5 to 11 to make memories that will last a lifetime. Apply online through [CalOpps](#).



“NOT IN OUR TOWN” COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - TUESDAY, MARCH 2

Join a Zoom virtual *Not In Our Town* community workshop on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 pm to develop a mission statement that sets the tone in the Town of Moraga, aligns all community members around a common goal, and captures why Moraga is unique. Click [Zoom Meeting Registration](#) to register in advance (registration is not mandatory).



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 24, 2021

2021 GOALS – ENHANCE COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY

The Town Council adopted the [Moraga Town Council and Community 2021 Goals and Priorities](#) which include the following 13 goals: fiscal sustainability; traffic safety; diversity and inclusion throughout the Town; identification of funding for and creation of an action plan for the 6th Cycle Housing Element; rezoning of the Bollinger Valley Special Study Area; quality public safety; review of the three-step planned development process; implementation of Moraga's Climate Action plan; construction of the Canyon Road bridge; implementation of the 2021 Pavement Management Program; refinement of the Storm Drain Operations and Maintenance Program; maintenance of parks, open space and facilities; and improvement of Moraga's business climate.

LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO SB 9 (INCREASING SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DENSITIES)

Town Council approved a letter to State Senators opposing Senate Bill 9, a proposed bill that would require local governments to ministerially approve a housing development containing two residential units in single-family residential zones and urban lot splits. Moraga's specific concerns with the proposed legislation are: 1) health and safety concerns with increasing development in high fire severity zones and wildland urban interface areas; 2) the inability of residents to safely evacuate during an emergency given that one-fourth of the City of Orinda is in a very high fire severity zone; 3) the inability to focus growth in appropriate areas given regional traffic challenges; and 4) lack of due public process.

TIME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS ORDINANCE

The Council voted unanimously to introduce an Ordinance amending the start time of Town Council meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm. If approved at the March 10 meeting, the change will become effective beginning with the April 14 meeting.

LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AGREEMENT AND ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE

The Town's Lighting Assessment District constructs, maintains and services existing and future public lighting facilities, including traffic signals and street lights. To maintain and continue the assessment district, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process. The Council initiated the first step of this process by ordering engineering assistance to prepare and file the required street lighting assessment district annual engineer's report to levy and collect assessments for FY 2021/22.

MORAGA COMMONS PARK IRRIGATION PROJECT

The Town Council awarded a landscape architectural design contract to GATES+Associates to design the replacement irrigation system at the Moraga Commons Park. The development of the park began in 1986 and expanding of the irrigation system has continued as needed. The system is now showing its age with frequent water breaks and leaks, and it no longer distributes water properly nor meets current standards. By replacing the antiquated irrigation system, the Town seeks to improve irrigation efficiency, conserve water, save money and meet future park needs.

TOWN COUNCIL PROTOCOLS

Town Council discussed possible revisions to the [Protocols](#) to clarify the use of Town Council titles for non-Town business and recommended no changes to Section 10.2 Communications with the Public.



LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Town of Moraga hosted a community meeting on February 23 on the design of the Laguna Creek Restoration Project. Staff is seeking the public's input on this important project. The next public presentations are scheduled for: Planning Commission on Tuesday, March 2; Park and Recreation Commission on Monday, March 15; and Town Council on Wednesday, March 24, via Zoom Webinars. Please see the Town's [Project webpage](#) for additional information and the [Agenda Center](#) for instructions on how to provide input at the public meetings. The project consists of removing an eight-foot diameter underground culvert and creating a natural channel in its place. The project

location is at the Hacienda de las Flores near the Pavilion building, where historic flooding has occurred at the culvert.



SPEND THE EVENING WITH MORAGA ROTARY - SATURDAY, MARCH 6



Please join the Rotary Club of Moraga for an “Evening with Rotary” virtual fundraiser on Saturday, March 6. The evening will include a delicious surf and turf takeout dinner followed by an entertaining program hosted by Dan Ashley of ABC 7 News livestreamed at 7:30 pm. Visit the [Moraga Rotary](#) website where you can purchase meals and/or register for the program. Every meal order (and donations over \$25) enters you into a drawing to win a two-night stay in Sonoma! Your donation goes towards local projects that support Moraga's youth, including the current school safety initiatives to supply classroom medical kits and install campus security cameras. Thank you all for your support.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 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](#).

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