



## ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 25, 2022

### UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 23, 2022

#### **PROCLAMATION HONORING BEN HO**

The Council presented a proclamation to Dr. Ben Ho for his 40 years of service as a Reserve Officer for the Moraga Police Department. Ben's volunteer service to the Town is only a small part of his unmatched dedication to the Town. Ben is also a military veteran, serving for over 25 years and deploying to locations all over the world. Ben also has volunteered for the East Bay Regional Parks Police and as a member of the Urban Search and Rescue team based at the Oakland Fire Department. He also serves as the statewide coordinator of search and rescue dogs for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. We are fortunate to have Ben as part of our Moraga Police family and are thankful for and appreciative of his service and commitment to the safety of this community. View and read the [proclamation](#).



#### **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORT AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE**

The Town Council, in response to a request from the Moraga Chamber of Commerce for assistance, allocated \$37,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to assist the Chamber in recovering from the economic impact of the pandemic. Funding was provided as follows: \$12,000 this year in financial support (including \$2,000 to sponsor an Art Walk), \$10,000 next fiscal year in financial support, and \$15,000 to sponsor the 2022 Community Faire. The Council also provided direction to staff to further develop a \$150,000 Business Recovery Grant Program to provide up to \$5,000 grants to businesses to assist in their economic recovery.

#### **2022 - 2024 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION REPORT**

The Council accepted the 2022 - 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation Basis of Design Memo which includes the pavement treatment recommendations for the three-year "Worst-First" pavement strategy to repair the poor and very poor streets in Town. The [staff report](#) includes details on the street segments that will be repaired in 2022, 2023 and 2024. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

#### **2021 ANNUAL GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT REPORT**

The Council accepted the [2021 General Plan and Housing Element Report](#) which provides a summary of the Town's progress on General Plan goals. The Town's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for 2015 – 2023 is 229 units and through 2021, 132 new housing units were produced. Unfortunately, only 68 of the units counted as progress towards the RHNA goal as "above moderate" priced units were overproduced and only eight "moderate and low income" units were produced, 161 units short of the goal. This report must be submitted to the State annually by April 1 for the Town to continue to receive transportation funding and to ensure the Town is not sued or penalized. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

#### **PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH**

Town Council proclaimed March as American Red Cross Month. The Red Cross responds to disasters providing shelter, food and emotional support to those affected. Despite the pandemic, the American Red Cross has responded to record-breaking wildfires, horrific tornadoes, extreme winter storm cold waves and summer heat waves. Diana Graham, a long-time volunteer and Moraga resident, received the proclamation.

## **COMMONS PARK IRRIGATION PROJECT**

The Council awarded a construction contract to Bruno Landscape Management and Construction for the Commons Park Irrigation Project. The contract awards a base bid of \$172,237 and a 10% construction contingency of \$17,603. The award is inclusive of Alternate Bid Item No. 1, the smart weather station irrigation controller. Replacement of the Commons Park irrigation will commence in the coming weeks, with a target completion date of May 2022.



## **2021 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT ACCEPTANCE**

The Council accepted the \$305,549 in construction improvements completed by Bear Construction on the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project and authorized the Town Engineer to record the acceptance with the County as required. This work included pavement repairs on a number of residential streets along with repairs on St. Mary's Road, Moraga Road and Canyon Road.

## **HACIENDA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION**

The Town Council authorized the Town's submittal of a \$400,000 grant application to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Laguna Creek Restoration Project. If received, this funding would replace a more restrictive grant from the California National Resources Agency. Staff continues to work with FEMA and is making progress; the benefits-cost-ratio has been revised which qualifies the Town for an additional \$1,000,000 of FEMA funding. The Town should be informed in the fall if awarded the DWR grant funding.

## **CAMINO RICARDO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW**

The [annual report](#) to the Town Council serves as notification and periodic review by the Town Manager of the developer's good faith compliance with the terms of the Development Agreement from March 12, 2014. The Development Agreement is between the Town, SummerHill LLC, and C&C Equities for the Camino Ricardo subdivision (Harvest Court). The annual review is focused on review of accounts of fees paid and owed to the Town, assignments or transfers of property, and the construction status of public improvements that occurred during the past year for the subdivision project.

## **PROCLAMATION FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

The Council approved a proclamation declaring March 2022 to be Prescription Drug Awareness Month in Moraga, encouraging all residents to participate in prescription drug related prevention programs to help raise awareness of the potential dangers of drug abuse. From April 2020 to April 2021, there were 100,306 reported drug overdoses nationwide. This is a health crisis that everyone can work together to overcome. Currently, the Moraga Police offers a free prescription drug disposal service where residents and business owners can bring their unused or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs for safe disposal. On average, approximately 1,000 pounds of drugs are disposed of through this service every year. Remember to "Spread the Word...One Pill Can Kill."



## **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

Tuesday, April 5 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 pm – [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#)

Wednesday, April 13, 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](#).

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