



## ABOUT TOWN - MAY 28, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### SUMMER CAMP STARTS ON MONDAY, JUNE 8

Adventure awaits at Moraga Day Camp! The program has been updated to adhere to the guidelines outlined by the Contra Costa County Health Services Department and the CDC including organizing children in stable groups of 12 and implementing additional sanitation and hygiene practices. Camp programs will run each week at the Hacienda de las Flores June 8 to August 7. Camp runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with extended care options available from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm to meet the childcare needs of working families. Visit [Moraga Rec](#) for more information and to register.



### FEED THE NEED CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL



The Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley is proud to announce the successful completion of the "Feed The Need" matching campaign. In three weeks, the campaign raised \$114,000, which far exceeded the goal of \$60,000, thanks to the donations of many generous community members. In total, 230 contributions were received. Special recognition to the following donors for their contributions: The Pease Family Fund, The Eagle Foundation, Olivier Paugam and Dropbox, Chevron and Moraga Rotary. Each of the nonprofit partners - Meals on Wheels, the Food Bank of Contra Costa County and the Monument Crisis Center - will receive one third of the total amount donated.



### CANYON ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The Canyon Road Bridge Replacement Project is in its sixth week of construction, and has reached a project milestone with the completion of piles for the bridge abutments. Creek diversion installation started last week, and the contractor is proceeding with the dewatering operation. Concrete pours for abutment walls are scheduled to start Monday, June 1. **As a reminder, the bridge will continue to be closed Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Some extended hours, closures, and weekend work may be scheduled, if necessary. Remember to check the Canyon Road Bridge [webpage](#) for more information on schedule changes and project updates.



### CHAMBER TOWN HALL MEETING - MONDAY, JUNE 8

Join the Moraga Chamber of Commerce's Town Hall Meeting on Monday, June 8, at 12 noon for an informative Zoom meeting with representatives from the County Board of Supervisors, Town Council, Town management, Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Moraga Police and the Moraga School District. The community is invited to join the meeting and pre-submit any questions they may have for any one of the panel. Email questions to [Kathe Nelson](#) by close of business on June 4. Following is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5567052644?pwd=endZVW5EMlhSVWQ1VWFhNUUpBdkpuQT09>



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 27, 2020

### **MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE**

Fire Chief Winnacker provided an update on MOFD's recent designation of "High Fire Severity Zones" as a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) fire area. This action by MOFD will require that new construction in the High Fire Severity Areas designated by CalFIRE Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP) maps in Moraga will be ember resistant. Currently, ember resistant construction is only required in the Very High Fire Severity areas of Moraga. View the [CalFire FRAP maps](#).

### **RIGHT-OF-WAY LANDSCAPING RESPONSIBILITY**

The Town Council introduced a proposed Ordinance clarifying abutting property owners' responsibilities within the public right-of-way for maintaining trees, shrubs, hedges and other landscaping. Consistent with other local jurisdictions, the Town of Moraga does not maintain sidewalks, trees, shrubs and hedges in the sidewalk area from the roadway edge to the private property line, which is considered to be part of the Public Right-of-Way (ROW).

### **FY 2020/21 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET**

Prior to bringing the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2020/21 Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budgets to the Town Council for consideration, the [draft CIP](#) was brought before the Town Council for discussion and feedback. The Town's CIP program consists of projects aimed at improving the Town's public infrastructure. The CIP is a multi-year planning instrument used as a guide for project prioritization to accomplish community goals. The Town's capital improvement program relies heavily upon grant funding with \$9.2 million, or 70%, of the \$13.1 million proposed CIP budget, coming from grants. Other sources, including Measure K, Garbage Vehicle Impact Fees and Measure J funds, provide funding of another 27% of the Town's CIP program. Only \$325,000, or 2%, of the FY 2020/21 proposed CIP is funded from General Fund revenue. The five-year CIP plan will be included as part of the FY 2020/21 budget. View the PowerPoint [presentation](#).

### **SHORT-TERM RENTALS ORDINANCE**

A second reading of the proposed Short-Term Rentals Ordinance was originally scheduled for the meeting. However, changes were proposed and accepted during the hearing by the Council by a 4-1 vote. Therefore, the newly-revised Ordinance will return to the Council for a second reading and adoption at their regular meeting on June 10. The major change that the Council made was to revise the definition of a "hosted short-term rental" to a rental with an owner/operator who lives on-site for the majority of the calendar year and treats it as their primary residence, as opposed to requiring that the owner/operator reside on-site throughout the entire duration of the rental.

### **VOLUNTARY TEMPORARY FURLOUGH PROGRAM**

Town Council established a voluntary temporary furlough program for employees, excluding police officers. The program enables employees to reduce their work hours (and compensation) by either 10% or 25% with the approval of their supervisor and the Town Manager. This program was created in response to COVID-19 revenue and workload concerns that have not yet been realized.

### **STORM DRAIN OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The Town Council awarded an On-Call Storm Drain Operations and Maintenance Inspection and Cleaning Services contract to 360 Pipes in Discovery Bay to perform activities outlined in the Operations and Maintenance Plan in the 2019 Addendum to the Storm Drain Master Plan. The contract was advertised for bidding on April 8, 2020, and bids were accepted on May 5, 2020. 360 Pipes submitted the lowest bid out of the four received.

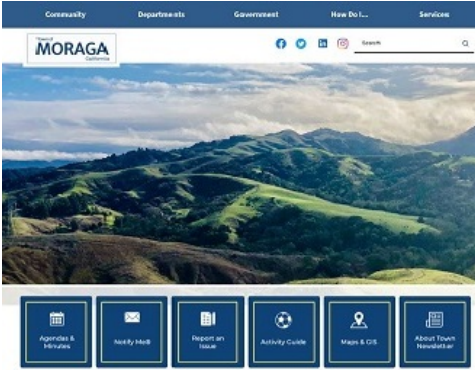


## END OF SCHOOL YEAR CAR PARADES

Schools are celebrating the end of the school year and graduations with car parades, which may affect traffic. Friday, May 29, features car parades around Camino Pablo School at 9:00 am; Los Perales School at 1:30 pm; and Rheem School at 2:30 pm. Campolindo graduates and their families will also hold a car parade on Friday at 1:00 pm from Moraga Center to Campolindo. Congratulations Graduates! Please drive safely and allow extra time if you are traveling in these areas at these times.



## TOWN'S NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHES IN JUNE



The Town of Moraga is excited to announce the unveiling of its new website this June. The new site will be fully mobile-responsive, accessible, and include powerful new features and functions that will help improve information sharing. The new website will make the latest news and calendar events easily accessible and users will have the ability to register for “News Flashes” on topics of interest to be received as either email or text messages. Subscription lists will be fully customizable. Current agenda subscribers will be automatically signed up to receive the Town Council agenda and will be sent information on how to add Commission and Committee agendas to their subscription. The new and

improved website will make it easier for the community to receive important information and be engaged with Town services.



## PLANNING DEPARTMENT OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

The Planning Department is accepting new planning and building permit applications; however, the department is still closed to the public and applications can only be dropped off at the building entrance or sent through the mail or delivery by FedEx, UPS, etc. Contractors, homeowners and other applicants wishing to submit new planning or building permit applications in person should call the Planning Department at 925-888-7040 to make arrangements to submit their applications from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday.



## REPUBLIC SERVICES SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES



Every week Republic Services orders meals for their “front-line workers” (drivers, mechanics) from different local restaurants in their service area. On May 6 they ordered 230 breakfasts from Town Bakery & Café in Moraga. Kimberly Lam, Municipal Manager, marveled that it was a cute little gem in Moraga. Thank you to Republic Services for being such a big supporter of your employees and local businesses!



## AFC BUDGET MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

The Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) will review and discuss the draft FY 2020/21 Town Budget on Wednesday, June 3, at 5:30 pm, in a Zoom meeting and will be available for viewing on LiveStream. Each year the Operating Budget, Five-Year Financial Plan, and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program are reviewed and approved by the Town Council. The document serves as a useful planning tool for the Town Council and staff in the strategic use and future planning of the Town’s financial resources.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Monday, June 1 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), **TELECONFERENCED**
- Wednesday, June 10, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#)

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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