



ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 15, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



NEW OPPORTUNITY AT THE HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES



At their closed session meeting on April 7, the Town Council discussed a Letter of Intent from Wedgewood Weddings for a concessions and event lease for the Hacienda beginning with the 2022 wedding season. The proposed lease would: assume management of the private events already occurring at the property; retain community access to the park; allow the Parks and Recreation Department to continue to operate out of the Hacienda; maintain the availability of the Garden Conference Room, La Sala and the Casita for general public use; and reduce the Town's operational subsidy of the Hacienda. The Town Council provided direction to staff regarding the negotiation of price and terms.

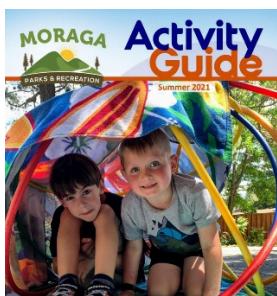


CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT PHASE 2 CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

The Town Council received a project status update on the Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project. The [presentation](#) discussed the project phasing, upcoming construction schedule, and project funding. Construction will resume Monday, April 19, 2021, with the installation of the Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Fence, removal of pavement on the west side of the project site, and construction of the new bio-retention basins. The contractor will be working Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Expect traffic delays 15 minutes or longer. Some extended hours, closures, and weekend work may be scheduled, if necessary. Remember to check the [Canyon Road Bridge project webpage](#) for information on schedule changes and project updates.



SUMMER CAMPS - REGISTER NOW!



Registration is now open for Moraga Summer Camps offered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Moraga Day Camp program will return with a COVID-19 compliant camp program for the 2021 season which runs from June 7 to August 6 at the Hacienda de las Flores. The camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily with extended care available from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. [Register](#) now for weekly camp sessions. For a full list of day camp programs and specialty camps offered by the Parks and Recreation Department, visit the [online activity guide](#).



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RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 14, 2021

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS ORDINANCE

Town Council adopted the final Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance which updates the regulations to be consistent with the State laws that went into effect in January 2020. The [ADU Ordinance amendment](#) advances the 2002 General Plan, 2015 Housing Element and Town Council goals. The intent of the new law is to enable ADU construction, streamline approval processes and expand capacity to accommodate the development of ADUs and Junior ADUs.

DISCUSSION OF SOLAR INSTALLATION ON TOWN BUILDINGS

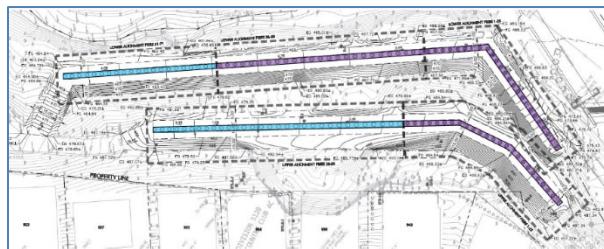
Town Council discussed the installation of solar panels and back-up power for the four Town facilities. Staff shared that a study of alternative energy generation and storage, as well as back-up power during Public Safety Power Shutdowns, at the four Town facilities was being proposed as part of the Five-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Council agreed that they would discuss the issue during the CIP process.

LOWER RHEEM BOULEVARD STABILIZATION AND ROAD REPAIR PROJECT

Town Council [approved the acceptance](#) of the Lower Rheem Boulevard Repair project. This was a joint project between the Town and SummerHill Homes LLC to reconstruct portions of Rheem Boulevard to address underlying landslide issues through a cost-sharing agreement. To safely facilitate the reconstruction, Rheem Boulevard was closed during construction and reopened to traffic in March 2017. Interestingly, an underground Stitch Retaining Wall system with Tie-backs and Grade Beam cap was used to stabilize Rheem Boulevard, which is the same repair strategy that EBMUD will be employing for their Moraga Creek Flood and Erosion Control project. SummerHill will be providing the Town a one-year warranty bond. The photo shows the drilling of the Grade Beam for the Tie-back installation.



EBMUD UPDATE ON MORAGA FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL PROJECT



East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) [presented an update](#) of the Moraga Creek project. In 2016 and 2017, significant landslides occurred on EBMUD property along Moraga Creek. EBMUD has received bid proposals and will be awarding a contract for the Season 1 construction from summer to fall 2021. The Season 2 construction is scheduled from spring to fall 2022. EBMUD will be using a two-level

Stitch Retaining Wall system like the Town's landslide stabilization technique for the 2016/2017 Rheem Boulevard repairs project. More information is available at [EBMUD Moraga Creek](#).

ITEMS CONTINUED TO A FUTURE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The Town Council continued the update on the Town's new website and discussion of an amendment to Town Council Protocols to a future meeting.



PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION HAS AN OPENING

There is currently one opening on the Park and Recreation Commission and the Town is looking for volunteers to apply. If you are interested in the Town's parks, trail network, open space, or recreation programming to serve residents of all ages, please go to the [Park and Recreation Commission](#) webpage for more information and a link to the application which you can complete, save to your computer, and submit to the Town Clerk's office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to townclerk@moraga.ca.us.



HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

The Town of Moraga received a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Grant for \$230,200. The purpose of the HSIP grant is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on public roads significantly. The grant funding was awarded to install additional traffic signage and pavement markings at 24 locations to improve crosswalk visibility and improve pedestrian safety at intersections.



MORAGA ROTARY TAKE-OUT DINNER FUNDRAISER - THURSDAY, APRIL 22



The Rotary Club of Moraga is holding a fundraiser to support the Moraga school safety upgrades and local youth activities. Order a delicious take-out lasagna dinner from La Finestra online at moragarotaryfundraiser.com. Last day to order is April 20. Each meal includes a green salad, meat lasagna, bread, and Nonni's biscotti. The cost per meal is \$35 (\$25 for food, \$10 donation). Please pick up your order on Thursday, April 22, at the designated time you selected, from La Finestra Ristorante located at 1419 Moraga Way, Moraga. If you have questions, please contact the Moraga Rotary via email at moragarotary@gmail.com.



SCAMMERS WANT YOUR MONEY

Scammers are working hard and calling Moraga residents. The Moraga Police Department (MPD) has learned about Amazon accounts being misused, social security numbers being used by drug dealers (the Police Chief enjoyed hearing there was a warrant outstanding for his arrest) and PG&E bills being overdue and power about to be shut off. In these examples, all would contact you via official correspondence. If you receive one of these calls and are concerned, hang up and contact the company or agency via information you have or research – not through the scammer. Please contact MPD with any questions or to report a scam at 925-888-7055.



RECYCLESMART ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY - SATURDAY, MAY 8

RecycleSmart and Republic Services are hosting their annual compost giveaway event in Lafayette on Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (registration required). The event is open to Lafayette, Orinda, Moraga residents (RecycleSmart customers) only. Reserve your time and bring five-gallon buckets or other strong containers (no bags) to take up to 50 gallons of compost while supplies last. Bring ID and wear closed-toe shoes. Masks are required. RecycleSmart will have staff to help shovel and fill the containers. For more details and to reserve your time, register at RecycleSmart.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 19, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 20 – [Planning Commission](#) - **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, April 28, **6:30 pm*** – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE ***New Start Time**

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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