



ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 11, 2018

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



WELCOME ANNE MAZE, FINANCE CONSULTANT



Anne Maze, who will be coordinating the Town's critical financial service processes for an interim period, began working with the Town this week. Anne has been providing management consulting services since 2000, and municipal consulting services since 2006. She has expertise in a wide range of finance-related project areas including audit, budget, long-term planning, labor negotiations, grants management, process development and systems integration for cities, agencies and special districts. Her first focus will be the Mid-Year Budget review followed by an operational assessment of Administrative Services. Please stop by and welcome Anne to Moraga!



MORAGA STORM WATER FEE MEASURE

The Town's recent Rheem Boulevard sinkhole experience has reaffirmed the need to maintain and improve the Town's storm water infrastructure. The 2015 Storm Drain Master Plan (SDMP) indicated the cost to repair the Rheem Boulevard pipe would have been \$1.7 million compared to the \$3 million repair cost after failure. A new dedicated revenue source is necessary to repair the most critical storm drain pipes and establish an ongoing maintenance program as outlined in the SDMP. Town consultants have recommended a property fee assessment to raise \$800,000 annually which will produce the necessary revenue. This is approximately \$10 per month per homeowner. Homeowners' Associations that have their own private storm drain systems that feed into the Town's public system may be discounted so that all property owners pay their fair share to fund the system equally. All revenues generated will only be used for storm water infrastructure, maintenance and compliance with clean water requirements. At a public meeting on January 24, the Town Council will consider a Storm Water Fee Measure and whether to place a measure on a future ballot for all affected property owners.



STORM PREPAREDNESS

The Town of Moraga lies within the Moraga Creek Watershed, which includes three major creeks: Moraga Creek, Laguna Creek, and Rimer Creek. The creeks, drainage channels and storm drain systems are susceptible to flooding with the potential to cause property damage. Certain areas within the Town are designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as 100-year flood zones, which refers to a high risk area with a one percent chance of flooding in any given year. Although the Town cleans storm drainage systems within the public right-of-way, private property owners are responsible to maintain sections of creeks, channels and storm drain pipes on their property to prevent flooding. Residents located in flood-prone areas are also encouraged to have sandbags and plastic sheeting available to protect property during the rainy season. The Town provides self-serve sand and bags at the Rancho Laguna Park parking lot (2101 Camino Pablo). Please take only what you need and fill bags one-third full for recommended stacking. Visit FEMA's FloodSmart.gov website for flood zone information. Additionally, Contra Costa County provides [Flood Forecast Information](#) on their website.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all of its Boards, Committees, and Commissions. In 2018, there are openings on the **Art in Public Spaces Committee** (1 opening), **Audit and Finance Committee** (1 opening), **Design Review Board** (3 openings), **Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee** (4 openings), **Park and Recreation Commission** (4 openings) and **Planning Commission** (3 openings). If interested, please visit the Moraga website to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to Town Clerk by 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 25, 2018.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 10

MORAGA TOWN CENTER HOMES STREET LIGHTING ANNEXATION

As there was no majority protest, the Town Council ordered annexation of the Moraga Town Center Homes into the Town of Moraga Street Lighting Assessment District.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS ORDINANCE

The Town Council, on a split vote, introduced an ordinance replacing Chapter 8.124 of the Moraga Municipal Code regulating the development of Accessory Dwelling Units. These new regulations are necessary to comply with recent changes in State law and concern approval and development standards for Accessory Dwelling Units, including size, height, and location. For more information, please visit [Accessory Dwelling Units](#).

TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Town Council nominated and appointed Councilmembers to serve on various Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and as Liaisons and Voting Delegates to other agencies and organizations. For a complete list, visit [Council Committee Appointments](#).

CONDOLENCE LETTER ON THE PASSING OF BROTHER DOMINIC BERARDELLI

Town Council sent a letter of condolence on the recent passing of Brother Dominic Berardelli from the Council to Dr. James Donahue, President, Saint Mary's College, expressing their sadness at his passing and their appreciation for his legacy to Saint Mary's College. Brother Dominic served the campus community for many years and focused on improving relationships between the Town and the college. Brother Dominic will truly be missed.



LAMORINDA ALL-ACCESS PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING - JANUARY 21

The Lamorinda All-Access Playground is nearly complete. The playground equipment and protective mat surfacing have been installed by Ross Recreation, Town Maintenance staff, and a diligent team of volunteers. The accessible-path concrete walkways have been constructed, the protective/ornamental fence is being installed this week, and final cleanup and demobilization will follow. The Rotary Club of Moraga is hosting a Ribbon Cutting and Dedication of the playground on Sunday, January 21, 2:00 pm, at the Moraga Commons Park. This event celebrates the completion of the project and the community involvement that made it a reality. The public is invited to attend.



UPCOMING PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS

Teddy Bear Tea - Saturday, February 3, 2018

Kids four to nine years old are invited to bring their parent and favorite teddy or stuffed friend to the Hacienda de las Flores for a day to remember. Enjoy a variety of teas and delectables while sharing quality time with friends. Children will be able to create a wonderful craft to take home and memorialize this special day. The cost for the event is \$55 per couple, \$30 for each additional guest; which includes tea, assorted beverages, finger sandwiches, pastries, fruit, sweet treats, child's craft and memories to last a lifetime! Space is limited so [register](#) early!

Family Dance Party - Friday, February 16, 2018

Save February 16 for the Family Dance Party for kids (K – 5th grade) and their parents at the Hacienda de las Flores. Dress is either formal or casual while you dance the evening away. Cost is \$17 per person, which includes an assortment of desserts, dancing, and memories. Other family members may join you for the last half hour for free. Space is limited so [register](#) early!



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The offices will re-open Tuesday, January 16.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Thursday, January 11, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Hacienda de las Flores

Monday, January 22, [Design Review Board](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, January 24, 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](#).

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.



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