



ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 12, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



COYOTE CAPTURED

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) announced that the coyote that was responsible for five attacks in Moraga and Lafayette was caught and euthanized on Thursday. DFW, the US Department of Agriculture-Wildlife Services and Contra Costa Animal Services joined the Moraga and Lafayette Police in the efforts to locate and remove the coyote. While there is no evidence to suggest the coyote is rabid, it is being tested to confirm this. Thank you to the allied agencies for their hard work and diligence and also to our residents for their support and assistance.



2020 CRIME STATISTICS

In 2020, overall crime reported in Moraga increased 4.5%, when compared to 2019 crime statistics. This increase can be attributed to a series of thefts from unlocked vehicles and mail thefts during the past year. Officers continue to investigate these crimes and follow up on leads, resulting in several arrests in these cases. The following is a comparison of crimes reported to the State.

Type of Crime	2019	2020	% change
Homicide	0	0	n/c
Rape	1	1	n/c
Robbery	3	1	(67%)
Assault	28	17	(39%)
Burglary	8	20	+150%
Larceny	106	110	+4%
Auto Theft	9	13	+44%
TOTAL	155	162	+4.5%

While this reflects an increase, Moraga's crime rate is still very low, largely due to residents who secure their property, use alarms and video surveillance systems and report suspicious persons and activity. Please do your part to help the Moraga Police keep our community safe.



“NOT IN OUR TOWN” COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - MONDAY, MARCH 15

All are welcome to a virtual Not In Our Town community workshop on Monday, March 15 at 7:00 pm to continue development of 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. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee looks forward to a wide range of community participation to create this mission statement and encourages new participants as well as community members who took part in the March 2 meeting. Register in advance for this meeting [here](#).



EBMUD MORAGA CREEK COMMUNITY MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 16

EBMUD is hosting a virtual informational Moraga Creek Erosion and Flood Control project meeting for the community on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 6:00 pm. EBMUD will be discussing their project to stabilize the hillsides below Augusta Drive and adjacent to the Moraga Creek in Moraga following the 2016 and 2017 landslides that occurred on EBMUD property. A project overview and schedule will be provided along with a Q&A session. More information and a meeting link are available at [EBMUD Moraga Creek](#). EBMUD will also provide an informational update on the project at the April 14, 2021 Town Council meeting.



COVID VIRTUAL COUNTYWIDE REMEMBRANCE - MONDAY, MARCH 22

March 22, 2021 marks one year since the first loss of life in Contra Costa County due to the Coronavirus. To date, a total of 716 Contra Costa residents have lost their lives to COVID-19, including three Moragans who lived in long-term care facilities. The County is planning a virtual memorial - Hope and Healing, Countywide Remembrance on Monday, March 22, from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate by lighting a candle, setting an empty chair or taking some other meaningful action and joining the virtual event. Moraga will participate in the County broadcast, and an appropriate memorial location is still under consideration. More information will be available next week.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 10, 2021

LAMORINDA SKATEPARK PERIMETER FENCE

Town Council considered and authorized a perimeter fence at the Lamorinda Skatepark as a method to secure the facility and address several ongoing challenges with safety and maintenance. See the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#). A construction contract with Calco Inc. was approved in an amount not to exceed \$56,450. Thank you to the Moraga Park Foundation who authorized a \$9,000 contribution to the project. The installation is estimated to be completed within 90 days.

COMPREHENSIVE ADVANCED PLANNING INITIATIVE

Town Council considered a comprehensive approach to multiple advanced planning initiatives including a Housing Element, Environmental Impact Report, Rezone (including Bollinger Canyon Special Study Area) and General Plan Update. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#). Staff requested feedback on a proposed strategic and long-term approach of consolidating these advanced planning projects to achieve greater efficiencies. The goal of the strategic approach is to address the Town's Regional Housing Needs Allocation, new State laws and to incorporate the community's long-term vision for managed growth. The next step is for staff to issue a request for proposals.

MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY INSTALLATION

Town Council deferred receiving a report on the Regulatory Process for Small Wireless Facility Installation in the Public Right of Way until an undetermined future Town Council meeting. Additionally, the Council directed staff to prepare a brief report for an action item to be included on the March 24, 2021 Council agenda for discussion of what is needed to update the Town's small cell wireless facility Ordinance, including a project timeline and cost estimate.

TIME OF COUNCIL MEETINGS ORDINANCE

The Council voted unanimously to adopt an Ordinance amending the start time of Town Council meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The change will become effective beginning with the April 14 meeting.



LIBRARY COMMISSION HAS AN OPENING

Moraga needs a volunteer to serve on the Library Commission. The Commission is organized under the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and was created to serve in an advisory capacity to: establish a forum for the community to express its views regarding the goals and operations of the County Library; assist the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian to provide library services based on assessed public need; and, develop and recommend proposals to the Board of Supervisors and County Library. For more information, visit [Library Commission](#). If interested in applying, complete an [application packet](#) and submit it to the Town Clerk, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#).





VOLUNTEER FOR THE MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL BOARD



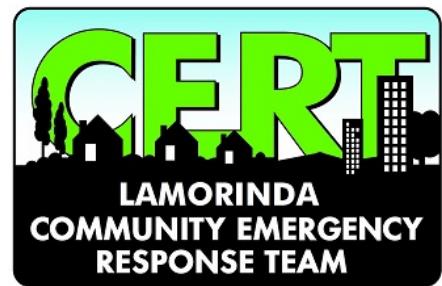
The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees are officials appointed by their respective City/Town Councils to govern the District knowledgeably and effectively. Funded through tax dollars, the District offers free services for mosquitoes, rats, mice, ground-nesting yellowjackets, ticks, and skunks. For more information, visit

[Contra Costa Mosquito](#). To apply, complete an [application packet](#) and submit it to the Town Clerk, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#).



LAMORINDA CERT UPDATE

Although Lamorinda CERT is not currently conducting in-person classes due to the COVID pandemic; they will resume classes as soon as it is safe and have been working on new, revised curriculum. All Lamorinda residents are encouraged to visit the [Lamorinda CERT](#) website as a resource for emergency preparation and fire safety updates, as well as attend the virtual meetings on the second Monday of every other month at 7:00 pm. These meetings cover a variety of safety topics delivered by experts. Email registrar@lamorindacert.org to attend. You will learn everything from what to pack in your "go bag" to preparing your home to be more wildfire safe.



PINEHURST CANYON SHADED FUEL BREAK PROJECT UNDERWAY

MOFD, in coordination with EBMUD, CalFIRE, the Canyon Community Association, and Bay Area Air Quality District began work on February 24 to construct a shaded fuel break on Pinehurst Road to reduce ladder and surface fuels between "the tracks" and Pinehurst Road. The project area runs from the intersection of Pinehurst Road and Canyon Road West toward the community of Canyon and "Driveway 24." Hand treatment will be followed up with pile burning and finally with periodic low-intensity prescribed fire. The goal of the project is to reduce the potential for an ignition along Pinehurst Road getting to the old-growth Manzanita and Knob Cone Pine on the south-facing slope of Flicker Ridge as a fire in this area would endanger lives and property in the community of Canyon and others.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, March 15, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, March 16 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, March 24, 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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