



ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES COMMUNITY MEETING - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3



To activate the Hacienda de las Flores and enhance community use, the Town is planning to release a request for proposals to identify a restaurateur to lease a portion of the Hacienda building. The community is invited to participate in a Community Meeting on Thursday, October 3 at 6:00 pm at the Casita building at the Hacienda. The public is welcome to attend and discuss new programs currently being offered at the Hacienda de las Flores and the potential change in public and private use of the property. For more information, view the [Hacienda Conceptual Feasibility Study](#).



MCSP CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

The fourth and final meeting of the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 pm, at Saint Mary's College, Soda Center (Orinda Room), 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. The MCSP CAC is assisting the Town in crafting the zoning and development standards to implement the MCSP adopted in 2010. At this final meeting, CAC will provide input and recommendations to the Town on land use priorities for the zoning document. The meeting agenda and materials can be found at the [MCSP CAC webpage](#). [MCSP-IP Frequently Asked Questions](#) are also available online.



RHEEM THEATRE ADDITION PROJECT UPDATE

The new owners of the Rheem Theatre have submitted an application to the Planning Department for a 4,113 square-foot addition at the rear of the building and various modifications to the parking on the property to accommodate the addition. The addition would consist of two new auditoriums, one containing 82 seats and one containing 41 seats, thereby increasing the total number of auditoriums in the theatre from four to six. The Planning Commission will consider the proposal on Monday, October 21. The draft California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [document](#) for the project is available for public review and comment on the Town's website from September 23 through October 14.



PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



Don't miss the Pear and Wine Festival this Saturday, September 28, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Moraga Commons Park. Event goers can enjoy pear pie, pear cider, wine from local wineries and other fall treats. Bring the kids along as the park will be filled with family-friendly activities including bounce houses, face painting, and a petting zoo. Local [DJ RyanO](#) will host the annual event with entertainment for all ages! Make sure to enter your favorite pear dish in the [Recipe Contest](#) – winners will be announced at 1:00 pm! Not a chef? Enter the pie eating contest at 1:30 pm. You won't want to miss this fun-filled day celebrating Moraga's pear-growing history.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

The Council presented a proclamation declaring October 2019 as Bullying Prevention and Moraga iKind Project Month to Wendell Baker, from Moraga's iKind Project, and encouraged all community members to participate in prevention activities designed to promote civility and compassion and make the community safer for all children and adolescents.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Town Council received an [update](#) on programs, events and activities of the Parks and Recreation Department. The Department provided information on increases in revenue for Moraga Day Camp and Hacienda Facility Rentals and continued efforts to activate the Hacienda and improve community usage. The Town's After School Enrichment Programs (ASEP) launched in September, and currently 160 students are participating weekly in after school classes.

SOLAR POWERED STREETLIGHTS

Town Council approved appropriating \$86,000 from Property Tax Lighting Special District to purchase and install three streetlights at the Moraga Road/Alta Mesa and Canyon Road/Country Club Drive intersections to improve crosswalk visibility. In order to increase efficiency and take advantage of existing construction contracts in place, the Town Council also increased the Contract Change Order limit for the contractor working on the Moraga Way and Canyon Road/Camino Pablo Improvements project by \$423,000 to incorporate installation of the streetlights as well as the suite of pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements for the Moraga Road/Alta Mesa Crosswalk project.

LOS ENCINOS DEVELOPMENT HAULING PERMIT

Town Council ratified a Hauling Permit for the Los Encinos Development at Baitx Drive to off-haul approximately 4,000 cubic yards of soil from the site to the Orinda city limits via Moraga Way. The proposed haul route would go from the Los Encinos site on Vista Encinos onto Baitx Drive, then Larch Avenue, then Canyon Road, then Moraga Way toward Orinda. The applicant intends to use 10-yard end dump trucks and estimates approximately 400 hauls (50 hauls per day). Hauling is limited to between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. The Town collects \$50 per haul to mitigate pavement damage. It is estimated the hauling will take approximately two weeks to complete.

CAPITAL ASSET REPLACEMENT ANALYSIS

Town Council reviewed and accepted the [Capital Asset Replacement Analysis](#) conducted by the Municipal Resource Group. The report provides alternatives and recommendations to address current and future funding needs to maintain and replace the Town's 150 capital assets. The asset replacement report is the first of the unfunded needs assessment reports to be provided to the Town Council. The unfunded pension obligation study and 2019 Addendum to the Storm Drain Master Plan, including funding for an annual Operations and Maintenance program and capital needs, are scheduled to be delivered to the Council in October.

UPDATE ON STORMWATER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The storm drain mapping component of the project to develop and implement the Town's stormwater Operations and Maintenance (O&M) program is complete. Field data collection was conducted by three teams, each consisting of a technician partnered with a Town engineering intern to collect spatial and attribute data on the more than 3,000 storm drain assets that make up the Town's 30.7 mile storm drain system. At the meeting, staff presented the field mapping findings and the next steps to complete implementation of the O&M program. See the [presentation](#).

TOWN COUNCIL GOAL TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE FISCAL DISCIPLINE

Town Council discussed one of its 2019 goals to *Maintain and Improve Fiscal Discipline by Adopting a Balanced Budget, Continuing High Quality Fiscal Reporting, Building up General Fund Reserves, and Positioning the Town for Long-term Fiscal Sustainability and Operational Efficiency*. The Town Council directed the Town Manager to determine the cost and obtain a proposal for an efficiency study for the Public Works Department and to look into the costs of obtaining studies for other departments, excluding the Police.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 pm – [MCSP Citizens Advisory Committee](#), Saint Mary's College, Soda Center (Orinda Room), 1928 St. Mary's Road, Moraga

Thursday, October 3, 6:00 pm – Hacienda Community Meeting, Hacienda de las Flores, Casita

Monday, October 7, 6:00 pm – [Special Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Monday, October 7 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, October 9 – [Town Council](#), **CANCELLED**

Thursday, October 10, 7:00 pm – [Special 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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