



## ABOUT TOWN - JUNE 24, 2021

### UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



#### PG&E SAFETY INSPECTIONS OF TRANSMISSION LINES



PG&E will be conducting inspections for fire abatement and safety around their transmission facilities in the Moraga area for the next few weeks. Inspections conducted by PG&E crews will include ground inspections of electric poles, ground or climbing inspections of transmission equipment and aerial inspections by helicopter or drone. Residents can expect to see low flying helicopters and PG&E trucks.



#### WEST COMMONS PARK CLOSURE FOR PATH REPAIR

Construction is expected to begin on the reconstruction of the West Commons Park asphalt trail no earlier than July 6 and be completed by September 17, 2021. West Commons Park will be closed for the duration of the construction for safety. Additionally, there will be traffic control and potential delays in front of the park on Moraga Road for equipment ingress and egress. Questions may be directed to Ryan Portier of SummerHill Homes at 510-239-1487.



#### LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for the Laguna Creek Restoration Project was completed. The 30-day comment period will begin on June 29, 2021. Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) will be available on the [Laguna Creek Restoration project website](#) and at the Town offices located at 329 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga. Please direct any questions or comments to the Project Manager, [Mark Summers](#) or 925-888-7038.



#### CANYON ROAD BRIDGE INTERMITTENT CLOSURES JULY 16 AND 19

Phase 2 of the Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project is progressing. The contractor poured both abutments and began installing falsework this week. The project is preparing for a critical early morning mass concrete pour tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 16 and Monday, July 19 from 4:00 am 4:00 pm. During that time, please expect delays of up to 15 minutes. For the latest information, please visit the [Canyon Road Bridge](#) webpage.





## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JUNE 23, 2021

### ***WEDGEWOOD WEDDINGS LEASE AGREEMENT***

Town Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an initial ten-year lease agreement with Wedgewood Weddings for exclusive event and wedding management of the Hacienda de las Flores. The agreement provides an opportunity for two five-year extensions and establishes a base rent of \$20,000 per month. Wedgewood Weddings will also be contributing \$48,000 annually towards the capital investment fund for the property beginning in 2024. A single event operator will bring much needed consistency to existing event management operations at the Hacienda. The lease agreement which goes into effect next event season (in November 2021) also contains numerous provisions to control noise levels at events. View the [presentation](#).

### ***MULBERRY TREE PRESCHOOL LEASE***

Town Council adopted a resolution authorizing a Fourth Amendment to the Mulberry Tree Preschool Lease agreement. The amendment provides for owner/operator Susie Allison to continue leasing the site for an initial five years, with an option to extend for an additional five years. A provision for a temporary rent reduction was also included, as was a provision for lease assignment.

### ***FY 2021/22 OPERATING AND CIP BUDGETS***

Town Council approved the FY 2021/22 budget which includes a \$10.3 million Operating Budget and \$9.9 million Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget, including a \$4.1 million FY 2021/22 appropriation and \$5.9 million in carryover funding. Included in the budget is the one-time funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and certain appropriations to fund storm drain repair projects, capital asset replacement and traffic safety projects. The operating budget projects a surplus of \$75,424 and a year-end General Fund Reserve level of \$4.98 million, or 50%. Town staff will continue to monitor the budget throughout the year and communicate changes to the short- and long-term financial picture of the budget.

### ***2021 STREET REPAIR PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT***

Town Council authorized the award of a construction contract in an amount of \$299,669 to Bear Construction, Inc. for Phase 1 of the 2021 Street Repair Project. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed this fall. Major pavement defects and base failure issues on 12 streets will be repaired as part of Phase I. Phase II is proposed to follow later in the year and address surface maintenance treatments on those streets. Please visit the [2021 Street Repair Project website](#) for additional information.

### ***STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LAD)***

To maintain and continue the Street LAD, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process. Town Council held a public hearing and approved continuing the current assessment of \$58 for a typical single-family residence within the Street LAD to fund operations and repairs of the Town's streetlights and traffic signals. The \$58 assessment level has not increased since July 2010.

### ***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. For more information view the [staff report](#).

### ***SHARED FACILITIES USE WITH MORAGA SCHOOL DISTRICT***

Town Council adopted a resolution to extend the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding shared facilities with the Moraga School District for an additional five years. The initial agreement was approved in 2016 and has enabled the Town and School District to work together towards an inclusive community vision by sharing facilities and amenities for the benefit of local residents and families.

## **REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) REPORT**

Town Council voted unanimously to direct the Town Manager to file a letter of protest of the RHNA allocation to the Association of Bay Area Governments. The concern is the pending release of the updated CAL FIRE wildfire assessment maps and the impact of the designation of additional high and very high wildfire hazard severity zones in the Town on the 1,118 RHNA allocation as related to the location of new units and evacuation routes.

## **EBMUD HAULING PERMIT**

The Council approved a hauling permit for EBMUD to haul 2,500 cubic yards of earth from Augusta Drive to the Orinda City limit via Moraga Way. The operation will begin on Monday, July 6, 2021 and continue intermittently until October 2022 with a break for the winter. Hauling hours are limited from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. For more information, please see the [staff report](#). Questions may be directed to Kathryn Horn at EBMUD at 510-287-2053.

## **GHAD CONTRACT FOR CLERK SERVICES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

The Council approved a resolution to continue to allow the Town to be reimbursed for Clerk Services provided to the Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) at a rate of \$1,500 per meeting and Town staff to continue to complete other Special Projects as assigned at the hourly rates included in the Town of Moraga Master Fee Schedule. As parcels are annexed into the GHAD, property assessments will pay for GHAD prevention, mitigation and abatement efforts.



## **CAMINO PABLO ANNEXATION APPEAL**

On June 15, the Planning Commission held a second public hearing for the Camino Pablo Annexation and Subdivision for 13 single-family homes at two-dwelling units per acre. The Planning Commission acted on the draft resolution and by a vote of 4-2 recommended denial of the application for a General Plan Amendment and Re-zoning of the site. View the [Planning Commission staff report](#) for more information. The applicant has filed an appeal of the Planning Commission recommendation, and the hearing is tentatively scheduled for the August 25 Town Council meeting agenda.



## **TOWN OFFICES CLOSED FOR FOURTH OF JULY**

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores office will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of our nation's Independence Day. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, July 6.



## **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

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

Wednesday, July 14, 6:30 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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