



## ABOUT TOWN - JUNE 16, 2023

### UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

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#### TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JUNE 14, 2023

##### ***PROCLAMATION FOR JUNE 2023 AS PRIDE MONTH IN THE TOWN OF MORAGA***

The Town of Moraga recognizes and celebrates June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. Now more than ever it is important for communities like the Town of Moraga to show both support for our residents and stand in opposition to intolerant treatment, and this month of June is a time to celebrate and recognize our dynamic and diverse Moraga community and to promote a healthy, safe, and supportive environment for all.

##### ***PROCLAMATION FOR THE 19TH OF JUNE AS JUNETEENTH IN THE TOWN OF MORAGA***

Over time the 19th of June has been recognized as Juneteenth and publicly commemorated as the end of slavery in this country. Juneteenth stands for the foundational principles of freedom, dignity, opportunity, and equality for all people and the Town of Moraga is committed to those principles, reminding us of the importance to our community and to our democracy of treating everyone with equal measures of respect.

##### ***PROPOSED FY 2023-2024 AND FY 2024-2025 BIEENNIAL TOWN BUDGET***

On June 14, Town Council held a study session to review the community's proposed budget for the next two fiscal years. The budget for FY 2023-24 is proposed to be \$22.6 million and \$21.2 million for FY 2024-25. The budget includes funding to provide an array of services, programs, and public infrastructure projects that are used every day by Moraga residents, businesses, and community partners. Of particular interest, the budget provides for \$20.8 million over the next two years to fund 35 capital improvement projects. This includes \$16.4 million for transportation safety, street rehabilitation and storm drain projects. A total of \$3.9 million will be dedicated to funding eight traffic safety and congestion projects around local schools. Town Council will consider adopting the Biennial Budget at the June 28, 2023 Town Council Meeting. Residents are encouraged to attend or watch the meeting live via YouTube. To learn more about your local government's budget and services, please visit the Town's proposed budget via <https://www.moraga.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/8058/Proposed-Budget>.

##### ***BUILDING CODE***

The Town Council adopted an Ordinance consistent with the California Building Standards Commission and Contra Costa County Ordinance Number 2022-35 (the County Ordinance) which adopts the 2022 California Building Standards Code ("CBSC") as amended by Contra Costa County. The 2022 CBSC replaces the 2019 CBSC. Contra Costa County is authorized to amend the standards contained in the 2022 CBSC to establish more restrictive standards that are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions. In amending Title 24, Contra Costa County made the findings in accordance with Health & Safety Code §17958.7 through §18941.5(b). The [staff report](#) is linked.

##### ***HOUSING ELEMENT***

Town Council received an informational report on the Housing Element Spring 2023 Community Outreach at the Chamber of Commerce Community Faire and Car show, the May 18 Community Housing Meeting, [makemoragahome.org](http://makemoragahome.org) website updates and status on State of California Housing and Community Development (HCD) responses to the Town of Moraga 2023-2031 Housing Element. Staff is continuing to reach out to HCD on achieving a compliant Housing Element. The [staff report](#) is linked.

## **TOWN EMAIL POLICY**

Town Council adopted a resolution to amend the Electronic Communication Policy adopted in 2018 to add Planning Commissioners to the list of those receiving an Official Town of Moraga email address. The purpose is to ensure that emails sent by staff or legal counsel to Planning Commissioners are not subject to review by outside entities or employers. The [staff report](#) is linked.

## **CAMINO RICARDO (HARVEST COURT) DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW**

The [annual report](#) to the Town Council serves as notification and periodic review by the Town Manager of the developer's good faith compliance with the terms of the Development Agreement from March 12, 2014. The Development Agreement is between the Town, SummerHill LLC, and C&C Equities for the Camino Ricardo subdivision (Harvest Court). The annual review is focused on review of accounts of fees paid and owed to the Town, assignments or transfers of property, and the construction status of public improvements that occurred during the past year for the subdivision project.

## **2022 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION**

### **Planned Rubberized Chip Seal And Microsurfacing Seal**

The Town has reached the approximate 1/2 way mark on completion of construction for the 2022 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Tentatively starting June 19, 2023, the Town's contractor will be Rubberized Chip and Microsurfacing sealing 13 roadway segments. There will be lane and street closures during surfacing sealing work. The Town has mailed construction notices to approximately 1200 residents, along with contractor hand distributing notices and posting "No Parking" barricades and providing updates on our Project Website. This is the first construction project of the Town's "Worst Street First" residential pavement program, which is rehabilitate approximately 22 streets in various neighborhoods. Please visit the dedicated [2022 Pavement Rehabilitation Project](#) webpage for a street list and updates.

## **TOWN FACILITIES ENERGY GENERATION STUDY**

Town Council received a [Presentation](#) on updated results from the ongoing detail study of alternative energy generation for resiliency and reliability improvements for four Town sites: 1) Town Hall and Police offices; 2) Council Chambers, Corp Yard and EOC; 3) Town Library; and 4) Hacienda Park. Town Council provided direction to staff as follows: include Solar/Battery/Generator project(s) in the proposed CIP for Town sites 1 – 3 using two purchase options – upfront Capital Purchase and Power Purchasing Agreement; and finally they supported working on expediting the installation of a larger backup generator for the Town/PD offices at 329 Rheem with different energy usage options. For additional information visit the Town's project [web page](#).

## **STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ENGINEER'S REPORT AND INTENT TO LEVY**

To maintain and continue the Street Lighting Assessment District, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process. Town Council approved the Engineer's Report, declared the intent to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2023/24, and set a Public Hearing date of Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

## **LOCAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR FY 2020/21**

The Town Council received a [report](#) from the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee (LSTOC) on their annual review of the revenue and expenditures of the Measure K Local Sales Tax. This review affirmed the use of the funds consistent with goals and objectives of Measure K, specifically the funding of the Town's Pavement Management Program. The Town Council thanked the volunteers of the LSTOC for their efforts and time spent conducting the thorough financial review.

## **RMRA (SB 1) STREET PROJECT REPORTING ROAD LIST**

The Town Council approved the annual Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) street project list which is part of the Annual Street Repairs project at their meeting. View the [staff report](#) for details. California Senate Bill 1 requires that agencies receiving certain gas tax revenues for basic road maintenance, rehabilitation, repairing and replacing aging bridges for critical safety

projects on the local streets and roads system provide a list of RMRA funded work for accountability and transparency.

### **MURAL SURVEY**

The Art in Public Spaces Mural Subcommittee (APSC) created a survey to engage the public in selecting a theme and keywords in order to solicit a call for proposals for a mural along the Public Works Corp Yard/Town Chambers. The Town Council authorized APSC and staff to initiate the survey. The goal of this short survey is to gather words and thoughts from Moraga residents (school age and up) and business owners. What do you believe is the essence of Moraga? Please tell us in a few words. These words will help shape the theme of the mural. The Town Council will go through a process of review and approvals and vote on the mural's final design. Town staff and the Mural Subcommittee will send the survey out on all Town's channels, on the electronic sign board, and will table it at Town events between June 19 and July 14. This theme and keywords selected will determine the direction of the mural. The survey can be found [here](#).

### **APSC CHARTER**

The Town Council accepted the staff recommendation to amend the Art in Public Spaces Committee Charter, which was initially approved by Town Council on November 18, 2015, and amended on January 23, 2019, and authorize an increase of the number of voting members from six (6) to seven (7). The staff report can be found [here](#).

### **LAFAYETTE ROADWORK**

This week, the [2023 Paving Project](#) kicked off in Lafayette. The City will be doing road rehabilitation on the following roads:

- Glenside Drive from Saint Mary's Road to Michael Lane
- Olympic Boulevard from Reliez Station Road to the City limits, except for the roundabout area.

The project also includes the reconstruction and widening of pathways on Olympic Boulevard and Glenside Drive, as well as improvements to the bike lanes on Olympic Boulevard to provide for a 2-foot-wide painted median separating cyclists from vehicle traffic on both sides of the street. Work is anticipated to be completed by mid-August 2023. Please drive with care in construction areas, and obey all signs and instructions from flaggers. More information about this roadwork, including weekly construction schedule updates, is available at <https://www.lovelafayette.org/city-hall/city-departments/engineering/city-construction-projects/2023-road-pathway-paving-project>

### **MORAGA SUMMER BIKE CHALLENGE**

Explore our City from the seat of a bike! The Town of Moraga and 511 Contra Costa, will launch a free, healthy, outdoor family fun activity with the Summer Bike Challenge. The Bike Challenge began June 1st and runs through August 31st. Moraga residents are encouraged to participate and explore the City by biking, getting exercise, and collecting incentives in the process. It's free to register. Bike to the Hacienda on June 28 between 2-4 pm or to the Moraga Library on July 12 from 2-4 pm to receive a Starbucks gift card. Please visit <https://511contracosta.org/sbc/> for more detailed information on how to register, and take part in the Summer Bike Challenge!



### **4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PAPAPALOOZA**

This summer on the day before Father's Day, celebrate your pops, papas, and grandads during Papapalooza at the spectacular Moraga Commons Bandshell. In its fourth year, the event will offer an eclectic mix of music ranging from the 60's to the 2020's from 5 amazing and talented local bands: The Ripplers, Sixteen Scandals, Delta Deuce, Ancestral Water and Chupacabra. Plus, solo appearances from Chelsea Ames and Abby Hallett so the music will never stop. Food and beverages include the Forge Pizza Firetruck & Craft Beer from Canyon Club Brewery. Fun for all ages with Proceeds benefiting Notes4Hope. Info here: [Papapalooza | Notes4Hope](#)

## LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY AWARD NOMINATIONS



Do you know an individual, nonprofit, government program, school, or business that deserves to be recognized for their good work? The Leadership in Sustainability Award nominations are open now and will close on July 1st. Nominating is fast and easy, but don't miss the deadline!

The awards will be presented at the 15th Annual Sustainability Awards Event on September 19th. [All details including FAQ's and nomination form are here.](#)

## RECYCLESMART REUSE AND CLEANUP DAYS

The RecycleSmart Reuse & Cleanup Days Program was implemented in 1999 to respond to the environmental, social, and economic issues impacting Contra Costa County. Twice a year on pre-scheduled days, all 65,000 single-family homes can set out gently used household items at the curb, at no additional cost, to be picked up by Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR). Reusable items collected from the curb are taken to MDRR's 18,000 sq. ft. reuse warehouse in Pittsburg where a sorting crew separates small furniture, appliances, electronics, clothing, home décor, medical supplies, school supplies and books, scrap metal, and batteries.

Since RecycleSmart contracted with MDRR in 2015, over 22 million pounds of reuse items have been donated to East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse, St. Vincent DePaul, HOPE Solutions, Homeless Action Coalition, Uplift Family Services, and many other charitable organizations. Over 32,000 homes placed reusable items at the curb in 2022. Residents can also take advantage of the Cleanup Day provided by Republic Services, the day after Reuse Day, for garbage. To learn more about the Reuse & Cleanup Days Program, or to look up your upcoming dates with our new search tool, visit RecycleSmart.org/Cleanup.

## COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) ON PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT

The Community Advisory Board (CAB) on Public Safety Realignment was established by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Executive Committee in December 2012 to provide input on community needs; assess implementation of the realignment plan; review data on realignment outcomes; advise the CCP on community engagement strategies; offer recommendations for ongoing realignment planning; advise County agencies regarding programs for implementation in the County; and encourage outcomes that are consistent with the County's Reentry Strategic Plan. The Community Corrections Partnership is seeking applications for (1) Voting Member and up to (3) Alternate Member seats on the CAB. For more information on CAB membership duties and activities, please visit their website [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Hacienda Nights

Hacienda Nights returns this season starting Tuesday, June 20, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Food will be available for purchase from a selection of food trucks! Don't miss the chance to connect with neighbors and friends on the great lawn at the Hacienda de las Flores. Join us for a memorable evening!

### Summer Concert Series

Concerts started on June 8 and run weekly on Thursday evenings through August 3. They are held at Moraga Commons Park from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Food will be available for purchase from local food trucks participating in the event. To learn more about the Moraga Park Foundation or how to support the Summer Concert Series, please visit the Moraga Park Foundation [website](#).

### July 4 Celebration and Fireworks Display

Mark your calendars for the return of the Town's July 4 celebration and fireworks display from 11 am to 10 pm. See more information [here](#)! The next edition of the About Town newsletter will feature details on the event schedule and the numerous activities planned for the celebratory return of this beloved community tradition. The fireworks display is made possible by community donations. Please help the Town reach its \$30,000 goal by going to [moragarec.com](http://moragarec.com) to make a donation.

## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Friday, June 16, 3:00 pm – [Town Council](#), La Sala at the Hacienda

Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 27 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

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

Monday, July 10, 6:30 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 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](#).

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.

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