



ABOUT TOWN - MAY 24, 2019

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



WILDFIRE SEASON PREPAREDNESS EVENTS



Wildland fire season will be here sooner than you think. Learn more about evacuation planning; why wildland fires in Lamorinda are a growing concern; preparing your home/neighborhood to be more wildfire resistant; and staying informed in an emergency. Experts from the Moraga-Orinda Fire Department, Moraga Police Department and the Contra Costa County Community Warning System will address these issues and answer questions at the following upcoming events:

- **Friday, May 31** from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the Lafayette – Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette (sponsored by [Lamorinda Village](#)); or
- **Wednesday, June 5** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, 1010 Camino Pablo, Moraga.



STREET SWEEPING - JUNE 10, 11 AND 12

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10, 11 and 12, all 56 miles of public (not private) streets will be swept by a street sweeper. Residents should park vehicles in garages or driveways and place garbage, recycle, and compost carts out the morning of your pickup day to avoid sweeper conflicts and ensure that the street in front of your residence gets swept. The Town does not post “no parking” signage, nor do the street sweepers have a set schedule, to maximize sweeping coverage in a single day. For questions, email [Jeanet Lara](#) or call 925-888-7026.



RANCHO LAGUNA PARK RESTROOMS ARE CLOSED

The restrooms at Rancho Laguna Park are currently closed while the Town addresses the failure of the pump. The system is being evaluated and may need to be re-designed to incorporate efficient technology and cost-effective solutions. Funding to fix the sewer system is proposed in the FY 2019/20 budget. It is expected that the restrooms will remain closed for the majority of the 2019 summer. Two portable restrooms are located on the park site as an interim solution.



2019 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



The Moraga Park Foundation presents the 2019 Summer Concert Series. Weekly concerts are held at Moraga Commons Park on Thursday nights beginning June 13 and running through August 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The first concert will feature *Retroactive*, a dance party band. New this year, the [Moraga Park Foundation](#) will welcome two new food trucks to join the traditional pizza, ice cream, and kettle corn vendors. Limited food service will still be available in the band shell or concert-goers are welcome to bring food and beverages to the park. The concert series is made possible by the Moraga Park Foundation, the Bruzzone family, Republic Services, Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley, 5A Rent-a-Space, and Moraga Junior Women’s Club.



CANYON ROAD BRIDGE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY UPDATE

As reported previously in About Town articles, the bridge pedestrian walkway and Moraga-Lafayette Regional Trail (Trail) were closed because of new land movement on EBMUD-owned land adjacent to the temporary bridge. The Town is concerned that certain unstable trees on this EBMUD property may fall over with additional land movement and requested that EBMUD and affected utility companies remove any trees that could become unstable. Several trees were removed or trimmed to protect the Trail area and overhead utility lines. The Town is waiting for EBMUD to remove additional trees prior to the Town reestablishing the bridge pedestrian walkway for safety reasons.



LAMORINDA SCHOOL BUS

Early bird registration is now open for the Lamorinda School Bus Program (LSBP). Sign up by Friday, June 28 for the best prices! There are so many benefits to riding the bus including: the school bus is the safest mode of ground transportation in America; students will have a professional driver; parents save hours of driving time (and the hassle of a carpool); it will help to relieve traffic congestion in the community; and the cost is \$5.00/day or \$2.50/ride if you sign up for "Round Trip" before June 28 (based on full payment). The LSBP now offers full payment or monthly payments. Visit [Lamorinda School Bus](#) to sign up.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 22, 2019

JEANETTE FRITZKY CASE STUDY PROGRAM

Bob Fritzky, President, Moraga Chamber of Commerce, updated the Town Council on the success of the case study program launched last year. Community business leaders and Saint Mary's College partnered to engage business students in a hands-on learning opportunity to develop a business plan for the Rheem Theatre. The case study was a resounding success with five groups sharing their findings at a well-attended event in November 2018. The winning teams were provided prize money thanks to the following sponsors: Moraga Community Foundation, GI Logic, PGIM, Semifreddi's, Tailor Brands, The Olsen Team, U.S. Realty Partners, Inc., and Wells Fargo. The 2019 case study will tackle a new business challenge. Current projects being considered are: Moraga as a premier hiking area, activating Hacienda de las Flores or online businesses' impact on sustainability.

HETFIELD ESTATES SUBDIVISION

Town Council considered a one-year extension of the Vesting Tentative Map, General Development Plan, Conditional Use Permit and Hillside Development Permit for the Hetfield Estates Subdivision, a seven lot single-family residential project on a 58.2-acre property. The Council voted to grant the extension, due to provisions of the State Subdivision Map Act which allow the life of a tentative map to be extended for a total duration of six years.

MORAGA SCHOOL DISTRICT AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Town Council adopted a resolution to accept partial management responsibility of After School Enrichment Programs (ASEP) for the 2019/20 school year. The Town will assume management responsibility of the existing Rheem Elementary school enrichment programs and a portion of the Camino Pablo enrichment programs. Town ASEP programs will be offered at the Hacienda de las Flores for the upcoming school year as school site availability will be restricted with Measure V facility improvements occurring on campus. It is expected that bus service through Lamorinda School Bus Transportation Agency will be available from the Rheem Elementary campus.

FY 2019/20 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Prior to bringing the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 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 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 five-year CIP plan will be included as part of the FY 2019/20 budget. View the PowerPoint [presentation](#).

TOWN MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Town Council approved a second amendment to the Town Manager's employment agreement. The Council stated that their performance evaluation of the Town Manager had been very positive. An Ad Hoc committee created to negotiate with the Town Manager shared the thirteen considerations they had relied upon in recommending an 8.5% increase to the Town Manager's salary consistent with the median salary of eleven comparable cities.



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION EVENT - TUESDAY, MAY 28

A Transportation Summit will be held at the Moraga Country Club, 1600 St. Andrews Drive, Moraga on Tuesday, May 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to discuss local transportation issues with 511Contra Costa, County Connection and the Air Quality Management District. This program is open to both businesses and the community. Please [register](#) for the event so the appropriate amount of refreshments can be prepared. This FREE event is sponsored by the [Moraga Chamber of Commerce](#) and [511 Contra Costa](#) and hosted by the [Moraga Country Club](#).



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Grab your blankets and join the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC) on Saturday, June 1 at Moraga Commons Park under the stars for a viewing of *Ralph Breaks the Internet*. Movie-goers may bring low-back beach-style chairs and/or blankets to use on the lawn. Make sure to wear warm clothes. The movie will begin around 8:30 pm, depending on darkness. Candy and popcorn will be available for purchase from MYIC. *Ralph Breaks the Internet* is rated PG with a running time of 1 hour 52 minutes. Thank you to the [Moraga Park Foundation](#) for generously sponsoring this event.



511 CONTRA COSTA SUMMER YOUTH BUS PASS



511 Contra Costa, the County's Transportation Demand Management Program, is pleased to announce its new Summer Youth Bus Pass for students. The Program has partnered with County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, and WestCAT to offer a discounted pass (only \$35) for unlimited rides all summer on all three transit agencies. This is an affordable and convenient way for students to be transportation independent over the summer and able to reach summer jobs or classes, movie theaters, shopping malls or any of their other favorite destinations that the transit agencies serve. For more information, please visit 511cc.org/youthpass.



VOTE BY MAIL CAMPAIGN

Contra Costa County is encouraging all voters to consider signing up to receive their Official Ballot at home, rather than going to a set polling place on Election Day and it's now easier than ever to make that request. Voters just have to text COCOBALLOT to 28683 and fill out information on the reply link to complete the process. Voters can also request their ballot in the following ways: by email at ballot@vote.cccounty.us; by phone at 925-335-7800 or in person at the Elections Office, 555 Escobar Street, Martinez.



DRIVE SAFELY AND SLOWLY

Complaints about drivers violating traffic laws in Moraga are on the rise! The Moraga Police Department (MPD) receives complaints about speeding cars, reckless driving, and crosswalk violations, among other things. MPD officers are actively enforcing traffic laws and issuing citations (over 1,300 in 2018). Please do your part by driving safely, slowly and obeying the traffic laws. Call MPD at 925-888-7055 with your traffic questions or concerns.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 pm – [Audit and Finance Committee](#), Council Chambers

Monday, June 3, 7:00 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, June 12, 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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