



ABOUT TOWN - DECEMBER 9, 2021

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



SHOP MORAGA'S ROTARY AND KIWANIS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!



Let Moraga Rotary handle dinner during the holiday rush! Enjoy dinner from La Finestra on Thursday, December 16 and help support Community Violence Solutions as well. The cost per meal is \$30 (\$20 for food and \$10 donation). Visit [Moraga Rotary](#) for more information and to place your order.

For all your holiday candy needs, visit the Moraga Valley [Kiwanis Club's](#) See's Shop in the Rheem Shopping Center near CVS. It is open 10:00 am to 5:00 pm daily through December 24. 100% of the profits are returned to the community through donations and grants.



TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE ENDS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10



The Moraga Police Department's (MPD) annual Toys for Tots drive ends Friday, December 10. Collection bins are located at Safeway, OSH and in the lobby of Town Hall (Note: Town offices will be closed Friday, December 10). Additionally, financial donations can be made via PayPal on the Moraga Rotary Club [website](#). These donations will be forwarded to the US Marine Corps for purchasing and delivering toys to less fortunate children throughout the Bay Area. The Police Department is continuing to support this cause in honor of the

late Detective Kevin Mooney. Call the Police Department at 925-888-7055 with any questions.

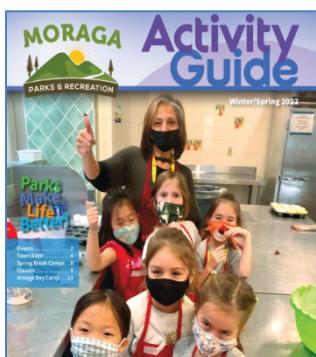


BUY A BULB FUNDRAISER

The Holiday Tree at Moraga Commons Park is lit to signify and celebrate the holiday season. Thank you to the community members who participated in the annual tree lighting ceremony on December 2. Please support this time-honored tradition and help us reach our \$6,000 goal. Donations can be made to the Buy-A-Bulb fundraiser [online](#) or in person at the Parks and Recreation Department. Donations can also be made via check to the "Town of Moraga" and mailed to: Buy-A-Bulb Fundraiser, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga CA 94556.



WINTER / SPRING ACTIVITY GUIDE



The Parks and Recreation Department has released the Winter/Spring Activity Guide for 2022! Check out what Moraga Rec has in store for the new year. Registration for classes and events is now open. Teddy Bear Tea, Preschool Art Party, Skateboarding, Splashball, Yoga & Tai Chi and the Town After School Enrichment Program are all coming back. We are also introducing some new collaborative workshops with Canyon Club Brewery, bringing back the popular Performing Academy, and even some Camps for spring break in April! Already thinking about next summer? Check out the next to last page for a sneak peek at Moraga Day Camp for the summer. Register at [moragarec.com](#) and reserve your spot today. Popular classes and events fill up quickly, so don't miss out!



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON DECEMBER 8, 2021

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THANK YOU MAYOR MCCLUER

Outgoing Mayor Mike McCluer gave a [presentation](#) on the Town's accomplishments this past year which included improved fiscal sustainability, launch of the Advanced Planning Initiative, progress on construction of the Canyon Road Bridge, investment in the Town's streets and public storm drain system, a partnership with Wedgewood Weddings for events at the Hacienda, and a focus on traffic safety, diversity and inclusion. Mike was recognized for his energy and commitment to stakeholder engagement.

NEW MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR ELECTED FOR 2022

The Town Council conducted their annual reorganization. Renata Sos was elected Mayor for 2022 and Sona Makker was elected Vice Mayor. Congratulations Renata and Sona!

OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Town Council agreed to participate in a settlement agreement involving a lawsuit filed against opioid manufacturers, distributors and dispensers by a number of jurisdictions across the country. The Town will receive between \$59,000 and \$70,000 over the next 18 years for use in battling opioid addiction and overdoses. The Town can also decide at any time to redirect the funds to the County for use in their programs.

SMALL CELL WIRELESS ORDINANCE

Town Council waived the second reading and adopted an Ordinance to amend sections of Moraga Municipal Code 8.144.010 for Small Cell Wireless. The amendments include, but are not limited to, location and configuration preferences, design and installation, signage, landscaping, noise and other standards. Council added a condition that requires Small Cell Permittees to comply with the most current applicable Radio Frequency emissions standards and additional testing at the time of renewal. View the [staff report and Ordinance](#).

FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 SALARY SCHEDULE AMENDMENT

The Town Council adopted a resolution amending the current Fiscal Year 2021/22 Salary Schedule for the Recreation Leader I (PT), Facilities Attendant (PT) and Intern Classifications to comply with the State of California minimum wage increase effective January 1, 2022, and for the Recreation Leader II (PT) classification to address compression and for the Maintenance Worker (PT) classification to establish a competitive rate for the position.

TOWN AWARDED \$470,736 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TOBACCO GRANT

The Town Council voted to accept a \$470,736 grant from the Department of Justice Tobacco Grant program, enabling the Moraga Police Department (MPD) to hire an additional officer and focus upon tobacco-related education and enforcement in the community. Tobacco and vaping are issues in Moraga as a recent California Healthy Kids Survey revealed that 36% of Campolindo 11th graders had used a vaping device and only 37% of 9th graders believed that occasional cigarette smoking was harmful. Additionally, the 2019 Merrill Fire is believed to have been caused by a discarded vaping device.

CANYON ROAD BRIDGE CONTRACT AMENDMENT

The Town Council amended the NV5 consultant contract to continue providing construction support services on the Canyon Road Bridge project. Construction is nearing completion and should be completed by early 2022. For more information, please visit the project's [webpage](#).

TOWN ACCEPTS \$80,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Town Council accepted CDBG grant funds from Contra Costa County for the construction of ADA improvements at the Hacienda, including the pathway from the parking lot to the building and the fountain patio area. Construction is scheduled to be completed in February 2022.

TOWN PURCHASES ITS FIRST PLUG-IN HYBRID VEHICLE

The Council approved the purchase of a 2022 Ford Escape SE Plug-In Hybrid vehicle with improved fuel efficiency (105 MPGe), traveling approximately 37 miles fully charged. The vehicle is replacing a 2002 Chevrolet Impala getting 15 MPG with 120,000 miles and substantial deferred maintenance costs. This vehicle will afford the Town the opportunity to utilize lower cost electric charging for many of the local Town activities and substantially reduce greenhouse emissions.



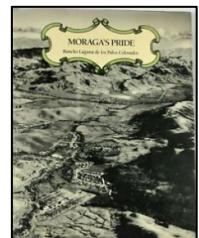
VOLUNTEER NOW FOR TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on its Committees and Commissions. If interested, please click on the Committee or Commission name below for more information and to complete an application packet. Submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#) by 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 27, 2022. [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#) - 1 opening; [Audit and Finance Committee](#) - 1 opening; [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) - 3 openings; [Park and Recreation Commission](#) - 3 openings; [Planning Commission](#) - 3 openings.



HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FROM THE MORAGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Moraga Historical Society (MHS) contains a treasure trove of the Town's beginnings including photos, artifacts, documents and archives of historical events. The History Center is located at 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga (just around the right-side corner of the Library). Give the gift of an MHS membership this holiday season or purchase a Moraga landmark throw blanket, Moraga's Pride hardcover historical book, or Images of America: Moraga trade paperback. For more information contact Susan Sperry at 925-819-0489.



RECYCLESMART - THINK TWICE BEFORE THROWING YOUR CLOTHES AWAY



RecycleSmart encourages you to think twice before throwing clothing away. By donating used clothing to your local thrift stores, or choosing to buy second-hand, you are doing your part to give back to your community, reduce landfill waste and save valuable resources like water and energy. Another way to donate your clothing is through the bi-annual Reuse and Cleanup Days Program in partnership with Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery and Republic Services. For more information about Reuse and Clean-Up Days, and what items are accepted, go to [RecycleSmart](#).



COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD ON PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Public Safety Realignment is seeking applicants to fill vacancies effective January 1, 2022 for two voting member seats, and three alternate member seats. Anyone who lives or works in Contra Costa County, and is interested in public safety issues, is encouraged to apply! The ideal candidate has been touched by the justice system in some way or is a criminal justice advocate. For more information [view the flyer](#) and apply [online](#).



ST. MARY'S ROAD ROUNDABOUTS PROJECT CEQA ANALYSIS

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration](#) (IS/MND) for the St. Mary's Road Roundabouts Project has been completed. The public can submit their questions or comments to the Project Manager, Mark Summers, through January 24, 2022, or mail to Public Works Department, 329 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556. The IS/MND will be presented to Council for adoption at the March 23, 2022, Town Council meeting.



MCE 2021 IMPACT REPORT

The MCE 2021 Impact Report highlights MCE's successes over the last year. Key highlights for 2021 include: MCE's "A" credit rating from S&P Global; California Community Choice Financing Authority launch; a cumulative reinvestment of \$180 million in MCE communities; receiving 99% of power supply from clean resources; offering new resources to support our customers during the COVID-19 pandemic; issuing a resolution to Advance Racial Equity; and the Green Access and Community Solar Connection programs. [View the report](#). For more information about MCE visit their [website](#).



HOLIDAY CLOSURE OF TOWN OFFICES

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed Wednesday, December 22 through Friday, December 31, 2021 for the winter holidays.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Thursday December 16, 6:00 pm – [Special Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Monday, December 20 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), CANCELLED

Tuesday, December 21 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, December 22 – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED

Tuesday, January 4 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, January 12, 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](#).

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.

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