



ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 10, 2019

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MORAGA COUNTRY CLUB EVACUATION DRILL A SUCCESS



Contra Costa County's first evacuation drill took place at the Moraga Country Club (MCC) on December 15. The drill, coordinated by Moraga-Orinda Fire, Moraga Police, Orinda Police and Lamorinda CERT, was designed to test the Town's ability to manage a large-scale evacuation from one of the Town's 23 evacuation zones. MCC residents were notified using the Contra Costa County Community Warning System and two lanes of traffic were sent toward Orinda on Moraga Way. The event was a success as over 120 vehicles were

evacuated without incident. Both evacuees and public safety participants were surveyed to identify both successes and lessons learned. A second evacuation drill is scheduled for January 26 in Orinda. Thank you to all who participated and helped our community prepare for emergencies!



STORM PREPAREDNESS AND SAND BAGS

Self-service sand bags are available at no charge at the Rancho Laguna Park parking lot (2101 Camino Pablo). Please take only what you need and fill bags one-third full for stacking. Moragans are encouraged to plan ahead for winter storms. Here are a few tips:

- Inspect drainage inlets, gutters, ditches, pipes, and creeks on your property and remove any debris that may be blocking the flow of water.
- Visit the [FEMA Flood Mapping Center](#) to look at flood maps of your area.
- Learn about the Contra Costa County Flood Control's [7-5-3-2 Flood](#) forecasting tool to warn of potential flooding periods.
- Plan for food, water, medical and personal comfort needs for each household resident and plan an evacuation route in case of fast-rising water. Visit [Ready.gov](#) for more information.



TEDDY BEAR TEA AND RECREATION CLASSES

Teddy Bear Tea - Saturday, February 2, 2019 – Enjoy a memorable tea party at the elegant Hacienda de las Flores. Dress up in party attire and practice teatime etiquette at this tea party designed to delight children ages 4 to 10 and their families! A delectable buffet of sandwiches, fruit, pastries, and desserts will be available. Each child will make and stuff their very own teddy bear to take home as a keepsake from the Teddy Bear Tea Party. Fee is \$30 per person; cost includes food and one teddy bear per child. Register at [Moraga Rec](#). Space is limited.

Sign up for Recreation Classes – Recreation classes for all ages and interests are being offered by Moraga Parks and Recreation this winter and spring. View the [Activity Guide](#) and register online at [Moraga Rec](#).



JOIN NIXLE FOR EMERGENCY AND OTHER NOTIFICATIONS



Nixle is a community information service the Town uses to keep residents informed via text and/or emails. Press releases, emergency alerts and informational advisories are sent out to warn of crimes in progress, traffic issues and to provide information about Town activities and crime prevention. Nixle will be a primary source of information should an evacuation ever be ordered. Please enroll for this free service at Nixle.com.



COUNCIL GOAL-SETTING SESSION - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

The Moraga Town Council will develop the community's goals and priorities for 2019 under the leadership of newly-elected Mayor Roger Wykle on Wednesday, January 23, at 7:00 pm, at the Council Chambers, 335 Rheem Boulevard. Mayor Wykle's proposed goals will be discussed with the Council and the community and the public is invited to attend and provide input.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 9

SALE OF FIREARMS ORDINANCE

Council considered an Ordinance that would establish land use regulations to govern where firearms dealers could locate and require each dealer to obtain approval of a conditional use permit by the Planning Commission. Currently, there are no restrictions. The proposed changes also include a police permitting process that requires dealers undergo a thorough, transparent application process including a full background check. The police permit could be revoked for non-compliance. The Council ultimately agreed to adopt the police permit process and limit firearms sales to the Limited Commercial zoning district, and directed staff to revise the Ordinance to reflect this and bring the item back at a future meeting.

PALOS COLORADOS FUNDS

Staff presented a brief history, overview and update on the current financial position of Fund 100 – One Time Developer Fees (Palos Colorados). The 2007 Palos Colorados agreement could bring \$17M combined General Plan and Golf Course fees to Moraga. To date, \$6M has been received and \$4.72M in funds have been used and committed to various expenses. Including other deposits made to the fund, the fund currently has a fund balance of \$1.5M and is expected to increase to \$2.5M at the end of this fiscal year once the \$1M Canyon Bridge Emergency cost reimbursement is received. The presentation opened a Council discussion on the future use of the funds. Council decided to maintain the current balance for emergencies and to fund the Canyon Road replacement bridge prior to receipt of grant reimbursements. The Town could receive \$4.7M if Richfield, the developer, pulls the grading permit for the project. View the staff report on the Town's [website](#). Council will consider the use and designation of future funds when there is greater certainty that the funds will be received.

COUNCIL, MAYOR AND AD HOC COMMITTEE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council discussed the need for additional written guidelines regarding Town Council roles and responsibilities. Staff was directed to develop a policy on the formation of ad hoc committees that addresses composition, duties, term, staff liaison, budget and reporting back to the Council. Council also discussed the need for additional policies to ensure that an individual Councilmember does not overstep their authority and requested clarification regarding the role and duties of the Mayor. Staff will be exploring how other jurisdictions organize their policies and return to the Council in the coming months with draft policies for Council consideration.



DONATION OF ASYMMETRIC LOVESEAT BY ARTIST COLIN SELIG

Town Council accepted the generous donation of the *Asymmetric Loveseat* donated by "We WILL". The *Asymmetric Loveseat* by artist Colin Selig has been installed at the Moraga Library since August 2016 and will remain installed there as part of the Town's permanent collection. The donation was made possible through the fundraising efforts of "We WILL" (Women

Instilling a Lasting Legacy) who generously purchased the art installation with the assistance of the Lamorinda Arts Council.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Town Council discussed Councilmember appointments to various Committees and to serve as Liaisons and Voting Delegates to other agencies and organizations.

CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Dave Williams, Central San Board President, [presented an overview](#) of the District's operations which covers a 175 square mile service area and nearly 500,000 residents. He provided information on their mission, strategic plan, budget and service reliability. [Central San](#) has four future Capital Investment Projects planned for Moraga including Moraga Way near the Moraga Country Club; Kingsford Drive/Bedford Place to St. Mary's Road, Rheem Boulevard near St. Mary's Road and the Moraga Pumping Station Upgrade.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The offices will re-open Tuesday, January 22.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Monday, January 14, 7:00 pm – [Design Review Board](#), Council Chambers
- Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Tuesday, January 22, – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 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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