



## ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL



Last weekend the community enjoyed a day at the Pear and Wine Festival. To kick-off the festivities, the [Moraga Community Foundation](#) (MCF) presented a \$100,000 check to the Town in conjunction with the annual tree planting ceremony. Funds will be used to construct ADA accessible restrooms and other improvements and to plant more trees. Attendees visited with local community groups and listened to live music on the Bartlett Pear Stage. Wineries from the [Lamorinda Wine Growers Association](#) poured local wines and the [Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley](#) and [Moraga Lions Club](#) manned the grills serving a pear-inspired menu. The [Moraga Park Foundation](#) sold pear pies and families enjoyed a petting zoo and inflatable jumpies.



### PARTICIPATE IN MORAGA COMMUNITY SERVICE THIS WEEKEND



Join local community groups for a weekend of service on October 1 and 2. Over 300 Moraga residents and families have already signed up to participate in this great opportunity to "care, give, and connect" by volunteering time, resources, and working with fellow civic minded residents. Please visit the Moraga Service Day website: <http://moragaserviceday.org/> to sign up!



### CANDIDATES NIGHT - MONDAY, OCTOBER 3



Moraga Citizens Network (MCN) and Saint Mary's College present Candidates Night on Monday, October 3. The event is being held in person at Saint Mary's College starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. with Town Council Candidates, followed by Moraga School Board Candidates at 7:15 p.m. and MOFD Candidates for Districts 1 and 3 at 8:15 p.m. The event is also available via [Zoom link](#). For more information, visit the [MCN webpage](#).



### VOLUNTEER FOR PLANNING COMMISSION AND OTHER COMMITTEES

The Town needs volunteers to fill critical roles on the [Planning Commission](#) (1 opening), [Audit and Finance Committee](#) (1 opening) and [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) (2 openings). Please consider applying today! Click on the Committee name for more information and to complete an application packet (found at the bottom of each webpage) and submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#) by **Friday, October 14, 2022**. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, October 19, 2022.



## MORAGA NAMED 18TH SAFEST COLLEGE TOWN IN AMERICA



[Safewise.com](http://Safewise.com), an independent group that reviews security and safety systems, has released their list of America's Safest College Towns with Moraga listed as the 18th Safest College Town in the country. Moraga is also listed as the Safest College Town in California. These rankings were largely determined by assessing crime rates for both property and violent crimes. Thank you to our residents as community safety is a community-wide effort!



## EBMUD RESTORATION PROJECT AT CANYON ROAD BRIDGE

East Bay Municipal Utility District has completed the installation of the two-tiered retaining wall system to restore the hillside along Moraga Creek and below Augusta Drive. Over the next few weeks, EBMUD is dewatering the creek to restore the creek banks. EBMUD will be working extended hours, typically 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., with the closure of pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicle lanes over the bridge in order to facilitate the work. For additional information, call 510-287-2053 or email [construction-east@ebmud.com](mailto:construction-east@ebmud.com).



## TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

### **FUNDING PENSION LIABILITY WITH PALOS COLORADOS**

The Town Council considered the intent and potential uses of Fund 100 - One Time Developer Fees (Palos Colorados Fund) and directed staff to return with options to set aside \$1.5 million from the Palos Colorados Fund to establish a trust/reserve account to reduce the Town's future pension liability. The funds would be set aside and drawn down in future years to address the increased payments projected for the ten year period of 2028-2037. The Town's unfunded liability payments are projected to decrease in 2038 due to changes to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) implemented in 2013 with the introduction of a new statewide reduced benefit tier. View the [staff report](#) and the [PowerPoint presentation](#).

### **LANDSCAPING RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE**

The Town Council approved the waiving of the first reading of an Ordinance revision that clarifies the language in the existing Landscaping in the Public Right-of-Way (ROW) Ordinance, which continues to place the responsibility of maintenance in the ROW on the abutting private property owner. View the [staff report](#).

### **COMMITMENT LETTER TO CCTA FOR SAFE STREETS AND ROADS GRANT**

The Town Council approved the issuance of a Letter of Commitment for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's submission of the 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 "Complete Streets" Moraga Road (St. Mary's Road to Moraga Way) and Canyon Road to Sanders Drive in Moraga. If CCTA is successful in receiving the estimated \$3,004,000 in SS4A grant funds, the Town is committing to a co-funding match of \$751,000 and acknowledging that CCTA will be the grant administrator. The [staff report](#) details the CCTA grant efforts and provides the conceptual project plans.

### **UPDATE ON CONTRA COSTA LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Sarah Morgan, Library Commissioner for Moraga, provided the Council with an update. The Moraga Library has seen a successful return of story time and staff are working to expand in-person programming. The popular seed library needs more seeds and welcomes contributions from the community. In the near future, the library will undergo an interior refresh, including new carpet, furnishings and an additional self-checkout machine. It is understood that there is a Countywide desire for Sunday hours, however, staffing is the largest challenge in expanding operations.

## NEW MORAGA YOUTH INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS INTRODUCED



The Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC) welcomed 10 new members for the 2022/23 term, increasing its membership to 17. The Committee serves as an advisory body to the Town Council on youth and teen issues and provides Moraga youth with the opportunity to engage in civic matters. The committee produces and assists with family-friendly events in Town, such as the Holiday Tree Lighting, and coordinates fundraisers, volunteer opportunities, and programs for young adults.



## PAID STUDENT INTERNSHIP

The Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Commission (HMC) is looking for 2 student interns (high school or college) who are passionate about the environment and interested in being a part of policy development on hazardous materials. Interns will research and present on a hazardous materials topic of personal or commission interest, conduct informational interviews, and attend Full Commission meetings from November 2022 through April 2023 completing 5 to 7 hours per month to receive a \$675 stipend. For more information, [view the flyer](#). If interested, send resumes and questions to [CareerPathways@cchealth.org](mailto:CareerPathways@cchealth.org) by **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, October 12, 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](#).

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