



## ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

### UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



#### JOINT MEETING ON THE HOUSING ELEMENT - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6



Interested in the future of housing in Moraga? Get Involved! Sign up to get updates via "Notify Me" and learn more about this major advanced planning initiative on the Town's [website](#). Staff is kicking off the 15-month process which includes input from the community on where new housing should be allowed. A Town Council/Planning Commission kick-off meeting will be held on October 6 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. This is the beginning of a community process to shape the 2023 - 2031 Housing Element Update, a state mandated document to ensure that land is zoned at appropriate densities to allow for the future development of up to 1,118 new residential units (the Town's Regional Housing Needs Allocation RHNA) in Moraga. Staff will also provide an update on the Bollinger Canyon Special Study Area rezone.



#### APPLY FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Town Council selected a public application, interview and appointment process to fill Councilmember Stromberg's term until the next election in November 2022. The Town is 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](#).



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



The [Pear and Wine Festival](#) returns to Moraga Commons Park on Saturday, September 25. The event begins at 11:00 am with kids' activities and community booths. A special addition this year is a concert in the bandshell from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. [Careless Whisper](#) (80's tribute band) will delight audiences for the first concert held in 2021 thanks to a generous sponsorship by the [Moraga Park Foundation](#). A special inaugural flag raising ceremony is scheduled for 10:45 am on the new flagpole at Moraga Commons Park that was donated by the [Moraga Community Foundation](#). All guests are required to adhere to the health and safety guidelines established by Contra Costa County. Masks are strongly recommended.



#### PINEHURST ROAD CLOSED THROUGH WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Contra Costa County is currently working on the Pinehurst Road Culvert and Sinkhole Repair Project. Pinehurst Road will continue to be closed until Wednesday, September 29. The full closure will be extended from the Wilcox Staging Area to Skyline Boulevard. For more information, please visit the County's website at [Pinehurst Road Sinkhole](#).



#### 2021 STREET REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE

This year's paving project is progressing well. The work will continue the week of September 27 with work hours being Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information and schedule updates, please visit the 2021 [Street Repair Project](#) webpage.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

### ***PROCLAMATION HONORING MORAGA POLICE CORPORAL KEVIN MOONEY***

The Town Council presented a proclamation honoring Moraga Police Corporal Kevin Mooney, who passed away on August 21 after a valiant fight against COVID and related complications. In addition to honoring Kevin for his service to the Town and our country, the Council also declared September 22, 2021 to be Corporal Kevin Mooney Day in Moraga. All of the Councilmembers commented on Kevin's dedication to caring for victims and apprehending those who prey upon our Town. Kevin's wife, son and brother were in attendance and were very appreciative of the kindness and support received from so many throughout the Town.

### ***HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES NOISE MITIGATION UPDATE***

Town Council received an update on [noise mitigation strategies](#) and implementation efforts regarding community concerns of noise at the Hacienda de las Flores. New noise agreements, speaker placement and directions, acoustic panels, reduced decibel thresholds, and on-site security during private events have been implemented. Wedgewood Weddings will assume responsibility of event management starting November 8, 2021 and will inherit 25 agreements scheduled to occur between March and June 2022. These 25 events will be managed under existing policies. Beginning July 1, 2022 additional noise mitigation measures will go into effect including the use of the Pavilion building as a "ceremony only" location, and no live bands (acoustic configurations only) under Wedgewood's management. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

### ***LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT CEQA ADOPTION***

The Town Council adopted a [Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Laguna Creek Restoration Project](#) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Mitigation measures were identified to reduce potentially significant impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology, and noise during construction to less-than-significant levels.

### ***LAGUNA CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE***

The Council approved the sixty-five percent design plans for the [Laguna Creek Restoration Project](#) and directed staff to submit the plans to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)/ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review. Council also directed staff to seek additional funding for the project. The FEMA review is expected to take between six and eighteen months. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

### ***LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES VOTING DELEGATE DIRECTION***

Town Council considered the two resolutions that representatives from each city in California will be asked to vote on at the League of California Cities conference today. The Council voted to support a resolution to provide for a fair and equitable distribution of local sales tax that takes into consideration the impacts fulfillment centers have on host cities and to support a resolution calling upon the State to provide necessary funding to the CPUC to fulfill its obligation to inspect railroad lines to ensure that operators are removing illegal dumping, graffiti and homeless encampments.

### ***UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK SPONSORSHIP***



Town Council received an [update](#) from the Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee and supported their recommendation to actively participate in United Against Hate Week (UAHW) from November 14 to 21, 2021. The Town will be adopting a proclamation, displaying posters and banners and making posters available to community organizations, residents and businesses, promoting UAHW on Town communication platforms, developing a Town webpage and drafting a press release.

### ***PROCLAMATION HONORING KENNETH MURAKAMI***

Town Council honored the Moraga Garden Center and Kenny Murakami for 50 years of contributions to the Town of Moraga. Kenny has contributed in many ways including providing bulbs to the annual daffodil plantings, assisting with the annual pruning of the historic pear orchard and partnering with the Garden Club on many projects including the Moraga for Monarch's butterfly site at Rancho Laguna Park. Thank you to Kenny and the Moraga Garden Center!

### ***ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT PROGRAM***

The Town Council voted to support a ballot initiative by the Contra Costa County Abandoned Vehicle Authority to continue the existing \$1.00 annual fee on vehicle registrations to fund the removal of abandoned vehicles throughout the county. The Town currently receives approximately \$7,000 annually to fund this process. An extension of this small fee, which must be approved by the voters, would continue to fund this activity for the next ten years.



## **VOLUNTEER FOR COUNTY CONNECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A vacancy exists on the County Connection Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee's role is to review and analyze issues and policies relating to fixed-route and paratransit service, and to advise the County Connection Board of Directors accordingly. Regular meetings of the Advisory Committee are held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday at 1:00 pm in Concord. The appointment will be for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023. Interested individuals are encouraged to complete an [application](#) and submit it to the [Town Clerk](#).



## **VOLUNTEER FOR THE MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL BOARD**



The Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District Board of Trustees are officials appointed by their respective City/Town Councils to govern the District knowledgeably and effectively. Funded through tax dollars, the District offers free services for mosquitoes, rats, mice, ground-nesting yellowjackets, ticks, and skunks. For more information, visit

[Contra Costa Mosquito](#). To apply, complete an [application packet](#) and submit it to the Town Clerk, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#).



## **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

Tuesday, October 5 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, October 6, 6:00 pm – [Housing Element Meeting](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 12, 6:00 pm – [Town Council Interviews Special Meeting](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 13, 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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