



ABOUT TOWN - AUGUST 26, 2022

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION 2022

On November 8, 2022, Moraga voters will elect three Councilmembers. The nomination period for the election has closed and there are four qualified candidates: Kerry Hillis and Steve Woehleke who are running for the two four-year terms and Kendall Langan and David Shapiro who are running for the one two-year term. Contact the Town Clerk at 925-888-7022 or [Town Clerk](#) for election details.



MORAGA PARK FOUNDATION SURVEY



Did you enjoy the return of the Summer Concert Series? Thanks to the [Moraga Park Foundation](#), the nine-week series returned to the Moraga Commons Park in 2022 with awesome brand new bands playing along with some of your returning favorites! Please take a few minutes to complete the 2022 Summer Concert Series survey. Plans are already in the works for summer 2023 and your feedback is important in curating next summer's line-up. [Complete the survey today!](#)



MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

Mark your calendar! Movies Under the Stars returns to the Moraga Commons Park this fall beginning on Friday, September 9, with *Encanto* and Friday, October 7, with *The Bad Guys*. Bring your blankets and join your friends for a movie night at the Commons Park bandshell. Popcorn and snacks will be available for purchase. Showtime begins promptly at 7:30 pm. Thank you Moraga Park Foundation for your sponsorship!



SAVE THE DATE - COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS, OCTOBER 1 & 2

A Community Service Day is being organized and led by several local service organizations. Save the dates of Saturday, October 1, and Sunday October 2 to join residents and community members to volunteer and help those in need within and outside the Town. Don't miss this chance to help schools and beautify the community! More information on volunteer opportunities and details on registration will be available in the coming weeks. Questions may be directed to Mike McCluer at mmmccluer@aol.com.



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

The Town offices, located at 329 Rheem Boulevard and the Hacienda de las Flores at 2100 Donald Drive, will be closed Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day holiday, reopening on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON AUGUST 24, 2022

HOUSING ELEMENT: INCLUSIONARY HOUSING

Council provided policy direction to develop an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance, a local townwide requirement for below market rate units in future multiple-family or subdivision housing projects. This important tool is necessary to ensure the Town meets the State Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) mandate. Council discussed a range of factors to include in the Ordinance and directed staff to draft an Ordinance that includes a requirement for ten percent townwide affordable units with and exemption for fewer than five units, comparable design standards, timing of units to be concurrently built with market rate units, a 45 year length of affordability for for-sale units and a 55 year length of affordability for rental units, and possible incentives to offset economic impacts. View the [staff report](#) and [presentation](#).

2022 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

The Town Council awarded a construction contract to DeSilva Gates Construction for the 2022 Pavement Rehabilitation project. This is the first construction project of the Town's "Worst Streets First" pavement program that is repairing the poor and very poor residential streets. View the [staff report](#). Visit the dedicated [2022–2024 Pavement Rehabilitation program](#) web page for a street list and updates.

SUPPORT LETTER FOR CCTA SMART TRAFFIC SIGNALS PROJECT

The Town Council approved the issuance of a Letter of Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority submission of One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) Grant Application for their Contra Costa Countywide Smart Signals Project. The countywide project would develop, manage, and implement Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) initiatives such as upgrading the existing legacy signal systems, providing Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) video cameras for detection of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians; battery backup systems; and providing signal interconnectivity throughout Contra Costa County. View the [staff report](#) for more information.

HACIENDA ADA IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

The Town Council accepted the Hacienda ADA Pathway Expansion Project (CIP 19-104) as completed. View the [staff report](#). Much of the project was funded by a Community Development Block Grant. The project provided an ADA accessible pathway from the parking lot to the Hacienda de las Flores building and its courtyard patio area along with expanding the exterior patio area slightly to comfortably seat up to 200 guests on the patio instead of partially on the lawn. The project is aligned with the Town Goals of maintaining and providing access for all to our parks, open spaces and facilities.

LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SHER EDLING LLP

The Town Council approved an agreement with Sher Edling for legal representation in a case against Monsanto and its affiliates for their past release of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) into the environment. PCBs have contaminated the water and now require expensive remediation by the Town to implement treatment control measures and pollution prevention strategies. This action follows last month's decision to opt out of the class action settlement agreement which would have provided the Town only \$22,024 for its share of Countywide costs for PCB load reduction measures which are projected to exceed \$4 million. View the [staff report](#) for more information.

LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES VOTING DELEGATE

The Council provided direction to the Town's voting delegate to support the proposed amendment to Cal Cities bylaws at the September 9, 2022 League of California Cities Annual business meeting.

PROCLAMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Town Council presented a proclamation to April Rovero, representing the Contra Costa County MEDS Coalition, declaring August 31, 2022 as International Overdose Awareness Day. April spoke movingly about the magnitude and impact of drug overdoses that affect all communities. For more information and local resources, visit the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse (NCAPDA) [website](#).

SUPPORT SB 884 EXPEDITED UNDERGROUNDING UTILITY PROGRAM

Mayor Woehleke sent a letter of support for Senate Bill 884 (McGuire), which would allow for the review and approval of multi-year Wildfire Mitigation Plans, specifically placing overhead electrical equipment underground as a risk reduction measure. Approximately half of the Town is in a CAL FIRE high or very high wildfire severity zone; therefore, expedited undergrounding of utilities would greatly improve the safety of the Town of Moraga. Should the bill be adopted, the Town would be required to expedite review of projects to underground electric distribution lines in high fire-risk areas.



MOFD “HOME HARDENING” GRANT PROGRAM



MOFD has launched the 2022-23 [Home Hardening Grant Program](#). The program is open to all residents within the Fire District until June 30, 2023. Grant funds of up to \$1,000 per parcel are available to reimburse the purchase of ember-resistant vents. Grant reimbursement is limited to the purchase of materials only. Eligible projects are limited to the retrofit of existing residential vents, not otherwise required by code, using materials and construction methods approved for ember-resistant construction in accordance with the standard identified in Section 7A of the California Building Code and/or R337 of the California Residential Code.



THANK YOU, BREYANA AND GOOD LUCK!

Breyana Brandt started her tenure as the Parks and Recreation Director in March 2018 and over the last four and a half years has expanded the services offered to the community including starting the After School Enrichment Program; developing the distance learning lab to assist essential workers with children during the COVID pandemic; expanding Moraga Day Camp and other programs; increasing the Town's public outreach with a website update and enhanced social media presence; implementing Mobile Moraga; developing the Capital Asset Replacement Program; and transitioning of events management at the Hacienda de las Flores to Wedgewood Weddings. Breyana's service to the Town is marked by her professionalism, hard work, collaboration and kindness. Breyana has left a capable team who are ready to carry on all of these great improvements! Thank you, Breyana, and best of luck!



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR “FACT”

An important role of Contra Costa County is protecting children. In 1985, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors established the Family and Children's Trust Committee (FACT). FACT makes funding recommendations on the allocation of funds for the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect and works to provide supportive services for families and children. Currently, FACT is seeking applicants for seven committee seats. To learn more about FACT, please visit the County [website](#). Applications are available [online](#). Completed applications can be submitted online, emailed to [Clerk of the Board](#) or mailed to 1025 Escobar Street 1st Floor, Martinez, CA 94553.



REDUCING SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORIES



California Assembly Bill 1276 (AB 1276) now requires all retail food facilities and food delivery platforms to provide single-use foodware items upon request only. This law was established to help reduce the amount of waste generated by single-use items and to encourage consumers to choose reusables. (AB 1276 does not apply to school cafeterias, residential and health care facilities, and correctional facilities.) Minimizing the use of single-use foodware items can help businesses reduce costs and waste. These items contaminate recycling and pollute streets and waterways in our communities. California Assembly Bill 619 allows consumers to bring their own clean, reusable food and beverage containers for takeout orders and leftovers. For more information please visit the [RecycleSmart website](#).



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, September 14, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

The Town Council Chambers are located at 335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga.
The Hacienda de las Flores is located at 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga.

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