



## ABOUT TOWN - AUGUST 25, 2023

### UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

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#### TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON AUGUST 23, 2023

##### **RHEEM CENTER PDA**

Town Council approved a resolution to submit the Rheem Park Area as a Connected Community Priority Development Area (PDA), see [staff report link](#). The designation of a PDA will allow the Town to seek future grant funding for the area and focus more housing near transit with amenities close by. The designation will align with the Town's sixth cycle 2023-2031 Housing Element and the Plan Bay Area 2050.

##### **CCC GRAND JURY REPORT**

On June 16, 2023, the 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report, entitled: *"Affordable Housing: A Plan Without a Home"* was submitted to all Contra Costa County jurisdictions including Moraga. The Grand Jury's main purpose is to understand how each city/town is addressing the need to produce affordable housing units and who is responsible for implementation of the housing permit targets. The Town Council provided responses to the 13 Findings and 10 Recommendations. It was noted that eight out of ten recommendations have already been implemented, see [staff report link](#).

##### **REJECT ALL BIDS FOR THE 2021 – 23 STORM DRAIN REPAIRS PROJECT**

The Town Council rejected all bids submitted for the Storm Drain Repairs project to perform storm drain facility repairs identified by the project's video inspections. The apparent low bid was at \$888,500, which was 15% over the \$771,000 consultant's engineer's estimate. The project listed nine (9) base bid repair locations and two (2) alternative locations. Staff will reevaluate bid documents to make changes to attract more bidders with proposals matching closer to the project's budget.

##### **AMEND DESIGN CONTRACT WITH SANDIS FOR CORLISS DRIVE SRTS**

The Town Council extended the professional services agreement to Sandis Civil Engineers, Surveyors and Planners through March 15, 2024. Sandis is developing Corliss Drive Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Project design plans. The reasons for the extension request were that additional time was needed to complete the public outreach efforts engaging residents and parents of students at Los Perales Elementary to help in the development of a consensus-preferred, cost-effective design.

##### **ST. MARY'S ROAD MULTIMODAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town Council authorized staff to continue efforts to secure a \$9.993 million State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project funding application with a local match of \$1.295 million for a proposed traffic signal-controlled intersection at the St. Mary's Road and Rheem Boulevard and traffic stop sign-controlled intersection at the St. Mary's Road and Bollinger Canyon Road, with an analysis option of adding traffic signal-controlled for this intersection later. The Town submitted the highest-ranked Contra Costa County STIP grant project application. For additional information, see the [staff report](#).

## SAVE THE DATE FOR MORAGA COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Volunteers needed for Moraga's Community Service Day, the weekend of October 6, 7 & 8. Organized by several Moraga community groups as a way for residents and families to come together and help those in need within and outside of our town, benefit local schools, and beautify Moraga. DETAILS COMING SOON! For more information contact: [moragacommunityserviceday@gmail.com](mailto:moragacommunityserviceday@gmail.com).



## CALL FOR CCC ARTISTS

Applications are now open for the [California Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowships Program](#) in northern California, including Contra Costa County. California-based artists and culture bearers, 18 years of age and older, working in any artistic discipline, whose residential address is in the area designated as Region IV, are eligible to apply. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Applications and more information will be available online through [YouthSpeaks.org](#). Only complete applications submitted by **September 30, 2023, at 11:59pm pst** will be accepted.

## MORAGA PARK FOUNDATION CONCERT SERIES SURVEY

The 2023 Summer Concert Series concluded on August 3rd. If you attended one or more of this year's summer concerts at the Moraga Commons, the Moraga Park Foundation (MPF) would appreciate your feedback and suggestions by participating in a survey to ensure the success of future concerts. MPF is involved with and supports many projects in addition to the Summer Concert Series. See our website [moragaparks.org](#) for more details as well as to volunteer for projects, learn more about Board membership, or to email us with questions and comments.

## CCC COMMUNITY WARNING SYSTEM

The Community Warning System (CWS) is the all-hazard public warning notification system for Contra Costa County. CWS alerts you through phone calls, text messages, email, and social media when a potentially life or health-threatening hazard requires you to take action. Sign up for CWS at [www.CWSAlerts.com](#) as part of your preparedness for emergencies in our Town.



## SCHOOL IN SESSION - DRIVE SAFELY

School is back in session, which means more traffic congestion around our schools. The safety of our children is paramount and drivers have to be aware and drive safely, especially around schools. Traffic safety is a priority for the Moraga Police (MPD), who have recently cited a number of drivers for unsafe driving violations. Please slow down, stop for school buses as they load/unload kids and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Thank you for driving slowly and safely. Call MPD at 925-888-7055 with any questions or traffic concerns.

## RECURRING ELECTRICAL OUTAGE UPDATE

On August 23, 2023, PG&E spoke to Town Council as well as several Moraga residents who attended to hear the latest information regarding the power outages. PG&E provided great insight and information regarding what they have been and will continue to do to locate, isolate and eradicate the cause of the outages. Residents can be proactive during this process by signing up for the PG&E outage alerts. The best resource for people to navigate the various PG&E notifications is [www.pge.com/notifications](#). Residents can sign up for notifications via their online account under "Profile & Alerts."

## RECYCLESMART

Join RecycleSmart on Monday, September 11, 6-8 pm in Walnut Creek to learn how to compost food scraps with worms! Moraga residents may register at [www.recyclesmart.org/workshops](http://www.recyclesmart.org/workshops). A \$10 fee applies for supplies, including composting worms, bin materials, and expert instruction. Vermicomposting is a compact, enclosed composting method for any household size or classroom - kids love worms! Take your bin home and begin experiencing the remarkable benefits to your soil, potted plants, and the environment.



## ANNUAL KAPNEK TRUST USA FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK AND CARNIVAL

Get your family and friends together for the **Annual Kapnek Trust USA Family Fun Run and Carnival** at Moraga Commons Park on Sunday, August 27. This event will help support pre-school education and nutritious food for children in Zimbabwe. Along with an approximate 5K run and a 1K children's run or walk, all race participants enjoy a t-shirt, a healthy brunch, music, kids' activities including arts/craft and carnival games, prizes for the top finishers and MORE! The 5K run starts at 9:00am at the Moraga Commons Park, followed by the kid's 1K run or walk. This event is happening rain or shine! Strollers and dogs welcome! \*\*But please note part of the path is not paved. For more information call 925-962-7150 or to pre-register head to <https://kapnektrustusafunrun23.eventbrite.com>.

## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, September 4, LABOR DAY, All Town Offices will be closed to observe the holiday

Tuesday, September 5, 6:30 PM – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Friday, September 8, 7:00 PM – [Movies Under the Stars](#), Moraga Commons Park

Monday, September 11, 6:30 pm – [Park & Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 PM – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 PM – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 PM – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Saturday, September 30, 11 AM, [Pear & Wine Festival](#), Moraga Commons Park

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

The Casita, La Sala Room, and Hacienda de las Flores are 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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The Town of Moraga Livestreams Town Council and Planning Commission meetings using YouTube. Click here to [view live streaming of meetings](#) or type or paste this link in your browser <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofMoraga335streams> to view these meetings.

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