



ABOUT TOWN - MAY 25, 2018 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



PG&E CLOSING ST. MARY'S ROAD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 7

PG&E's Gas Pipeline Replacement project is scheduled to begin on Thursday, June 7. This project will replace 6,000 feet of vintage gas transmission pipe along St. Mary's Road (SMR) from S. Lucille Lane in Lafayette to Rheem Boulevard in Moraga. Both Lafayette and Moraga have worked with PG&E to develop a compressed schedule to complete the project in 60 days rather than the original 100 days in an effort to complete the work within the schools' summer recess. SMR will be completely closed to through traffic Monday through Saturday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm barring any unexpected construction and safety issues. Limited local traffic will be allowed to the "Bluffs" subdivision off Bollinger Canyon Road and Lafayette neighborhoods within the SMR work limits; otherwise, motorists should follow the posted "[detour route](#)" to bypass the closed work area. SMR will be open between 7:00 pm and 7:00 am every night and all day on Sundays. For project information, please contact Julian Lacson, PG&E Outreach Specialist, at 925-348-3532 or J5LR@pge.com, and visit the Town's [St. Mary's Road Gas Pipeline Project](#) web page.



ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN NON-MOSO AND MOSO OPEN SPACE LANDS

At their May 21 meeting, the Planning Commission approved a resolution recommending that the Town Council adopt an ordinance amending the Non-MOSO (Moraga Open Space Ordinance) and MOSO open space zoning districts to require that detached accessory buildings be built to similar development and design standards as required for Accessory Dwelling Units. For more information, visit [Planning Commission Meetings](#) or contact [Derek Farmer, Planning Director](#).



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT COMMONS PARK



BUY-A-ROCKET! Help the community raise \$30,000 for the fireworks show! [Donate online](#) or send your check, made payable to the *Town of Moraga* to: Town of Moraga, Attn: Buy a Rocket, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556. Join hundreds of Moraga residents at Commons Park for the annual 4th of July Celebration including pancake breakfast, family fun runs, dog parade, community booths, jump houses for the kids, a family magic show, and a live concert at the bandshell with David Martin's House Party!



TOWN OF MORAGA RECEIVES FINANCIAL REPORTING AWARD

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Town of Moraga by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.



MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - MONDAY, MAY 28

The Town offices, located at 329 Rheem Boulevard and the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, will be closed Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day holiday, reopening on Tuesday, May 29.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 23

MORAGA COMMONS PARK ADA RESTROOMS



The design for the restroom replacement at Commons Park was unveiled to Town Council. The [new design](#) is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant and features four all gender stalls, two drinking fountains, a water bottle filling station and a pet water bowl. The [Moraga Community Foundation](#) has undertaken a fundraising campaign to raise the \$275,000 for the purchase and installation of the new restroom structure. The capital improvement project will be completed by Town staff once the fundraising goal is met.

LA FINESTRA AT THE HACIENDA

Town Council approved the execution of a [five-year lease](#) with Jeff Assadi, the owner of La Finestra, for an Italian restaurant at the Hacienda. The restaurant would bring an upscale dining establishment to the Town; increase public access to the park; and reduce the cost to the Town for the operation of the Hacienda. The Hacienda would continue to serve as an event space and public park.

STORMWATER FEE BALLOT MEASURE FAILS

The property-related stormwater fee was proposed to generate revenue to address deteriorating storm drain pipes, infrastructure, and sinkholes; protect drinking water sources from pollutants; and prevent local flooding due to insufficient capacity or condition. There was strong voter participation with 58.6% of parcels voting. The measure was narrowly defeated with 52% (or 1,744) of the votes against and 48% (or 1,607) in support.

INCREASED EMPLOYEE PENSION COST SHARING

On April 25, 2018 the Town Council approved an amendment to the contract with California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to increase the amount Town employees contribute toward their CalPERS retirement as agreed in the current employee contracts. In addition to the employee share, employees agreed to pay an additional 1%, for a total of 4%, of the employer share of CalPERS costs. The additional 1% will save the Town an estimated \$36,067 in FY 2018/19.



AFC BUDGET REVIEW MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

The [Audit and Finance Committee](#) (AFC) will review and discuss the draft Town Budget on Wednesday, May 30, at 5:00 pm, in the Town Council Chambers. 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.



MYIC FREE MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY, JUNE 1



The Moraga Youth Involvement Committee ([MYIC](#)) is hosting a free outdoor presentation of *Wonder* at the Moraga Commons Park on Friday, June 1, beginning at 8:50 pm or later, depending upon darkness. Bring friends and family and enjoy refreshments sold by the MYIC. All proceeds help fund future projects and events benefiting the youth of Moraga. This FREE event is generously sponsored by the [Moraga Park Foundation](#).

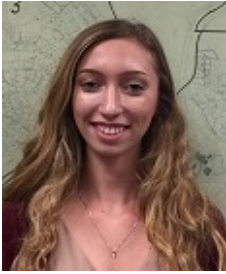


MARIN CLEAN ENERGY MEETING - TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Want to know more about Marin Clean Energy (MCE)? Attend an information meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 6:30 pm, at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road. An MCE representative will discuss residents' new options to choose more renewable, locally controlled electrical energy. Learn how these new options will affect your electric bill and what changes are coming. For more information, visit [MCE](#) or call 888-632-3674.



WELCOME MORAGA'S SUMMER INTERNS



ENGINEERING - REBECCA THORNE

Rebecca is a student at Chico State studying civil engineering, and was named as a Dean's List student in fall of 2017. She has previously worked at the Westminster Woods Camp & Conference Center as a Lifeguard/Counselor, working with children and adults with developmental disabilities. She has also volunteered at the Butte Humane Society in Chico, taking care of animals and getting them ready for adoption. She will be assisting the Public Works Department with preparing the 2019 pavement surface seal project, continuing to update the Town's storm drain GIS database, and other engineering tasks.



ENGINEERING - NAZARET CISNEROS

Nazaret is an undergrad at the University of the Pacific (UOP) in Stockton, expected to obtain a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in June, 2019. He previously worked with the Stockton Municipal Utility Department and has also worked with the Step-Up Afterschool program and the UOP Community Involvement Program. He will also be assisting the Public Works Department with preparing the 2019 pavement surface seal project, continuing to update the Town's storm drain GIS database, and other engineering tasks.



PARKS AND RECREATION – ERICA WILSON

Erica Wilson is attending Berkeley City College and plans to transfer to UC Berkeley in the near future. She is double majoring in Political Science and Gender and Women's Studies. Last summer she was the Camp Director for Camp Hacienda, the traditional day camp at the Hacienda de las Flores. In 2016, Erica also interned with the Public Works Department where she assisted the Engineering Division. She is looking forward to working with the Parks and Recreation Department this summer and learning more about local government.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 29 – [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, May 30, 5:00 pm - [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Council Chambers

Monday, June 4 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Monday June 11 – [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, June 13, 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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