



ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 13, 2023

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



VOLUNTEER FOR 2023 TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Moraga is known for its strong sense of community and is actively seeking civic-minded volunteers to serve on all of its Committees and Commissions. In 2023 there will be openings on the:

- [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#) (1 opening)
- [Audit and Finance Committee](#) (3 openings)
- [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) (6 openings)
- [Park and Recreation Commission](#) (4 openings)
- [Planning Commission](#) (4 openings)

If interested, please click on the Committee or Commission name for more information and to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#) by 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Please consider applying today!



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 11, 2023

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

On January 10, the Planning Commission recommended by a vote of 5-0 to the Town Council, adoption of the Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative which includes the Final Environmental Impact Report, the 2023-2031 Housing Element, the Phase 1 General Plan amendments including the Safety Element, re-zoning of Moraga Center area and re-zoning of Rheem Park area. View the [staff report](#) and [power point](#). An overview will be provided to Town Council on January 18 and Council will take an action on January 25. Residents and members of the public are invited to attend the meetings.

COUNTY AMBULANCE ORDINANCE

The Town Council introduced an Ordinance to adopt the Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services Ordinance by reference, allowing it to be enforced in Moraga. The Town adopted this Ordinance in 1991 and this is an updated version that increases patient care and safety standards, requires special event medical standby services for large events, and updates standards for ambulances. The Moraga-Orinda Fire District currently provides excellent emergency medical services to Town residents, exceeds the standards of the new Ordinance, and is already heavily regulated. Private ambulance companies, however, are required to abide by the Ordinance. A public hearing will be held for the second reading of the Ordinance on January 25, 2023.

COMMONS PARK IRRIGATION PROJECT ACCEPTANCE

The Town Council accepted the Commons Park Irrigation Project (CIP 20-302) as complete. The project installed an improved irrigation system with modern controls, and a weather station. These improvements are intended to increase efficiency, conserve water, and decrease maintenance and utility costs. View the [staff report](#).

ACCEPT DISC GOLF COURSE FUNDING FROM BURTON D. MORGAN FOUNDATION

The Council accepted and appropriated \$15,000 in disc golf course funding from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation for updated tee pads, signage, benches, and trees. The Town received a special Trustee Initiative Grant upon the recommendation of Foundation Trustee Mark D. Robeson, a Moraga resident. Grant funds are meant to be spent in the first six months of 2023. Town staff will organize community workday(s) for the improvement installation.

POLICY ON ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

The Council approved the use of electronic signatures to streamline its document signing process internally as well as externally. This will reduce the use of paper, increase efficiency, and contribute to an efficient records system by leveraging technology to collect, preserve and secure documents.

TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES

Town Council discussed the 2023 nominations of Councilmembers to serve on various Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and as Liaisons and voting Delegates to other agencies and organizations. Staff will bring the finalized list of appointments to Council for approval at the next Council meeting.

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO STORM

In response to the recent severe storms and associated damages due to mudslides, wind gusts, flooding, fallen trees, and the anticipation of additional similar issues, the Interim Town Manager, acting in his role as the Town's Director of Emergency Services, declared the Existence of a Local Emergency on January 4, 2023. As required by law, the Town Council ratified this decision at their regular meeting on January 11, 2023. The purpose of such a declaration is twofold: 1) to allow the Town to secure emergency services and goods as may be required during and after the storm events to protect life and property without having to go through the normal bidding process, and 2) to make the Town eligible for potential federal emergency funding to address emergency related costs should these funds become available. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).



RESCUE 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPENING



The Rescue 1 Foundation receives and administers donations that enhance public safety by providing advanced medical and safety equipment, supplies, and educational services for the Moraga-Orinda Fire District. A 501c3 non-profit, it is governed by an eleven-member

Board of Directors. There is an opening on the Board starting April 1, 2023. For more information, please call 925-963-0987 and visit their [website](#). Interested community members residing in the Moraga-Orinda Fire District service area are eligible to apply by submitting a letter of interest to the Nominating Committee **before February 10, 2023**. Letters of interest may be mailed to Maridel Moulton, Nominating Committee Chair, **Rescue 1 Foundation**, c/o Moraga-Orinda Fire District, 1280 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA 94556 or emailed to mmmorgdev1@aol.com.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, January 16 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, January 17, 4:00 pm – [Special Art in Public Spaces Committee](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 pm – [Special Town Council Closed Session](#), Town Offices, Pear Conference Room

Tuesday, January 17 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, January 18, 6:00 pm – [Special Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 24, 6:00 pm – [Special Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, January 25, 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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