



ABOUT TOWN - JUNE 30, 2023

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JUNE 28, 2023

ADOPTED FY 2023-2024 AND FY 2024-2025 BIENNIAL TOWN BUDGET

On June 28, 2023 Town Council reviewed and adopted the Town of Moraga's Operating and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget for the next two fiscal years. The total budget for FY 2023-24 is proposed to be \$22.6 million and \$21.2 million for FY 2024-25. The General Fund's share of the budget will be \$11.9 million for FY 2023-24 and \$12.3 million for FY 2024-25. The General Fund pays for an array of services, programs, and public infrastructure projects that are used every day by Moraga residents, businesses, and community partners. The CIP Budget for the next two fiscal years will total \$20.8 million to support 30 ongoing and new capital improvement projects, including \$16.4 million for transportation safety, street rehabilitation and storm drain projects, and \$3.9 million will be dedicated to funding eight traffic safety and congestion projects around local schools. The budget for both years will remain "balanced" and fully comply with Town Council's Strategic Plan, Fiscal Policies, and Budget Policies, including maintaining a 50% reserve for both fiscal years. To learn about the details and to review the full budget document, please click on the following link: [here](#).

PROCLAMATION FOR JULY 2023 AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation and to recognize the more than 160,000 full-time park and recreation professionals — along with hundreds of thousands of part-time and seasonal workers and volunteers — that maintain our country's local, state and community parks. This year's theme — **"Where Community Grows"** — celebrates the vital role park and recreation professionals play in bringing people together, providing essential services and fostering the growth of our communities. The Town of Moraga, together with the National Recreation & Park Association (NPRA), recognizes the power of parks and recreation to promote building strong, vibrant and resilient communities, and the Mayor as proclaimed July as Park and Recreation Month in the Town of Moraga.

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 31. This theme and keywords selected will determine the direction of the mural. The survey can be found [here](#).

2022-23 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

Reconstruction and Resurfacing Completed

This is the first construction project of the Town's "Worst Street First" residential pavement program, which rehabilitates approximately 22 streets in various neighborhoods. This week the Town has completed all planned pavement reconstruction (11 street segments totaling 222,239 square feet of new pavement) and resurfacing work (14 street segments totaling 315,653 square

feet of resurfaced pavement). This was the largest Moraga street rehabilitation project ever, with a construction contract awarded of \$3,813,318 and the amount of completed reconstructed street segments since the passing of Measure K Sales Tax supporting the maintenance of our roadways. The contractor will now focus on completing the final traffic striping and addressing any "punchlist" project deficiencies. Please visit the dedicated [2022 Pavement Rehabilitation Project](#) webpage for street lists and updates.

FUEL REDUCTION AT MULHOLLAND, RANCHO LAGUNA, AND ALONG ST. MARY'S ROAD

Contra Costa County Fire (Con Fire) is managing a Wildfire Mitigation Program, ded by Measure X. Town staff, along with Con Fire, are actively managing a ti-faceted approach to vegetation management and fuel reduction within Town-owned parcels and along evacuation routes. This week, Con Fire has started k on removing 24 dead oak trees in Mulholland Ridge Open Space, completing tree limbing along St. Mary's Road, and removing dead redwood trees in Rancho Laguna Park. This program will continue to abate Town-owned parcels over the next several months.



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ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS ADVISORY BOARD

The Contra Costa County Alcohol & Other Drugs Services (AODS) Advisory Board seeks applicants to fill several open seats. The board is comprised of 11 volunteer members and three volunteer alternates. All members are appointed by the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors. The advisory board addresses family and community needs regarding prevention, treatment and recovery from alcohol and other drug use. It reports its findings to Contra Costa Health (CCH), the Board of Supervisors and community partners. Applicants must be 16 or older and live in Contra Costa County. We currently seek applicants from Supervisorial Districts 1, 2 and 4, as well as for at-large and at-large alternate seats. Advisory board members meet the fourth Wednesday of each month from 4-6:15pm, and also serve on subcommittees which meet monthly. Meeting times and locations may vary to encourage participation from various segments of the community. Terms are three years. The advisory board offers the opportunity to directly address substance use in Contra Costa County by helping local government identify gaps, develop, and improve policies regarding alcohol and other drugs. The board produces an annual report and selects recipients for the annual People Who Make a Difference awards. For more information or to access the application, click here: <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/3418/Appointed-Bodies-Committees-Commissions>

JULY 4 CELEBRATION AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Town of Moraga is excited to resume its beloved July 4 traditions and honor the Independence Day Holiday with its iconic July 4 Celebration and Fireworks Display.

The Celebration takes place at Moraga Commons Park – 1425 St. Mary's Road. The event kicks off at 11:00 am with a day full of family-oriented activities and concludes with a spectacular firework display at 9:30 pm. This edition of About Town details all the exciting ways that residents and visitors can celebrate July 4 in Moraga.

Thank you to the community groups and sponsors who have partnered with the Town to ensure a spectacular event for all.

- [Moraga Park Foundation](#) – Concert Sponsor
- [Kiwanis Club](#) – Inflatable Jumpies
- [Lions Club](#) – Wine and Beer Service

A colorful poster for the Town of Moraga Fourth of July Celebration. The poster features a blue background with white and red stars and stripes. At the top, it says "TOWN OF MORAGA FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION". Below this, there are two main sections: "IN THE COMMONS" and "ON STAGE AT THE BANDSHELL". The "IN THE COMMONS" section lists activities from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, including a Dog Parade, Community Booths, Inflatable Jumpies, Food, Wine, & Beer Booths, and Family Activities. The "ON STAGE AT THE BANDSHELL" section lists activities from 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm, including the National Anthem & Mayor's Welcome, House Rockers (Concert), and FIREWORKS. At the bottom, it says "SUPPORT THE FIREWORKS" and provides information about the Buy-A-Rocket fireworks fundraising campaign. The date "TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023" is prominently displayed, along with the location "MORAGA COMMONS PARK" and the website "www.moragarec.com". Logos for the Moraga Park Foundation, Moraga Commons Park, and Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley are at the bottom.

- Kiwanis and Lions Club – Food Service

BUY-A-ROCKET FUNDRAISER

Help Us Reach our \$30,000 Goal!

The Fireworks Display is made possible through generous community and resident donations. The community support received in the past has allowed the Town to provide a thrilling conclusion to the event. Once again, we hope to recover costs through donations so that this patriotic tradition can continue for years to come. To ensure Moraga doesn't have to eliminate its fireworks display like most other communities in the Bay Area, we hope for a greater level of support each year. To date we have only received \$13,500 towards our \$30,000 goal.

Donate online today, or make a donation at the Food, Wine and Beer booths located at the event.



DOG PARADE- 11:00 AM

Location: Bandshell Stage/Hill

Owners and their dogs "register" at the bandshell in Moraga Commons Park at 11:00 am. Participants will receive a number, and queue on the grassy hill within the park. All participants then walk the parade route while the judges assess participants in fun categories such as "most patriotic," "most enthusiastic," and "all-American." Families are encouraged to dress up, dress their dogs, and participate all together. Following the parade, awards will be announced. All dogs will receive a ribbon and dog treat for participating.



INFLATABLE JUMPIES- 11:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Location: Lawn area near All-Abilities Playground

Calling all kids! Inflatable jumpies will be located in the large grass area near the All-Access Playground at Moraga Commons Park. Bounce your heart out and bring your bathing suit or clothing that can get wet as one of the inflatables will feature a water slide! Jump tickets will be available for purchase on-site. The inflatable jumpies are operated by the [Kiwanis Club of the Moraga Valley](#).



FOOD, WINE, AND BEER BOOTHS- 11:00 AM- 8:00 PM

Location: Bandshell and Surrounding Area

A variety of food, wine, and beer booths will be available beginning at 11:00 am. Food service at the Bandshell will include a variety of hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, Impossible® veggies burger, BBQ corn and green salad. Food at the bandshell is provided through a partnership of the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. Beer and wine service is provided by the [Moraga Lions Club](#). Other food service vendors include:

- Loard's Ice Cream
- Kettle Pop



FAMILY ACTIVITIES - 12:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Location: Throughout the Park

Activities for the entire family can be found throughout the park. Traditional lawn games such as corn hole, ring toss, and four in a row provide fun for all ages. Get decked out for the holiday with a temporary tattoo at the Parks and Recreation booth, draw some chalk art at the playground, and engage in a 4th of July STEM activity.

Don't miss the live entertainment throughout the day!

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Bubble Extravaganza with the Sonoma Bubble Man
Near the splashpad

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Wild Buffalo (Live Music)
At the Chess Board

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Magician Dan Vogel
Bandshell Stage



CONCERT IN THE BANDSHELL- 7:00 PM

Houserockers

The [Houserockers](#) are a 10-piece Rock and Soul band out of Northern California. A Bay Area favorite – they are known for eclectic, high energy set lists that fuse rock, blues, funk, 60's soul and R & B. The Houserockers kick-off the main stage at 7:00 pm immediately following the National Anthem and Mayor's Welcome.



FIREWORKS DISPLAY- 9:30 PM

Viewing Location: Moraga Commons Park

The July 4 celebration concludes with a spectacular 22-minute firework display! The firework display is scheduled for an approximate start time of 9:30 pm. Safety remains our top priority! The display is set-off from the Moraga County Club and viewable from Moraga Commons Park. The Town works closely with a professional pyrotechnician and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for all. Please note that Moraga Way will be closed between Hardie Drive and Camino Ricardo beginning at 9:00 pm and will remain closed for the duration of the fireworks show.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY NEEDS MORAGA VOLUNTEERS

Contra Costa County needs Moraga volunteers to serve on the [Library Commission](#). If interested, [submit an application online](#) or [submit an application via mail or email \(PDF\)](#). For more information, please contact the Clerk of the Board at (925) 655-2000 or clerkoftheboard@cob.cccounty.us.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

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

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

Wednesday, July 12, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 18 – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, July 26 – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, August 9 – [Town Council](#), CANCELLED

Wednesday, August 23, 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 and Planning Commission meetings using YouTube. [View live streaming of meetings](#).

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