



# ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

## UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### MAYOR AND SMC BASEBALL LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION

On August 31, Mayor Renata Sos had the privilege of addressing the Saint Mary's College men's baseball team on the topic of leadership. The coaches noted it was great for the players and the coaches to listen and learn from the Mayor's experience and perspective. It was a great opportunity for the Mayor to hear the student-athlete perspectives on leadership, athletics, and the Town. We can't wait for their season to officially start in February!



### MORAGA GARDEN CLUB EVENT - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Moraga Garden Club is in full swing again! Join the Club on Thursday, September 21, at Holy Trinity Church, 1700 School Street at 9:30 am. The presenter will be Moraga's Hollie Lucas-Alcalay, owner of *Hollie's Homegrown* in Lafayette. Go to [www.moragagardenclub.org](http://www.moragagardenclub.org) for information on programs, the monarch habitat, monthly gardening information and how to become involved.



### PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30



Enjoy the day with family and friends at Moraga Commons Park. Don't miss the pear pies, pear salad, specialty pear beverages, and wine from the Lamorinda AVA while listening to live music. Stroll through the park and learn about various community organizations, services, and Moraga history, as well as support local businesses. Children will enjoy the inflatable jumpies, a petting zoo and various craft activities.



### COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS - OCTOBER 6, 7 AND 8

Volunteers are needed for Moraga's Community Service Day, the weekend of October 6, 7 and 8. This weekend is organized by several Moraga community groups as a way for residents and families to come together. The projects will help those in need within and outside of the town, benefit local schools, and beautify Moraga. For more information and to learn about the projects, go to [www.moragaserviceday.org](http://www.moragaserviceday.org).



### CAMPOLINDO BENEFIT CONCERT - OCTOBER 14 AND 15



**AMPLIFY THE ARTS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:** A *Celebration of the Arts - A Benefit Concert for the Campolindo Performing Arts Center*. Please join Campolindo on **October 14** and/or **October 15** for a once-in-a-lifetime concert featuring performances from Campolindo's illustrious performing arts alumni now seen professionally on stage, in the pit and on the screen! Both benefit concerts will be held in the Campolindo Performing Arts Center (CPAC) and will be followed by a reception hosted by Campolindo performing arts parents. Visit the [Benefit Concert page](#) for more information. Tickets go on sale **September 18** for donors with early access and **September 21** for the general public. Note: Donations to Amplify the Arts received by **September 15** may be eligible for early access tickets and other benefits. Click [here](#) for giving and benefit details.



## TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETS NEW MYIC MEMBERS



The Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC) welcomed 12 new members for the 2023/24 term, increasing its membership to 22. 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.

### SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES UPDATE

David Krueger, Executive Director, RecycleSmart, and Tony Mancini, General Manager, Republic Services, provided an overview on the improvements and changes that have been implemented recently to improve service to the residents of Moraga. Residents who have had issues with service are encouraged to call Republic Services at 925-685-4711. Residents who would like more information on recycling should call RecycleSmart at 925-906-1801 for additional help. To view the Presentation, visit [Town Council Meeting 9-13-23](#).

### LIVABLE MORAGA ROAD CONCEPTUAL DESIGN WORK

The Town Council approved to reestablish a professional services agreement for Livable Moraga Road with Alta Planning and Design. This contract is to resume and complete the last phase of the conceptual design work on the Livable Moraga Road project. The Town Council endorsed corridor configurations on June 22, 2016, and staff is now seeking approval to complete the remaining technical task of the concept level design drawings. The [Staff Report](#) and [Power Point](#) are linked.

### GRADING PERMIT FOR EMERGENCY LANDSLIDE REPAIR

The Town Council approved a grading permit at 1392 and 1398 Rimer Drive to repair and prevent further erosion of approximately 100 feet of the Moraga Creek Channel located within the private rear yards. In January 2023, due to heavy rains resulting in increased creek flow, the creek bank failed and slid into Moraga Creek. The [Staff Report](#) is linked. In order to complete the work before the next rainy season, work on the site began under the grading emergency exemption in Moraga Municipal Code (MMC) §14.04.032.C. on August 25, 2023.

### AMENDED TOWN COUNCIL PROTOCOLS

Council reviewed the proposed changes to the Town Council Protocols as presented by the Town Council Protocols Ad Hoc Committee. The Council unanimously agreed to accept all of the changes except Section 3.1 *Election of Council Officers*. The Council requested the Ad Hoc Committee to further refine the referenced section and return to the Council with modified proposals. View the [Staff Report](#).

### “SAFE STREETS FOR ALL” GRANT PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The Town Council authorized a Project Funding Agreement with Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) for the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Routes for All (SS4A) grant funded Moraga Road and Canyon Road (St. Mary's Road to Sanders Drive) Complete Streets project. This project has been listed in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan since June 23, 2021 as a desired, but unfunded, project. In January 2023, USDOT awarded \$28.9 million SS4A grant funds to CCTA for five multimodal complete streets projects, including \$3.0 million in SS4A grant funding for the Town's Moraga and Canyon Road Complete Streets project.

### ADVANCING STIP FUNDS FOR EXCHANGED FUTURE MEASURE J FUNDS

The Town Council authorized a Funding Exchange Agreement No. 661 with Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) to receive \$536,000 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) grant funds for the St. Mary's Road Multimodal Safety Improvements at Rheem Boulevard and Bollinger Canyon Road Intersection project (CIP Project No. 23-417). The project proposes to add a

traffic signal-controlled intersection at the St. Mary's Road and Rheem Boulevard intersection. It also proposes a dedicated left turn and possible traffic stop sign-controlled intersection at the St. Mary's Road and Bollinger Canyon Road intersection, with an analysis option of adding a traffic signal-controlled intersection later. For additional information, see the [staff report](#).

### **CORLISS DRIVE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT**

The Corliss Drive Safe Routes to School Project has reached Phase 2 – Weighing Alternatives. The project is intended to improve pedestrian access along Corliss Drive between Warfield Drive and Arroyo Drive. A virtual community meeting to see concepts and provide feedback will be held on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm. Please visit the [project website](#) to register for the virtual meeting and learn more about the project. Please direct questions or comments to the Public Works Department at 925-888-7026 or email [publicworks@moraga.ca.us](mailto:publicworks@moraga.ca.us).

### **DONATION OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR RANCHO LAGUNA PARK**

Town Council accepted the donation for fitness equipment in Rancho Laguna Park from Bobbie Preston. Ms. Preston is establishing an Outdoor Fitness Zone in memory of her late husband, Tom Preston. This area will be between the children's playground and the play train, across the grass from the Monarch Garden. There will be eight state-of-the-art machines, two of which will be ADA compliant, and will allow 22 people to exercise simultaneously on fun-to-use equipment. An app by the manufacturer allows individuals to track their progress. It is hoped the project can be fully funded and built by the end of October. To participate in this tribute, contact the [Lamorinda Lions Foundation](#).



### **MOFD ANNOUNCES GUTTER GUARDS NOW AVAILABLE**

MOFD has received a shipment of "Gutterglove- Leafblaster Pro" gutter covering just in time for the worst part of our wildland fire season. These stainless steel guards are designed to minimize the accumulation of combustible material in your home's gutters and limit the surface spread of flame for at least 30 minutes. Having gutter coverings has the potential of protecting your home from damage due to flying embers. More information including: an online tool to determine the quantity of material you will need, installation instructions, material specifications, how to contact a contractor to complete your installation and more are available [here](#). District residents can receive this material at no charge by completing the [online request form](#). Once your request has been reviewed you will receive an email letting you know when and where your allotment of Gutterglove "Leaf Blaster Pro" can be picked up.



### **CCC SEEKS "HUMANITARIANS OF THE YEAR" NOMINATIONS**

Contra Costa County seeks nominations for Humanitarians of the Year to be recognized during the 46th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ceremony. The deadline to submit candidates for consideration is Monday, October 23. The event will commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16. In the spirit of Dr. King's work, this year's theme is "Beloved Community." The Board of Supervisors plans to recognize two individuals, (1) a community member and (2) a student leader, whose dedication to others embodies the spirit and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the event. Nominate a community member and/or student whose accomplishments and actions go above and beyond to positively impact Contra Costa County, its residents, and communities. To submit online nominations and learn more about the County's celebration, visit the [Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ceremony website](#).



### **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY COVID UPDATE**

Counties across the Bay Area are seeing an increase in the number of COVID cases. While the upward trends are worth monitoring, hospitalizations – our most reliable metric – are far below the heights seen during the Delta and Omicron surges. As of September 1, there were 84 new COVID-related admissions to hospitals in the County (eight more than the prior week) and the test positivity rate across the state of California was 14%, up almost 2% from the prior week. Contra Costa Health (CCH) continues to offer county residents free COVID test kits through the mail. Residents can request the kits online on [the COVID testing webpage](#). All 26 [county library branches offer free test kits](#) (limit two per household). At-home tests from a pharmacy are currently free or reimbursable for most people [in](#).

[California](#). Additionally, an updated COVID vaccine booster will become available later this month or early next month after the FDA and CDC approve it for use. County Health recommends that everyone stay up to date on their COVID vaccinations.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, September 18, 5:00 PM – [Art in Public Spaces](#), Casita at the Hacienda de las Flores

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.

## HOW TO WATCH LIVE STREAMING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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