



## ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### MORAGA PARK FOUNDATION SURVEY



The [Moraga Park Foundation](#) (MPF), staffed by Moraga community volunteers, would appreciate the community's feedback concerning Moraga's parks and the MPF organization by participating in a two-minute survey. Please click on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9TZFFW5> to take the survey. The MPF is pleased to sponsor the Summer Concert Series held at the Moraga Commons, set to return summer of 2022. The Foundation's park projects are funded by contributions from the Moraga community.



### MOVIE UNDER THE STARS - SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 (TONIGHT!)

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs - the Parks and Recreation Department presents Movie Under the Stars at Moraga Commons Park on Friday, September 10. The event will feature Monsters Inc. by Disney Pixar. Showtime begins promptly at 8:00 pm. This community event is FREE and pre-registration is not required. Popcorn, water, and candy will be available for purchase in the bandshell. This event was made possible by a generous donation from the Moraga Park Foundation.



### MORAGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONATION FOR NEW FLAGPOLE



The Town Council accepted a \$6,000 donation from the [Moraga Community Foundation](#) (MCF) as part of the Commons Park Enhancement project. The donation will be utilized to replace the existing flagpole at Moraga Commons Park. The inaugural flag raising will be held immediately prior to the Pear and Wine Festival on Saturday, September 25 following the event's tree planting ceremony at 10:30 am. Thank you to MCF for your contributions to the Town!



### PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Join us for the return of the annual [Pear and Wine Festival](#) on Saturday, September 25 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Moraga Commons Park. This year's event will feature a concert in the bandshell. [Careless Whisper](#), an 80s tribute band will perform on the main stage from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Event activities include community booths, inflatable jumpies and fun for all ages. Enjoy great food, beer, wine, and the iconic pear pies! Thank you to our event sponsors – [Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley](#) and the [Moraga Park Foundation](#). All guests are required to adhere to the health and safety guidelines established by Contra Costa County. Masks are strongly recommended.





## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

### **OPTIONS TO FILL THE TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY**

After discussing available options, the Town Council decided to use a public application, interview and appointment process to fill Councilmember Stromberg's term until the next election in November 2022. The Council decided against holding a special election due to the high cost (\$93,104 - \$162,932) and long delay (May or June 2022). The Council also declined to make a direct appointment as they felt this option did not provide equal opportunity or sufficient transparency. The Town will be accepting [applications](#) from qualified registered voters through September 30 at 5:00 pm. Initial interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, October 12. Questions about the process can be directed to the [Town Clerk](#).

### **SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES ORDINANCE**

Town Council considered updates to its small cell wireless facilities Ordinance to strengthen developmental and procedural standards. The desired restrictions must be balanced against Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations which require cities to approve applications ministerially within a 60-day shot clock and prohibit denial based on environmental factors. The Council discussed concerns about the safety of electromagnetic frequencies (EF) and the legality of requiring testing to ensure compliance within FCC limits. The Council did not take action on the draft Ordinance and requested staff bring the item back at a date uncertain with more analysis and research regarding testing.

### **PRINCIPAL PLANNER POSITION**

Town Council discussed and approved a new classification and the salary range for a Principal Planner position to be hired in lieu of the vacant Senior Planner position. The Principal Planner position is a managerial position that can independently handle projects of great complexity and support the Planning Department in processing increasingly complicated applications, drafting ongoing municipal code updates and managing advanced planning initiatives.

### **2020 CENSUS RESULTS**

Town Council received a [Census Report](#) on the limited 2020 California Census Data currently available for Moraga. Moraga's total population is reported as 16,870, a 5.3% increase from the 2010 census. In terms of comparison by race, there was a decrease in white residents to 61.9% of the population and increases to multiple categories including Asian alone (18.6%), Hispanic alone (9.8%) and Two or More races (7.8%).

### **COUNTY CONNECTION BOARD VOTING MEMBER**

The Council discussed the process of appointment to the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (County Connection) Board of Directors and appointed Councilmember Sos to the remainder of a two-year term ending April 30, 2022. A vacancy exists on the County Connection Advisory Committee. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an [application](#) to the Town Clerk.

### **CANYON ROAD BRIDGE CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

The Town Council amended the Contract with Harris and Associates to continue providing construction management and inspection services on the Canyon Road Bridge project. Construction is ongoing on the project and both lanes should be open before the end of 2021. For more information, please visit the [project's webpage](#).

### **2021 STREET REPAIR PROJECT**

The Town Council has approved a contract change order to increase the construction contract with Bear Construction for additional base failure repairs along Moraga Road and St. Mary's Road which are scheduled to occur next week. Base failure repairs have been completed along Canyon Road and work is currently underway on local residential streets. For the latest information including schedule, please visit the project's [project's webpage](#).

### **RE-APPOINTMENT OF "ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING" REPRESENTATIVE**

The Town Council voted unanimously to re-appoint the current Moraga representative, Marty Aufhauser, to the Contra Costa County Advisory Council on Aging for a two-year term. This action was taken to correct the term of office to coincide with the County.



## JOIN THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

The Contra Costa County Community Advisory Board is seeking applicants who are interested in serving on its 15-member Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Public Safety Realignment. CAB was established by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Executive Committee to provide input on community needs and encourage outcomes that are consistent with the County's Reentry Strategic Plan. Appointments to the CAB will be for one year with a term limit of three years. The CAB meets on the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to noon. For more information [view the flyer](#).



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, September 20, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 22, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

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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