



## ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 26, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### COVID-19 EMERGENCY AND MORAGA

We all have a role in stopping the spread of the COVID-19 virus through social distancing. We know there are people who live and work in Moraga who have COVID-19 – no one, regardless of age, is immune. It is critical to follow the Health Officer's order. Your dinner party with a neighbor means you have connected your neighbor with the infected friend of your daughter's boyfriend's mom. Break the chain – minimize your risk and flatten the curve so there are enough healthcare resources to help all who are affected! For more information, go to [www.coronavirus.cchealth.org](http://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org)



### STATUS UPDATE ON PARKS AND RECREATION DUE TO COVID-19



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The Commons Park remains open, but due to the unprecedented use (possibility exacerbated by the closure of parks in neighboring jurisdictions) and continued violations of the health order to maintain physical distance, the **Commons Park parking lots will be closed beginning Friday, March 27**. Pedestrian access, walking, biking, and hiking are permitted providing all County, State, Federal, and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 are followed. Playgrounds, play structures and courts, picnic areas at all Town parks and the skate park remain closed. Park restrooms, which include handwashing stations, will remain open to the public with increased sanitation. All recreation programs, activities and events at Town facilities are cancelled through April 7, 2020. Moraga Parks and Recreation is working toward an online After School Enrichment Program that will be available for spring classes. More information will be available soon.



### PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Planning Department staff remains available to answer general planning and zoning inquiries and process applications that were already submitted prior to the March 16 emergency shutdown, but at this time Planning is only accepting new application submittals through the mail or delivery by FedEx, UPS, etc. Staff will do their best to process applications as quickly as possible, but applicants/residents should expect longer response times to inquiries, new application submittals, and Code Enforcement matters, as staff is currently working from home and focusing primarily on essential services first and foremost.



### REPUBLIC SERVICES STILL AT YOUR SERVICE

Republic Services (Moraga's solid waste service provider) announced the front office at the Pacheco location has been closed to the public. Customers can call their local Customer Service number for assistance with online bill pay and other payment methods. To reduce their drivers' exposure and direct contact with items, effective Monday, March 30, they will be suspending the *Bulky Pick-Up* and *On-Call Clean-Up* programs (including e-waste, appliances, furniture, and other materials that do not fit or do not belong in a customer's regular cart). Regular garbage, recycle, and organics pickups will continue as normal, and the local Customer Service Center can still be reached every weekday at 925-685-4711.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 23

### **TOWN COUNCIL RATIFIES THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

On March 17, 2020 the Town's Director of Emergency Services (Town Manager) proclaimed the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency. Consistent with the requirement to ratify the proclamation within seven days, the Town Council ratified the [proclamation](#) declaring a local emergency in the Town of Moraga relating to COVID-19. The disaster declaration allows public officials to exercise emergency powers to preserve life, property and public health in response to a disaster. Some of these powers include: the ability to obtain vital supplies, equipment and other needed items; ordaining evacuations and/or controlling access; suspending certain regulations; and requesting Federal and State government assistance for response and recovery.

### **TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE**

A portion of Moraga's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System compliance activities are funded by a countywide Stormwater Utility Area assessment. Annually the Town Council must determine the Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) rate, the basic unit by which a storm sewer charge is calculated and is based upon the typical runoff volume of stormwater from one residential property during a 10-year, 24-hour rainfall event. The Town Council approved renewing Moraga's current rate of \$35.00/ERU, which has been in place since Fiscal Year 2003/04.

### **GRAND JURY REQUESTS AGENCIES REPORT ON TRASH REDUCTION EFFORTS**

The San Francisco Water Quality Control Board (Water Quality Board) determined that trash is a pervasive problem near and in local creeks, rivers, and the SF Bay. The Water Quality Board's Stormwater Permit required that local agencies reduce trash load by 80% by 2019. The Town of Moraga achieved 95% trash reduction and has surpassed that mark. The Contra Costa County Grand Jury reviewed Moraga's Fiscal Year 2018/19 Stormwater Annual Report and requested that the Town Council receive a report on trash reduction accomplishments, costs and challenges. A detailed trash reduction staff report was presented at the March 23 meeting.

### **PURCHASE OF TWO NEW VEHICLES**

Town Council authorized the purchase of two priority vehicles to replace vehicles in the Town fleet that have reached the end of their service life. The Parks and Recreation passenger van used by the department to transport seniors and children and a Public Works truck will both be replaced at a total cost of \$81,922.

### **CANYON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT COST UPDATE**

Town Council received an [update](#) on the Canyon Road Bridge Replacement project budget. The estimated project budget is \$11,645,000 including engineering, project management, construction and rental costs for the temporary bridge. The Highway Bridge Program grant is \$8,780,000 or 88.53%. The Town's match is \$1,136,750 or 11.47% recommended to be appropriated from CCTA Measure J transportation funding. The construction of the bridge is tentatively scheduled to begin April 20, 2020. The most up-to-date information on the project can be found on the [project's website](#).

### **REPORT OF VENDORS/CONSULTANTS**

A [report](#) including a list of all vendors to whom the Town paid more than \$15,000 per year during the past three fiscal years was provided to the Town Council. Information on the vendors (including a description of the services rendered, the amount paid per year, and the date a Request for Proposals was completed for the work) was also included. The vendors include: industry primary providers (e.g. PG&E); specialty service contract providers (e.g. County Dispatch); and vendors who provided services for one-time projects. The report includes more detailed information on six vendors that staff has been evaluating to determine if there are cost saving opportunities.

### **HAULING PERMIT FOR PG&E'S ST. MARY'S PIPELINE PROJECT**

Town Council adopted a resolution to ratify a hauling permit for PG&E's St. Mary's Pipeline Project on St. Mary's Road near Bollinger Canyon Road to the City of Lafayette's city limit to off-haul approximately 675 cubic yards of soil. PG&E is completing restoration work of the staging area off St. Mary's Road used for the pipeline project. The proposed haul route would begin at the staging area

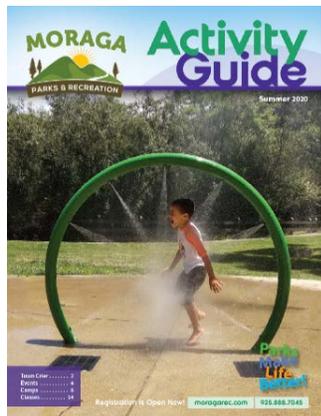
and continue to the Lafayette City limit via St. Mary's Road, approximately a quarter mile. The proposed start date is May 4, 2020.

### **TOWN COUNCIL ENDORSES THE PROPOSED CSU CAMPUS IN CONCORD**

The Town Council approved a [letter of endorsement](#) for the proposed Cal State University at the former Concord Naval Weapons Station.



## SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE COMING SOON



The Summer 2020 Activity Guide is scheduled to hit mailboxes the week of April 6. Online registration will open on April 1 at [MoragaRec](#) providing residents early access to summer camps and programs. Register early and save! A 10% summer camp discount is being offered for the entire month of April.

The Activity Guide features upcoming events including Hacienda Nights, the July 4th Celebration, and the Moraga Park Foundation's Summer Concert schedule. The Town is continually monitoring changes to the shelter-in-place order and the potential impacts that it may have on summer programs, camps, activities and events. Updates will be posted as more information and guidelines become available.



## EBMUD TAP WATER IS SAFE FROM CORONAVIRUS

The spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has not affected EBMUD's drinking water supply. All EBMUD tap water remains safe. Water is life, and safe tap water is key to reducing the spread of Coronavirus in our East Bay community. Remember: hand washing is an important part of the strategy to combat this pandemic. EBMUD water treatment plants are designed to eliminate pathogens including viruses and bacteria. For more information about coronavirus and drinking water, visit [US EPA](#).



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, April 6 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, April 8 – [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](#).

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