



ABOUT TOWN NEWSLETTER



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MORAGA TAKES ACTION FOR EARTH DAY 2022

Facilities Energy Generation Study



This year the Town began a Capital Improvement Project to assess and identify options to provide alternative energy to Town facilities and back-up power during emergencies. The initial findings were presented at a community webinar on April 21, 2022 which can be viewed [here](#). There appear to be great opportunities for the Town to improve energy reliability for critical facilities during emergencies, improve its environmental footprint and reduce overall costs.

Recycled Paper Products Purchasing Policy

In 2022, the Town implemented a new paper purchasing policy that requires the purchase of recycled products instead of non-recycled products following the evaluation of comparable recycled products for quality and cost. The new policy is consistent with the requirements of Senate Bill 1383 and the Public Contract Code.

Organics Recycling is Provided to All Residents, Businesses and Schools

All residents (including multi-family properties and townhomes), businesses and schools can compost organics including all food scraps, uncoated food-soiled paper and yard trimmings in the green organics cart. Organics recycling is provided at no additional cost. For information about organics recycling call Republic Services at 925-685-4711 or visit recyclesmart.org. Residents can request a free kitchen food scrap container every two years.

Consider Opting for 100% Renewable Energy to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint

Approximately 90% of Moraga residents subscribe to MCE's Light Green energy option which provides 60% of electricity service from renewable sources. However, only 2% of Moraga customers subscribe to MCE's Deep Green 100% renewable energy option. Information on clean energy options offered by MCE is available [here](#).

The Town Council is slated to discuss discretionary budget considerations for the Fiscal Year 2022/23 budget at the May 11, 2022 Town Council meeting and will be discussing opting for Deep Green 100% Renewable Energy. The Deep Green option would cost the Town an additional \$5,300 annually and eliminate an estimated 34 tons of CO2 production.



Sustainable Moraga Challenge

The Town has launched year two of the Sustainable Moraga Challenge through a partnership with Sustainable Contra Costa. Join the 542 residents and community groups who monitor the impact of their actions on the environment and learn how to make big changes through small changes in daily habits.

[JOIN THE CHALLENGE](#)



Visit the Monarch Habitat at Rancho Laguna Park

Located at Rancho Laguna Park, the new Monarch Habitat and Demonstration Garden provides a 2,600 square foot garden which includes over 600 plants including [95 different native](#) and drought tolerant varieties. Docent tours led by the Moraga Garden Club are available upon request.

[REQUEST A TOUR](#)



Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations

There are two Town-owned electric vehicle public charging stations in Moraga that are available for use 24 hours a day. The charging stations, each with two Level 2 chargers, can be found at Town Hall (329 Rheem Boulevard) and Moraga Commons Park (Main Parking Lot off St. Mary's Road). The charging stations use SemaConnect software and cost \$0.30 per kilowatt hour.



Moraga Commons Park Irrigation Replacement

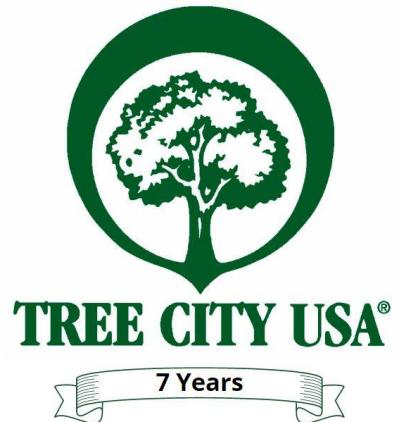
The Town will commence work on the scheduled replacement of the park's irrigation system to decrease the water usage. Beginning on Monday, April 25, Moraga Commons Park will be affected by ongoing construction for the next several weeks. Portions of the park may be unavailable or restricted at times so that work on the irrigation system can occur.

The updated irrigation design was approved and prioritized as part of the Town's Capital Improvement Program and includes an improved system with modern controls that will increase the efficiency of the system, conserve water, and decrease ongoing maintenance and utility costs.

MORAGA NAMED TREE CITY USA FOR 7th YEAR

The Tree City USA program highlights communities working to expand and improve the management of trees and related vegetation. Moraga was first awarded the Tree City USA honor in 2008, and subsequently has been recognized as a Tree City in 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2020 and 2021.

Program benefits include reduced energy costs and improved community awareness around sustainability and the importance of trees in the community. The program aligns with the many values held by the Moraga community as outlined in the Town's General Plan, Climate Action Plan, and the Moraga Open Space Ordinance. The Campolindo Environmental Club will be planting a tree at Rancho Laguna Park this Sunday, April 24, in honor of Earth Day.



SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT

The Town of Moraga has launched the ARPA Small Business Recovery Grant Program which will provide a one-time grant for up to \$5,000 to impacted small businesses that experienced economic hardship from the pandemic to assist with economic recovery. To qualify for a Business Recovery Grant, businesses must be independently owned and operated with a storefront or other physical space in Moraga and have no more than twenty (20) employees as of March 1, 2022. Businesses operating from the home (Home Occupations) are eligible for grant funding.

[GRANT APPLICATION \(PDF\)](#)

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CELEBRATE MORAGA'S 2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR - KAREN REED

Sponsors: Lamorinda Weekly, Moraga Chamber of Commerce, St Mary's College, and the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley are pleased to announce the recognition of *Karen Reed*, the 2022 Moraga Citizen of the Year. Tickets are available for the Celebration Dinner scheduled for Friday, May 6. The event will recognize Karen's leadership and dedication to serving the Moraga community. The celebration is also a great opportunity for socializing over drinks and a tasty dinner with neighbors, some of the past years' recipients and community and civic leaders.

2022 Moraga Citizen of the Year Celebration Dinner
Friday, May 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm
\$75 per person
Saint Mary's College Soda Center



[PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

TAKE THE LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN SURVEY

The Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) project provides local jurisdictions the opportunity to address unique roadway safety needs in their community. Moraga's LRSP team includes the Town of Moraga, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Acalanes Union High School, and the Moraga School District. The LRSP is charged with creating a framework to systematically identify and analyze safety problems and recommend safety improvements. The community is invited to provide input in the plan by participating in the LRSP community survey which is now available online. Report an area of concern and provide comments and suggestions today.



[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES OPEN HOUSE – TOUR AND POETRY READING

Thursday, May 12 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Join the Town of Moraga and new partners Wedgewood Weddings for a cocktail reception on May 12 between 5:00 and 6:30 pm. Meet the Wedgewood Weddings team and taste some of the delectable appetizers whipped up by the house chef. Town staff will provide small group tours to highlight the numerous site improvements made throughout the property including the ADA patio renovation and expansion, kitchen remodel, interior renovations on the



second and third floors of the Hacienda building, and the new artificial turf and arbor located at the Pavilion building.

Poetry Reading – Saint Mary's College Professor Matthew Zapruder

Along with the Hacienda tour, join the Art in Public Spaces Committee for a special poetry reading! Saint Mary's College MFA professor Matthew Zapruder will host a poetry reading at 6:00 pm at the Pavilion building followed by a Q and A session with attendees. The event is free and open to all ages.

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