



ABOUT TOWN - AUGUST 27, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TOWN MOURNS LOSS OF CORPORAL KEVIN MOONEY



The Town is mourning the loss of Corporal Kevin Mooney, who passed away on Saturday, August 21, after a valiant battle with COVID and related complications. Kevin, who was 58, served the Town for eight years after 21 years of service as a Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff. Kevin was a US Marine Corps Major, having retired after 29 years of service to our country. Donations can be made to Corporal Mooney's family through the Fund a Hero program at [Kevin Mooney Memorial Fund](#). Kevin cared deeply about our community and will be missed by all.



COUNCILMEMBER STROMBERG LEAVING MORAGA

On Thursday, August 26, Councilmember David Stromberg submitted a letter of resignation from the Town Council effective September 9 as he is moving out of Moraga for personal reasons. David served the Town for six years initially on the Design Review Board, then on the Planning Commission and was elected to the Town Council in 2020. David regrets that his personal circumstances will preclude him from finishing his term on the Council. View David's [letter of resignation](#). Thank you, David, for your service to the Town of Moraga!



NOISE FROM HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES EVENTS

Town staff is continuing to respond to noise complaints regarding events at the Hacienda de las Flores and implement additional noise reduction measures to reduce the noise to an appropriate and reasonable level. It has been challenging to manage sound waves and how they travel. Each week, based on lessons learned, additional measures have been added which include: agreements with DJs regarding speaker placement and volume of music; acoustic panels to absorb noise; and contracting with a private security firm to enforce noise limits at various locations throughout events. Staff is now working to move bands indoors (which should happen by September 10). Until Wedgewood takes over in November, staff will continue to manage its contractual obligations with brides, grooms and other hosts that were entered into one to two years ago. The lessons learned are being shared with Wedgewood Weddings who is incorporating best practices into their 2022 event offerings. Wedgewood plans to have the Pavilion be a ceremony-only site and will limit live music. While many neighbors have commented that there has been an improvement, we continue to work on mitigation and enforcement.



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE DAYTIME CLOSURE

Canyon Road Bridge project is moving into their final stage of the bridge construction. They will be removing falsework and the creek diversion and installing rock slope protection under the bridge. To safely execute these operations, beginning Tuesday, September 7, through Friday, September 10, and Monday, September 13, the Canyon Road Bridge will be closed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm **to all traffic**. The closure will ensure the safety of the community and the construction team during these operations. We apologize for the inconvenience. For current updates, check the Town's [Canyon Road Bridge Project](#) website.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON AUGUST 25, 2021

SOUTH CAMINO PABLO ANNEXATION AND SUBDIVISION APPEAL

Town Council voted 4-1 to deny the [South Camino Pablo Annexation and Subdivision project](#) appeal and uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny the requested 13 unit, 2 Dwelling Unit per Acre project including, a Mitigated Negative Declaration, General Plan Amendment (GPA), Pre-Zoning (Zoning Code Amendment), Conceptual Development Plan and General Development Plan, Vesting Tentative Map, and Grading Permit. After hearing all the evidence including [staff's presentation](#), the [applicant's presentation](#) and public comments, Council voted to keep the designation of the project site as 1 Dwelling Unit per Acre and not amend the General Plan.

LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

Council received an update [presentation](#) on the Laguna Creek Restoration Project. The update included the 30% design and results of an online public survey on the project landscaping. Council accepted the update and directed staff to continue with the design up to the 65% level.

MULBERRY TREE PRESCHOOL ASSIGNS LEASE

Town Council approved a resolution authorizing an assignment of the Ground Lease with Mulberry Tree Preschool and Susan Allison to Growing Light Montessori School (GLMS). Council directed the Town Manager and Assistant Town Attorney to clarify language from the fourth amendment regarding the disposition of improvements on the premises upon lease termination. GLMS currently operates three successful preschools in Lafayette, Kensington, and Oakland. View the [staff report](#).

PROCLAMATION HONORING AL DESSAYER

Council approved a [proclamation](#) for long-time Moraga resident Al Dessayer honoring him for his 47 years of service to the Town of Moraga. Council thanked Al for his history of volunteer work, including service on the Council, Planning Commission and as the Town's first Treasurer. He also was thanked for serving as the Moraga representative to the County Connection Board of Directors for 34 years.

TOWN COUNCIL AMENDS COUNCIL PROTOCOLS

Town Council unanimously approved amending the Council Protocols to change the order of business on the agenda and place the item *Discussion Items* near the end of the agenda and directly before *Future Agenda Items*.

MORAGA COUNTRY CLUB HAULING PERMIT APPROVED

Council approved a hauling permit for the upcoming Moraga Country Club parking lot grading on St. Andrews Drive. The haul route starts on St. Andrews Drive then travels along Moraga Way to Ivy Drive. Excess dirt from the grading will be hauled and stockpiled on the golf course. Council requested the applicant specifically be mindful of school start and stop times and aware of student runners on Moraga Way.

COUNTY CONNECTION AUTHORITY BOARD VOTING MEMBER

Due to time limitations, this item was not heard.



CENTRAL SAN CELEBRATING 75th ANNIVERSARY



Central San is celebrating 75 years of service to the community, and they invite you to join them—virtually! [Central San's 75th Anniversary Experience](#) features an interactive 360-degree tour of the wastewater treatment plant, videos, photo galleries, fun facts, and a learning hub with hands-on science activities for kids. Drop by online, explore, click, and learn more about what it takes to collect and clean more than 13 billion gallons of wastewater every year. You'll also find information on how to protect your pipes, safely dispose of household hazardous waste, and get free recycled water for your garden. You might even discover a hidden prize!



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (ASEP) BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

The Town is pleased to announce the return of Town ASEP (after school enrichment programs) for the 2021-22 school year. Enrichment programs are offered at the Hacienda de las Flores location. Bus service is available from Donald Rheem Elementary and extended care is also available. Space remains in Young Rembrandt's Art Enrichment (Mondays) and Cartooning (Thursdays), Bricks for Kids (Wednesday and Thursday options available), and Cooking Around the World – Cupcakes (Tuesdays). [Register online](#) as space is limited.



COVID-19 TESTING AT THE MORAGA LIBRARY

The Town of Moraga has partnered with the Moraga School District and Agile Force in association with Laboratory Services of America (LSA) to offer COVID testing at no cost to the Moraga community. Testing will be held in the Community Room at the Moraga Library every Monday between 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. Appointments are required. Details on creating an account and scheduling a test are available on the [Town's website](#).



2021 PAVING PROJECT STARTING ON AUGUST 30

The Town of Moraga has contracted with Bear Construction, Inc. to complete this year's paving project, which includes base failure repairs on twelve streets throughout Town. The work will be starting the week of August 30 and work hours will be Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. They will begin on Canyon Road from the bridge south towards the Town limit. Please expect traffic delays of up to 15 minutes during work hours. For more information and updates, please visit the [2021 Street Repair Project](#) website.



HACIENDA PARK STAIR RAIL REPLACEMENT

John Knapp, Troop 444, completed his Eagle Scout Conservation Project by replacing the deteriorating wooden staircase railing leading down to the La Sala Trail in the Hacienda de las Flores park. The old wood stair railings were unstable, did not follow the elevation changes of the steps and were not easy to grab onto. John organized over \$3,000 in material donations and coordinated over 40 volunteers who worked 340 hours in total over two weekends to complete the project which included the replacement of the wood railings and posts, addition of a single metal handrail that all followed the changes in step elevation, and repairs to unstable concrete steps making the stairway much safer for the public. Kudos to John for his contribution to Moraga!



TOWN RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has announced that the Town of Moraga has received the GFOA's Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Fiscal Year 2019/20 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This award signifies the Town's commitment to the spirit of transparency and full disclosure. The Certificate of Achievement is the Town's eighth consecutive and the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the Town of Moraga's Administrative Services Department.



SPEED SURVEY

The Town is currently in the process of completing a speed survey for arterials and collectors. This involves collecting speed data, traffic counts, and collision history for analysis. This study is required every seven years (except as noted in California Vehicle Code 40802) to validate the current posted speed limits for enforcement.



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices, located at 329 Rheem Boulevard and the Hacienda de las Flores at 2100 Donald Drive, will be closed Monday, September 6, for the Labor Day holiday, reopening on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 8, 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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