



ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 15, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



COUNCIL GOAL SETTING - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

The Moraga Town Council will develop goals for 2021 on Wednesday, January 27 during the regular Town Council meeting which begins at 7:00 pm. Mayor McCluer's proposed goals will be discussed and prioritized with the Council and the community. The public is invited to provide input by sending comments to townclerk@moraga.ca.us or by participating in the meeting via Zoom webinar.



VOLUNTEER FOR TOWN COMMITTEES BY JANUARY 28!



The Park and Recreation Commission enjoy a tree planting ceremony in 2019

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all its Committees and Commissions and the deadline for submitting applications is fast approaching! For 2021 there will be openings on the [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#) (2 openings), [Audit and Finance Committee](#) (2 openings), [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) (4 openings), [Park and Recreation Commission](#) (4 openings), and [Planning Commission](#) (4 openings). If interested, please click on the Committee or Commission name for more information and complete an application to submit to the Town Clerk's office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to townclerk@moraga.ca.us by 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 28.



USE MOBILE MORAGA TO REPORT CONCERNS TO THE TOWN

The Mobile Moraga work order system is a valuable tool for residents to report issues and concerns to the Town. The platform is available by downloading the Mobile Moraga application to your mobile device and is also available through the 'Report an Issue' feature on the [Town's website](#). Issues such as potholes, graffiti, and hazards can be easily reported to the Town. New in 2020, a category for COVID-19 Health Order Violations was added to assist the Town in tracking trends in non-compliance. In 2020, the Town resolved 1,487 issues through the Mobile Moraga Work Order system, including 114 street issues and 49 park/graffiti issues, and 23 reports of code compliance violations.



PAVEMENT REPAIRS SCHEDULED WEEK OF JANUARY 18

As part of the 2020 Pavement Overlay Project, the Town will be performing pavement repairs beginning Monday, January 18, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Locations of repairs include portions of Rheem Boulevard and Augusta, Donald, and Corliss Drives. The contractor will also be working on repairing portions of the pathways in the Commons Park including the pathway north of the skate park and at the pedestrian bridge near St. Mary's Road. Please comply with all construction signage and pathway closures. For questions, contact [Sharon Chan](#), Project Manager, or call 925-888-7028.



CORRECTION TO PLANNING COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

The Vice Chair for the Planning Commission was listed incorrectly in the December 10, 2020 issue of About Town. We apologize for the error. The Commissioners elected Kerry Hillis as Vice Chair. Congratulations Kerry and thank you for your service.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 13, 2021

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Council established an Ad Hoc Diversity and Inclusion Committee to participate in the community-wide efforts to raise awareness about and address issues regarding diversity and inclusion in the Town of Moraga. Mayor Mike McCluer and Councilmember Renata Sos were appointed to the Committee.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Town Council received an informational presentation on Planning Department programs and advanced planning initiatives to provide an overview in support of the upcoming 2021 goal setting session. A strategic long-term approach is needed to enable the Town to address State mandates, General Plan, Housing Element and Town Council goals. The [Staff Report](#) provides information, including timing and budget, on ongoing planning activities, major planning applications, Moraga Municipal Code (MMC) updates and major Advanced Planning initiatives, including the Housing Element update.

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Town Council received an informational presentation on a new Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Strategy to develop a comprehensive five-year budget forecast to assist in project planning, acquisition of grants and identification of the Town's long-term annual infrastructure needs. Under this strategy, the Town would develop a detailed two-year spending plan and adopt appropriations for only the first year (Year 1). The second year (Year 2) spending plan would be an endorsed budget and would serve as a "forecast" or detailed conceptual recognition of revenues and expenses. The strategy also includes identification and balancing of infrastructure needs and investment using the Walk|Bike Plan, 2019 Addendum to the Storm Drain Master Plan, Asset Replacement Needs Analysis and Report, and Streetsaver.

PLANNING AND PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSIONS DAY AND TIME CHANGE

Town Council gave direction to change the Planning Commission meeting days from the first and third Mondays of the month to the first and third Tuesdays of the month and an adjustment of the meeting start time from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The Council approved the earlier start time to facilitate items of importance being heard earlier in the evening and ending meetings by 11:00 pm. The Park and Recreation Commission meeting schedule will also be modified to meet the third Monday of every month starting at 7:00 pm. The change will be effective starting March 1, 2021. Council also provided direction to bring back an Ordinance to change the start time of the Town Council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Town Council awarded a contract services agreement to Universal Building Services (UBS) to provide janitorial services in Town-owned facilities and to provide facility attendant services to the Parks and Recreation Department for private rental events.

MULBERRY TREE PRESCHOOL CONTRACT

Town Council adopted a third amendment to the existing ground lease with Mulberry Tree Preschool. The agreement permits public usage of the Mulberry Tree parking lot on weekends, evenings, and holidays to alleviate parking congestion at Moraga Commons Park. The six-month lease provides a reduced lease rate as Mulberry Tree Preschool works to resume operations.

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Town Council discussed the 2021 nominations of Councilmembers to serve on various Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and as Liaisons and voting Delegates to other agencies and organizations. Staff will bring the finalized list of appointments for Council approval at the next Council meeting.



MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL BOARD VOLUNTEER

Interested in public health, public policy, wetlands, farming, community education, finance, personnel or land development? Apply to become Moraga's Trustee for the Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District. You must be a Moraga resident to serve. For more information, visit the Town's [website](#) or contact the [Town Clerk](#) by email or phone at 925-888-7022.



PLANNING COMMISSION RECENT ACTIONS

On January 4, the Planning Commission (Commission) held a Study Session for the proposed South Camino Pablo Annexation and Residential Subdivision project. The second study session was to provide feedback on architectural revisions, and to receive comments on the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and the responses to public comments on the IS/MND. The Commission provided feedback which will be evaluated for the public hearing. The applicant will be holding a neighborhood meeting on Thursday, January 28, with notices to be sent out by the developer. On December 7, the Commission recommended moving the Planning Commission day and time to provide Planning Department staff and Planning Commissioners additional time for review (see article above).



MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT (MOFD) COMMUNITY MEETINGS



MOFD staff will host a series of community meetings to explain the draft [Community Wildfire Protection Plan](#) (CWPP) and to begin gathering community input. These meetings will be the starting point in a process of engagement and consensus building, which is integral to the development of a meaningful CWPP. These plans identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommend the types and methods of treatment that will protect one or more at-risk communities and essential infrastructure. All interested members of the community are encouraged to attend. Moraga's virtual meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.



HELP MORAGA POLICE PREVENT THEFTS

Moraga Police officers recently confirmed that not everyone sleeps at night when they arrested suspects for mail and catalytic converter thefts during late night hours. Prevent mail theft by using a locking mailbox and collecting your mail each day. Catalytic converters are stolen by thieves who crawl under vehicles with a power saw and cut it out of the exhaust system, requiring expensive repairs. Report suspicious persons and late-night power saw sounds by calling Dispatch at 925-284-5010.



OVER 65 COVID-19 VACCINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Residents 65 and older, as well as other eligible people who live and work in Contra Costa County, can request a vaccination appointment online with the County here: [Vaccination Request](#). After submitting the form, the request will be reviewed by Health Services staff. If approved, you will receive instructions on how to schedule a vaccination appointment using the MyChart website. Due to high demand and limited supply, the number of available appointments is limited. For more information visit [Contra Costa Health Service's COVID Vaccine](#) webpage.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 19 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, January 19, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

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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