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**Mayor presents proposed town goals and priorities for 2021**

By Vera Kochan

“Enhance Communication with Full Transparency” is the game plan for Moraga Mayor Mike McCluer’s set of 2021 town goals.

McCluer presented five new goals during the town council’s Jan. 27 meeting (one of which was rejected by council members as not being

cost effective). Also on his list were seven continuing goals from last year. Two additional goals were proposed by members and added, bringing the total count to 13.

The mayor’s new goals and priorities include working on a funding plan to sustain basic operations of the town, including unfunded storm drains, asset replace-

ment and pension needs, by developing and adopting a five-year Capital Improvement Program Budget Strategy.

McCluer also expects to continue to focus on traffic safety while exploring opportunities for improvement, in addition to participating with community groups to improve diversity and inclusion town-wide.

He would like to identify funding and initiate work on the 2023-31 Housing Element (Affordable Housing Plan) to satisfy the Regional Housing Needs Allocation, meet state mandates, and maintain the town’s “semi-rural” character.

Continuing the goals from 2020, McCluer wants to maintain and improve public safety through the continued provision of high quality police and emergency response services, including continued coordination with the Moraga-Orinda Fire District on fire safety and emergency preparedness. The town continues to maintain a sense of well-being and security throughout Moraga, while seeking to increase staffing to authorized levels.

McCluer expects Moraga to initiate and complete a review of the town’s three-step planned development process and adopt an ordinance to streamline the process. This

adoption is scheduled to be brought to the planning commission and town council this year.

Evaluation and implementation of viable strategies in Moraga’s Climate Action Plan to lessen the town’s impact on the environment will continue with the replacing of town lights with LED fixtures and the partnering with Sustainable Contra Costa to launch the Moraga Sustainability Challenge. The recent installation of four electric vehicle charging stations has been accomplished.

Completion of Phase I of the Canyon Road Bridge has come in on schedule, and the submittal for reimbursement of costs is expected to proceed in a timely manner. Continued construction of Phase II, the outbound lane including the multi-use pathway, is scheduled to begin in April and be completed by the end of the calendar year.

McCluer wants to begin preparation of a General Plan Amendment and Rezone of the Bollinger Canyon Special Study Area. This will entail utilizing a formal request for proposal process for selection of an environmental consultant to prepare the required environmental review for the project.

Also on the list, is the implementation of the 2021

Pavement Management Program which includes the pavement Resurfacing Project, design work for the 2022-24 “Worst First” Pavement Reconstruction Projects, and the Annual Pavement Repair Project.

The last of the continuing projects is the implementation and development of the Storm Drain System Operations and Maintenance Program with work to begin on storm drain capital improvement projects. Proactive inspections and CCTV of storm drain pipes and facilities are projected to continue.

Two additional goals proposed by council members were added to the list. Council Member David Stromberg requested a goal to work collaboratively with the Moraga Chamber of Commerce and other stakeholders to improve the town’s business climate and address retail’s recovery from the pandemic.

Council Member Renata Sos requested a goal to maintain the town’s parks, open space and facilities for the benefit of the public.

This agenda item of proposed town goals and priorities will be continued to the Feb. 10 town council meeting for additional clarification and fine-tuning.



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**It’s time to show Moraga some love**



Image courtesy Moraga Parks and Recreation Department

By Vera Kochan

With Valentine’s Day just around the corner, the Parks and Recreation Department is asking townfolk to show their love for Moraga.

The “I Heart Moraga” campaign is open to all ages and is meant to celebrate the people, places and things that make living here so special. Parks and Rec is accepting just about any expression of “love” – whether it’s a poem, letter, painting, drawing, photo, or anything else creative.

The inspiration for the February love fest came from Recreation Supervisor Jasmine Bateson. “I’ve had this idea for a while. Love letters are one of the simplest ways to focus on what matters most, relationships; and who doesn’t love a love letter? Some of the best relationships stem from our community with a person, place or thing.”

Bateson took into account the impact that COVID has

had on the town. “We’ve all spent some extra time at home over the last year and had time to reflect on the things that are important to us,” she explained. “Sharing this love of Moraga with the community is an opportunity for creative expression that can strengthen these connections. It felt like perfect timing to run this campaign around Valentine’s Day, because what better time to share the love?”

All entries must be 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Submit entries to the Moraga Parks and Recreation office located at 2100 Donald Dr. or email them to recdesk@moraga.ca.us by 5 p.m. Feb. 12. Physical submissions cannot be returned.

The “love letters” will be showcased on the Town of Moraga website (www.moraga.ca.us) during the month of February and at potential community events during the year.

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**Park and Recreation Commission:** Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.,  
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