



ABOUT TOWN - NOVEMBER 11, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TOWN TO RECEIVE \$2.25 MILLION PAYMENT FROM PALOS COLORADOS DEVELOPER

Great news! The Town has received communication from Richfield Real Estate Corporation that they are wiring the \$2,250,000 remaining principal owed for the Palos Colorados Golf Course Operation Municipal Fund to the Town. The Town has been accruing 5% simple interest on the principal of the remaining funds due since April 2008 and the accrued interest payments now total \$1.5 million. Payment of the principal will stop future interest accrual. The \$1.5 million in outstanding interest owed is due upon issuance of all local state and federal agency approvals, including grading permits. Also due upon issuance of permits is the remaining second installment payment of General Plan Fees of \$1,250,000.

The Town's Settlement Agreement with Richfield was negotiated over a period of years and is complex. For more information on the 2007 Palos Colorados Settlement Agreement and payments owed to the Town, view the January 9, 2019 [agenda](#) and click on Palos Colorados funds documents. The Council did not take action or provide direction on January 9 regarding the future use of funds.

Of note, there are no restrictions placed on the use of these funds. Past Councils have used the funds on one-time expenditures with a focus on parks and open space and the funds have been loaned to the Town for emergency repairs and to pay off debt. The fees due are in lieu of all Town development impact fees and permit fees and are to satisfy any and all recreational requirements applicable to the Palos Colorados Project.



HOUSING ELEMENT COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13



Interested in housing in Moraga? The Town of Moraga Planning Department will be holding its third community meeting on Saturday, November 13, at 10:00 am to introduce the Housing Element update currently underway. The virtual workshop is a repeat of the October 20 and 28 meetings. Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89365488521>. Meeting ID: 893 6548 8521, no pre-registration is required. The State has determined that the Bay Area region must plan for an additional 441,176 new units, with Moraga's allocation at 1,118 new units. Public input is an essential component of developing a strategy for the 2023 – 2031 Housing Element. For more information go to: makemoragahome.org.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING JOINT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

On Wednesday, November 17 at 6:00 pm the Town Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint virtual meeting to receive and discuss a report on potential tools for creating Affordable Housing as part of Moraga's Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative. This [report](#) is part of the State-mandated 2023-2031 Housing Element Update, which is underway. The Zoom webinar will include a presentation by staff, consultants, and two panelists, including an affordable housing developer (Eden Housing) and advocacy organization (East Bay Housing Organizations). Click on this link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87652578237>.



EBMUD VIRTUAL BRIEFING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Are you curious about water issues in your community? Want to know the current state of the drought? Unsure about what EBMUD is doing to ensure reliable drinking water in the future? Please join a virtual briefing to have your water questions answered on Wednesday, November 17, at 6:00 pm. Registration and Zoom webinar link: <https://tinyurl.com/3rtzxdb2>. EBMUD experts will address water supply, investments in infrastructure, budget and rates, and more. For more information contact Kathryn Horn, Community Affairs Representative at kathryn.horn@ebmud.com.



UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK IS NOVEMBER 14 - 20, 2021



United Against Hate week is a call for local civic action by people in every Bay Area community to stop the hate and implicit biases that are a dangerous threat to the safety and civility of our neighborhoods, towns and cities. When cities and their residents work together against hate, we can restore respect and civil discourse, embrace the strength of diversity and build inclusive and equitable communities for all. Visit the [Town website](#) for details on how individuals and community groups can get involved!



TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2



Join your friends and neighbors for the return of a time-honored holiday tradition in the Moraga community! The annual Tree Lighting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, December 2 at Moraga Commons Park. The event commences at 6:30 pm with cookies, cocoa, and carols. The tree will be lit promptly at 7:00 pm. Santa is scheduled to make a very special appearance! The event is free and open to the public. Join us as we celebrate the launch of the 2021 holiday season.



BUY-A-BULB FUNDRAISER



The community's continued support of the Buy-A-Bulb Fundraiser is a testament to the giving spirit of the Moraga community. The \$6,000 annual fundraising goal ensures this tradition can continue. A minimum donation of \$30 per bulb is appreciated; however, any amount would be most welcome. We encourage you to donate online at moragarec.com, by clicking the holiday tree "Buy-A-Bulb" button. The iconic holiday tree will remain lit through the end of December.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON NOVEMBER 10, 2021

SWARING IN OF APPOINTED COUNCILMEMBER SONA MAKKER

The Town Clerk officially swore in the newly-appointed Councilmember, Sona Makker, at the start of the meeting. Sona joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting. View Sona's picture and bio on the Town Council [webpage](#).

SMALL CELL WIRELESS ORDINANCE

Town Council adopted an update to the existing Chapter 8.144 Ordinance for Small Cell Wireless Facilities. The update makes improvements to location preferences, aesthetic and landscaping requirements, noise, radio frequency emissions monitoring, use of technical consultants and includes noticing requirements. Small cell facilities typically take the form of smaller antennas placed on existing infrastructure in the public right of way along with equipment cabinets. The updated ordinance includes design standards and acknowledges that Federal Communications Commission preempts the consideration of health impacts when reviewing small cell wireless applications. View the [presentation](#).

JON KING TO CONTINUE EMPLOYMENT AS MORAGA'S INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

The Council authorized an employment agreement with Jon King to continue in the role of Interim

Police Chief while the Town recruits for a new Police Chief to provide continuity of leadership in the Police Department until June 30, 2022 or upon appointment of a permanent Chief. There will be no change in the level of service provided to the community. Jon has been a public servant providing safety services to the community for 39 years, including seven years in the Town of Moraga. The Town plans to honor Chief King when he actually ends his service which will not be for some time.

MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

The Town Council interviewed and unanimously voted to appoint James Frankenfield to represent the Town of Moraga on the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees to serve through February 16, 2024, the remainder of a four-year term.

EBMUD PRESENTATION

EBMUD provided a Water Supply, Drought and Investments in Infrastructure [presentation](#) covering: 100 years of serving the East Bay; supplemental water supplies to provide additional water to customers during the drought; what customers can do to help save water and water conservation rebates that are available; and an update on infrastructure investments including Moraga Creek Flood and Erosion Control and Fay Hill Pumping Plant and Pipeline Improvements.

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21

The Town Council reviewed and filed the annual independent audit report of the Town's financial statements. The Town's independent auditors, Maze & Associates, conducted their audit in accordance with the auditing standards and rendered an unmodified ("clean") opinion. The Town's General Fund-General Purpose Unassigned Fund Balance is \$5.04 million at year end compared to \$4.87 million of unassigned fund balance on the adopted budget for FY 2020-21. The increase in unassigned fund balance was primarily due to higher revenue, as well as expenditures falling below the budgeted amounts. The Town's General Fund-General Purpose Unassigned Fund Balance of \$5.04 million projects a reserve level of 55.8% compared to 51% of the FY 2020-2021 adopted budget. For FY 2020-2021, the reserve policy of 50% has been met.

HACIENDA ADA PATHWAY EXPANSION PROJECT

The Council authorized a construction contract for the Hacienda ADA Pathway Expansion Project to Top Line Engineers, Inc. of Hayward, CA. Top Line Engineers will reconstruct the Hacienda outside concrete patio to be ADA accessible and also provide a path of travel between the ADA parking and the rear entrance to the Hacienda building and patio area.



SOCIAL SERVICES RAPID RESPONSE TEAM (SSRRT)

Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) Navigators work with individuals or families who are in crisis due to various needs including: housing; food; legal support; children's needs; transportation; medical; immigration assistance; mental health; substance abuse; and more. If you encounter anyone who is struggling due to vulnerability in any of these areas – you can send an email to 4OurFamilies@ehsd.cccounty.us or call the centralized SSRRT line at 925-335-6581 and an EHSD Navigator will contact the individual directly to see how they can be helped. You must have received the individual or family's permission, along with identifying info, to enable EHSD to contact them. For more information [view the flyer](#).



TOYS FOR TOTS



The Moraga Police Department's (MPD) annual Toys for Tots drive will begin this week. Collection bins will be located in the lobby of Town Hall, Safeway and OSH. Additionally, through the generosity of the Moraga Rotary Club, financial donations can be made via PayPal on the Rotary Club [website](#). These donations will be forwarded to the US Marine Corps for use in purchasing and delivering toys to kids. The Police Department's involvement in this program was started

by the late Detective Kevin Mooney. The Town is continuing to collect toys and donations in his honor to benefit less fortunate children throughout the Bay Area. Please join MPD in supporting this cause to help ensure that all kids have a great holiday season. Please call the Police Department at 925-888-7055 with any questions.



MORAGA COUNTRY CLUB 4TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

The Moraga Country Club's annual Turkey Trot will return on Thanksgiving morning. There will be two races on the morning of November 25. At 8:15 am the 5K Run/Walk will start with a 1.5 mile run following at 8:30 am. The Annual Turkey Trot had more than 500 participants in 2019 and raises funds for the Solano and Contra Costa Food Bank. Warm drinks and refreshments will be provided for participants, along with an event shirt and swag. To sign up for this year's Turkey Trot or learn more visit: <https://bit.ly/2021MCCTurkeyTrot>.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Saturday, November 13, 10:00 am – [Housing Element Community Workshop](#), TELECONFERENCE

Monday, November 15, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#), TELECONFERENCE

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

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

Wednesday, November 17, 6:00 pm – [Affordable Housing Study Session](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 24 – [Town Council](#), **CANCELLED**

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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