



ABOUT TOWN - AUGUST 30, 2019 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MCSP CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

The second meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Moraga Center Specific Plan (MCSP) Implementation Project will take place on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Saint Mary's College Soda Center, Orinda Room. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss two draft land use scenarios that could occur under the MCSP, and how those scenarios will guide the development of zoning and design guidelines for the future development of the Moraga Center. For more information, please visit the MCSP Citizens Advisory Committee website at: [MCSP CAC](#).



MORAGA WAY AND CANYON ROAD/CAMINO PABLO PROJECT UPDATE

The project is on schedule to complete the major construction components by the end of September. The Moraga Way traffic signals will continue to operate on fixed signal timing until the new traffic detection loops are installed by the end of next week. The final rubberized asphalt overlay is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of September 7 and 8. New traffic striping is scheduled to be completed by September 20. The Town appreciates the public's patience during construction of this important safety project. For additional project schedule information and updates, visit [Moraga Way Safety](#) and [Facebook Measure K](#).



BART REPAIRS BETWEEN ORINDA AND WALNUT CREEK BART STATIONS

BART is making extensive repairs and upgrades to the track between Orinda and Walnut Creek stations on most weekends through October, including some upcoming full weekend closures with bus bridges. Using Measure RR funds, they will be replacing track and electrical equipment, installing new switches, improving station platforms, and making other repairs and improvements to provide more reliable, safer, quieter, smoother and faster service. Riders should expect delays of 40 minutes or more on closure weekends. Remaining closure weekends are: August 31- September 2 (Labor Day weekend), September 14-15, September 28-29, October 12-13 and October 26-27. County Connection and AC Transit will provide free shuttle bus services. For more information visit [BART.gov](#).



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (ASEP) STARTING



The Town of Moraga is now offering After School Enrichment Programs (ASEP) at the Hacienda de las Flores starting September 3, 2019. 12 classes will be offered in the fall session. Arrangements have been made with Lamorinda School Bus Company to have all routes coming from Rheem Elementary stop at the Hacienda, making a convenient way for children attending Rheem Elementary to get to the Town ASEP classes. For information and registration visit [Town ASEP](#).



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON AUGUST 28, 2019

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council held a closed session prior to the Town Council meeting. The Council received a report from legal counsel and gave direction on continuing negotiations with EBMUD concerning landslides that impact the Canyon Road bridge. A legal report was also received regarding safety concerns arising out of the sinkhole located on private property at the intersection of Rheem Boulevard and Center Street.

AFC INDEPENDENT REPORT OF TOWN'S OPERATING EXPENSES

Town Council reviewed and accepted the Audit and Finance Committee's Independent Report on the review of the Town's Non-Personnel Operating Expenditures. The report highlights recommendations including the issuance of RFPs for auditing and IT services. The Council thanked AFC subcommittee members, Phil Arth and Tim Freeman, for the time and work that went into the planning and execution of the review and directed staff to bring back two additional items regarding potential cost savings in the future. Specifically, an evaluation of the Town's legal services and a discussion regarding an efficiency review of the Public Works/Engineering organizational structure and operations.

COMMERCIAL ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS

Town Council voted to amend several sections of the Town's Zoning Code to simplify the process for new commercial businesses attempting to locate in Moraga. The specific aim of the amendments is to simplify the land use approval process for business owners attempting to locate in either of the Town's two commercial zoning districts, the Community Commercial and Limited Commercial Districts, which comprise all of the commercial areas in and around the Moraga Center and the Rheem Valley Shopping Center, as well as the shopping center where 24 Hour Fitness and the Saint Mary's College satellite campus are located.

TOWN MANAGER SPENDING LIMIT

Town Council introduced an Ordinance amending the Moraga Municipal Code, last amended in 2011, to increase the Town Manager's purchasing limit from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This new limit will efficiently facilitate implementation of Council goals and directions, reduce the administrative burden of drafting staff reports for routine budgeted expenditures, and eliminate the delay in the procurement of goods and services. This limit is reasonable and in line with other agencies: 16 of the 18 Contra Costa municipalities surveyed have spending limits of \$25,000 and greater.

MORAGA LIBRARY ROOF RESTORATION

A section of the Moraga Library roof is in poor shape and requires restoration to prevent water damage to the building. Three quotes were obtained with the lowest bid in an amount of \$27,980 from Waterproofing Associates. Town Council awarded a construction contract to the low bidder with funding in an amount of \$28,000 budgeted from the Moraga Library Improvement Program.

2018 JOINT MORAGA-ORINDA FULL DEPTH RECLAMATION PROJECT COMPLETE

Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc. has completed all portions of Moraga's work for the joint project with Orinda; therefore, the pavement improvements were accepted by the Town Council and a Certificate of Completion will be filed with the County.



2019 JOINT MORAGA-LAFAYETTE SURFACE SEAL PROJECT UPDATE

All project [streets](#) have been resurfaced and punchlist items are being generated. After the contractor completes the punchlist, the final phase of traffic striping will start. The project should be completed by the end of September. For more information about the project, please visit the [Pavement Management Program](#) webpage which includes Frequently Asked Questions and a 3-Week Look Ahead schedule. For daily updates, follow the Town's [Moraga Measure K](#) Facebook page.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ELECTIONS PHOTO CONTEST

The Contra Costa Elections Division office is holding its third biannual photo contest and the grand prize winner will be featured on the cover of the March 2020 Voter Information Guide, which goes out to over 650,000 registered voters in the County. The contest theme is "The Flora and Fauna of Contra Costa County" and begins Thursday, August 1 with submissions due by midnight on September 30. Entries must be submitted digitally, along with a written photo description of no more than 100 words. There is no entry fee. For more information and submission forms visit www.cocovote.us.



CONTRA COSTA LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



The Town's Accountant, Yuliya Elbo, recently graduated from the Contra Costa Local Government Leadership Academy. The goals of the Leadership Academy are to create a cost-effective personnel development program for the participating jurisdictions; enhance the leadership skills of the participants; assist participating agencies with succession planning; and offer employees positive development opportunities and motivating experiences. For their project, Yuliya and her teammates analyzed the options of implementing a bike-share program. Photo from left to right: Yuliya Elbo and Norm Veloso, Administrative Services Director for the Town of Moraga.



OUTDOOR SUPPLY HARDWARE



A new business is planning to open before the holidays in the old OSH location, Outdoor Supply Hardware. Specifically named to be familiar, the new OSH will also offer a large assortment of hardware, nursery, garden supplies, electrical, plumbing, paint, housewares, tools, fasteners, patio furniture and grills. "We will offer new vendors and products from Stihl power equipment, Big Green Egg grills and expanded lumber. We are also very excited to offer tool rentals," says Mike Knickerbocker, Area Manager. They are currently looking to fill approximately 50 staff positions. For details, please contact Store Manager [James Denzine](#).



PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



Join the Town of Moraga to celebrate the Annual Pear and Wine Festival on Saturday, September 28, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Moraga Commons Park. This is a family friendly event with activities for all ages celebrating Moraga's Pear history! Join your friends and neighbors for entertainment with local [DJ Ryan O](#), wine tasting with the [Lamorinda Wine Growers Association](#), [pear recipe contest](#), community booths, and more! Bring the kids along as the park will be filled with family-friendly activities including bounce houses, face painting, and a petting zoo. Festival goers can enjoy the pie eating contest, pear cider, and other fall treats. For more information go to the Parks and Recreation page on the Town of Moraga [website](#).



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices, located at 329 Rheem Boulevard and the Hacienda de las Flores at 2100 Donald Drive, will be closed Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day holiday, reopening on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 3 – [Special Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 pm – [MCSP Citizens Advisory Committee](#), Saint Mary's College Soda Center, Orinda Room, 1928 St. Mary's Road

Wednesday, September 11, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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

Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 pm – [Art in Public Spaces](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 25, 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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