



ABOUT TOWN - JULY 16, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



HACIENDA NIGHTS RETURN!



Hacienda Nights returned this week! The first food truck event was held this past Thursday at the Hacienda, and the community came out in numbers to celebrate this outdoor in-person gathering.

If you missed out on the fun – mark your calendar for the next Hacienda Nights scheduled for Thursday, August 12, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. The August event will feature multiple food trucks and Canyon Club Brewery. See the [Parks and Recreation webpage](#) for more information.



PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS AND UPDATES

CANYON ROAD BRIDGE TRAFFIC DELAYS – TUESDAY, JULY 20

The contractor is working on forming the stem and soffit and preparing for the critical early morning mass concrete pour on Tuesday, July 20, starting at 4:00 am and expected to last till 4:00 pm. During this time, please expect delays for up to 15 minutes. For the latest information, please visit the [Canyon Road Bridge webpage](#).

MORAGA ROAD CLOSURE – CITY OF LAFAYETTE PAVING PROJECT

The City of Lafayette will be starting the Moraga Road and Reliez Valley Road repaving projects the week of July 26. This project is anticipated to be completed in late October and will impact traffic on Reliez Valley Road and Moraga Road. Additional information and project updates can be found at: [Lafayette Road Resurfacing](#). For questions, email [Matt Lutropp](#), Lafayette's Engineering Services Manager, or call 925-299-3247.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS TRELLIS APPROVED

The Town of Moraga Planning Commission reviewed and approved the proposed Moraga Town Council Chamber Trellis project. The project will provide shade and cover for overflow outdoor seating during Council meetings and events. The project consists of installing a pergola over the central patio area in front of the Council Chambers entrance between the two existing pergolas and will be consistent in appearance and construction with the existing pergolas. The plans will now be submitted to Contra Costa County for review and issuance of building permits.

LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT 30% DESIGN

The Laguna Creek Restoration Project design is 30% complete. The draft 30% design plans will be presented to the Moraga Town Council on August 25 for further feedback.

LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT CEQA ANALYSIS

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration \(IS/MND\)](#) analysis for the Laguna Creek Restoration Project has been completed. The public can submit their questions or comments to the Project Manager, [Mark Summers](#) through July 28, or mail to 329 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556. The IS/MND will be presented to Council for adoption at the August 25 Town Council meeting.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JULY 14, 2021

ADVANCED PLANNING INITIATIVE CONTRACT AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Town Council considered and adopted a resolution approving a professional services agreement for the Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative for the Housing Element, Environmental Impact Report, Rezone (including Bollinger Valley Study Area) and General Plan Update. The Council supported a robust outreach effort which will utilize additional Town Council, Planning Commission, focus groups, stakeholder meetings, and social media for input and feedback. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT (MOFD) LETTER

Town Council directed staff to send a [letter to MOFD](#) from the Town of Moraga opposing an increase in the Fire Flow Tax (FFT) for the Moraga Fire Flow Tax zone and urging MOFD not to spend taxpayer dollars on an expensive analysis to explore changes to the integrated system to deliver fire services that benefits ratepayers in all areas of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. MOFD is scheduled to discuss the FFT rate at its upcoming meeting on July 21, 2021.

TOWN COUNCIL PROTOCOLS AMENDMENT

Town Council directed staff to change the order of the agenda to move Discussion Items closer to the end of the agenda.

PUBLIC ARTWORK DONATION

Town Council authorized the installation of a new art sculpture, "Wings" by artist Patrick E., for Rancho Laguna Park. The addition of this sculpture to the Town's permanent collection was made possible by a generous donation from the [Moraga Garden Club](#). The installation will be placed adjacent to the new Monarch butterfly pollinator garden to promote public awareness of the [Moraga for Monarchs program](#).

1049 CAMINO PABLO IMPROVEMENTS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION

The Town Council accepted improvements and an irrevocable offer of right-of-way dedication for the property located at 1049 Camino Pablo in accordance with the Subdivision Improvement Agreement for Minor Subdivision (MS) 601-14. The improvements included portions of sidewalk along Camino Pablo adjacent to 1049 Camino Pablo and a driveway entrance.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

Town Council accepted the Mayor and Vice Mayor's [report](#) on their "Community Engagement Tour" which included information and feedback collected from participants at ten community meetings and through a survey. The five top issues in Moraga identified in the survey were: retail services, financial management, development/open space, infrastructure and retail "look."



TOWN RECEIVES \$2,127,036 OF ARPA FUNDS

On March 11, 2021, a \$1.9 trillion Federal stimulus bill was passed called the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The economic recovery package includes \$130 billion for local governments to help provide continued assistance for public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery. In July, the Town received \$2.125 million, or 50%, of its \$4.25 million allotment. The Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget includes a \$270,000 reimbursement of ARPA funds to the General Fund for revenue loss and COVID-19 related costs, \$976,119 for storm drain maintenance and capital improvement projects, and \$50,904 for broadband improvements.



EBMUD FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

EBMUD has obtained all necessary permits to begin work on the Moraga Creek Flood and Erosion Control Project. A biological survey was completed on July 14. EBMUD is expecting to issue the Notice to Commence Field Work (NTCFW) to Condon Johnson this week; project work may begin as early as the week of July 19. For more information, visit [EBMUD's website](#).



ARE YOU PREPARED?

In the past week we have experienced earthquakes, and wildland fires are burning in parts of California. This highlights the importance of emergency preparedness. The Town has a current evacuation plan and uses the Community Warning System to advise residents of emergencies and evacuation orders. Sign up today at www.cwsalerts.com. Do you have an evacuation checklist to ensure family members know what to do? A good example is available at www.firesafemarin.org. Additional information about what to have packed in a "go-bag" is available at www.ready.gov. The steps you take today to prepare for an emergency or disaster may save your family's lives tomorrow.



SUMMER FUN WITH PARKS AND RECREATION

The annual [Family Campout](#) is back and scheduled for August 14 to 15 at Rancho Laguna Park. The event features a BBQ dinner, s'mores station, and hot breakfast. This event is filling up quickly, so [reserve your spot today](#).

The [Pear and Wine Festival](#) is scheduled for Saturday, September 25 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Town is now accepting [applications](#) for community booths and food vendors. The booth/vendor application deadline is August 31.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY OPEN

The Town is currently accepting applications for the following volunteer positions. If interested in volunteering to serve, please click on the name of the Commission or Board for more information and to complete an application: [Park and Recreation Commission](#), and [Mosquito & Vector Control Board](#).



RESCUE ONE FOUNDATION BOARD VACANCY

The Rescue One Foundation is looking for applicants to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors. The foundation has served as the community support organization for the Moraga-Orinda Fire District's lifesaving paramedic services for over 43 years providing advanced medical equipment, supplies and educational services to the community. Residents living within the Moraga-Orinda Fire District's service area are eligible to apply. Letters of interest may be submitted no later than August 23, 2021 and addressed to: Gordon Nathan, Rescue One Foundation c/o Moraga-Orinda Fire District, 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA 94556. For further information regarding this position, please call 925-376-4639 or 510-333-5615. See the [press release](#).



COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE RECESS

The Town Council meetings for July 28 and August 11 have been cancelled to provide a legislative break. The break occurs annually and was approved by the Council in January. The Council will resume their regular meeting schedule on Wednesday, August 25, with in-person meetings held in the Council Chambers at 335 Rheem Boulevard. The Planning Commission meetings are also cancelled during the legislative recess.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, July 19 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

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

Wednesday, July 28 – [Town Council](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, August 3 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, August 11 – [Town Council](#), **CANCELLED**

Monday, August 16, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, August 17, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, August 25, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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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