



ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



The annual [Pear and Wine Festival](#) will be held on Saturday, September 24 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Moraga Commons Park to celebrates Moraga's pear heritage. Get ready for a small-town experience with neighbors and friends as you explore community booths, dine on delectable fall treats, and explore local wines. This family event will feature inflatable bounce houses, a petting zoo, and live music on the Bartlett Pear Stage. Thank you to our event sponsors – [Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley](#), the [Moraga Park Foundation](#) and the [Lamorinda Wine Growers Association](#).



MORAGA COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS

Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2 is an opportunity for all Moraga families to join together to assist those in need and help beautify the schools and Town. This event is sponsored and led by the Moraga Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, Moraga Chamber of Commerce, Moraga Garden Club, Moraga School District, Campolindo High School, and Saint Mary's College. The projects include donating food; beautification through gardening and cleaning; blood drive donations; assisting local seniors with projects, errands, and socialization; local fire abatement and trail clearing; and much more! Please visit the Moraga Service Day website: <http://moragaserviceday.org/> to view all the projects and sign up for your favorite ones or donate! Thank you for volunteering your time, resources, and working with fellow civic minded residents to enhance our wonderful community.



MCN CANDIDATES' NIGHT - MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

This year the Candidates' Night sponsored by the [Moraga Citizens Network](#) (MCN) will be held on Monday, October 3 at the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Meet and hear from the candidates running for: Moraga Town Council, Moraga School District (MSD) Governing Board, and Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Governing Board (districts 1 and 3). The tentative schedule is: 6:30 pm – Town Council Candidates; 7:15 pm – MSD Board Candidates; and 8:15 pm – MOFD Board Candidates. For more details visit the [MCN Candidates Night webpage](#).



19 CONTRA COSTA CITIES RECEIVE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



The League of California Cities announced that the 19 cities and towns in Contra Costa County received the esteemed 2022 [Helen Putnam Award for Excellence](#) for Intergovernmental Collaboration for the development of the A3 Community Crisis Response initiative, which seeks to transform the region's behavioral health care and emergency response system. Forty-five different organizations, nineteen cities and towns, and dozens of community members worked collaboratively to create the A3 model. As 988 becomes a statewide and national suicide and mental health crisis call number, the Contra Costa A3 model will deliver behavioral health services in a manner that is timely, culturally, and clinically appropriate for Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS ORDINANCE

Town Council approved an Ordinance for streamlined review of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. Beginning January 1, 2023, the State will require all local agencies to remove obstacles and reduce the cost of permitting charging stations to promote and encourage the use of electric vehicles. Contra Costa County, who the Town contract for building services, will issue permits on behalf of the Town. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

CONTRIBUTION TO JOHN MUIR LAND TRUST (JMLT) FOR HARVEY RANCH ACQUISITION

The Town Council approved a \$250,000 contribution for the purchase of Harvey Ranch open space and an escrow instructions agreement with JMLT for the release of funds. The funding for this contribution was included in the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Adopted Budget and comes from Fund 100 – One Time Developer Fees. The future Palos Colorados developer has to date paid \$6.5 million to the Town consistent with a Settlement Agreement and approximately \$3.2 million in unrestricted funds have been spent on one-time expenditures with a focus on parks and open space. Funds have also been loaned to the Town for emergency repairs (sinkhole and temporary bridge). View information about the [Campaign to Save Harvey Ranch](#).

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED REPORT

As part of the Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative, Town Council provided direction on the State mandated implementation of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) to analyze the impacts of transportation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Effective July 2020, Senate Bill 743 requires VMT with the purpose to streamline multi-family and mixed-use projects in commercial areas, such as Rheem and Moraga Center, with more walkable neighborhoods that are accessible to local serving amenities such as grocery stores and bike shops. Council provided direction to follow the Contra Costa County guidance, and screen out 20 or fewer residential units and 25,000 square feet of local serving non-residential uses and multifamily and mixed-use projects in low VMT areas. Council also provided direction on mitigation measures such as car-sharing and bike parking. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#) for more information.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR 2022 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION

The Town Council awarded a Construction Management and Inspection and Material Testing services agreement to Substrate, Inc. for the 2022 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. This is the first construction project of the Town's "Worst Street First" pavement program, which will rehabilitate approximately 22 streets in various neighborhoods. View the [staff report](#). Visit the dedicated [2022-2024 Pavement Rehabilitation Project](#) webpage for a street list and updates.

LETTER OF SUPPORT TO CCTA FOR COMPLETE STREETS GRANT

The Town Council approved the issuance of a Letter of Support for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's submission of Safe Streets and Roadways For All (SS4A) Grant Application for their Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements to Improve Equity Countywide in Contra Costa. CCTA chose the combined "Completed Streets" Moraga Road (St. Mary's Road to Moraga Way) and Canyon Road to Sanders Drive in Moraga. The CCTA SS4A project in Moraga is estimated at \$3,755,000 with the Town's co-funding match of \$751,000. The [staff report](#) details the CCTA efforts and SS4A Fact Sheet.

MILITARY EQUIPMENT ORDINANCE

The Town Council approved a Military Equipment Use policy for the Moraga Police Department (MPD). State legislation mandated that each police department have a policy requiring an annual review of any applicable equipment and its use. Although MPD does not currently use any military equipment, it does deploy non-military less lethal equipment which is used to de-escalate situations and prevent deadly force encounters. The policy also requires Town Council approval to purchase equipment and supplies covered by the policy, which is available for review on the Town's Police Department [website](#).

COUNCIL TIME CAPSULE LETTER

The Town Council approved a letter to be placed in a Time Capsule in the new County Administration Building at 1025 Escobar Street. The letter is about Moraga and some of the Town's current challenges and includes a photo of the Town Council. [View the letter and photo.](#)

CONTRA COSTA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (CCTA) UPDATE

Tim Haile, Executive Director of the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority, gave a presentation regarding CCTA's efforts and vision to connect communities, reduce traffic, and make streets safer. CCTA is the Countywide agency that oversees the use of Measure J funds, the one-half cent sales tax for transportation. CCTA successfully constructed the fourth bore in the Caldecott Tunnel, contributed to the Pittsburg and Antioch BART extension, made improvements to Highway 4 and Interstate 680 as well as expanded and improved bike and pedestrian trails. CCTA provides annual funding as well as grants to Moraga which have been used for the Canyon Road Bridge and other street improvement projects. View the [PowerPoint Presentation](#).



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, September 19 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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. The Town of Moraga Livestreams Town Council, Commission and Committee meetings using Vimeo. [View live streaming of meetings](#).



FOLLOW US!

Follow the Town on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Nextdoor](#), and subscribe to [Nixle.com](#) for updates and urgent advisories. The Town posts public service announcements, Town activities and lots more!



HELP SHARE THE TOWN NEWS

If you found this newsletter informative and interesting, please forward it to your neighbors and friends. Not subscribed yet? Sign up for *About Town* at [moraga.ca.us](#).