



## ABOUT TOWN - SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### VIRTUAL EVACUATION DRILL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Lamorinda Police Departments, in cooperation with the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Contra Costa County Fire and the Contra Costa County Community Warning System (CWS), will conduct a virtual evacuation exercise beginning at 8:00 am on Saturday, September 30. Messages will be sent to residents signed up for CWS text message or email notifications in all Lamorinda cities and to the community of Canyon sometime between 8:00 am and 9:30 am. Note: We are not initiating phone calls for this exercise. The purpose of the exercise is to test and refine the communication systems that will be used in the event an emergency evacuation is required. While we all hope an emergency evacuation will never be needed, preparing for the event is essential.



### TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

#### ***PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH***



The Town Council presented a proclamation declaring October 2023 as Bullying Prevention and Moraga iKind Project Month to Wendell Baker, Moraga's "Ambassador of Kindness." Wendell, from Moraga's iKind Project, encouraged all Moragans to join in prevention activities designed to promote civility and compassion and make the community and schools safer for all children and teenagers.

#### ***MORAGA MURAL PROJECT***

The Town Council approved "Natural Beauty of the Surrounding Hills" as the theme for the Moraga Mural Program. After thoughtful analysis of the 221 survey results by the Art in Public Spaces Committee (APSC) Mural Subcommittee, this was the phrase most in alignment with responses. The next step is to issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) to the public. Applicants will submit information and a rendering based on how they interpret the theme/keywords. The artist will be chosen based on the aforementioned, as well as the budget. Once approved by the Council, APSC will commence fundraising for the mural. If and when funds are received, Council will approve a final mural design and the artist will be given permission to move forward. For more information, read the staff report [here](#).

#### ***AMENDED TOWN COUNCIL PROTOCOLS***

The Town Council reviewed and approved an updated version of the Town Council Protocols. The finalized Protocols will be posted on the Town's website soon.

#### ***COMMONS PARK RESTROOM REPLACEMENT PROJECT***

The Town Council approved awarding a construction contract to McNabb Construction as the demo and installation contractor for the Commons Park Restroom Replacement Project in an amount not to exceed \$165,319. As part of this approval, Town staff requested an additional allocation of \$91,171 from Fund 250 – Park Dedication – Quimby Act for a total construction budget of \$560,171 for FY 2023-24. Demo and installation are planned to be completed before the end of December 2023. For more information, read the staff report [here](#).

#### ***PG&E GAS PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT***

The Town Council approved a First Amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement with Coastland Civil Engineering, LLP for construction inspection services for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Gas Pipeline Replacement Project on Country Club Drive, Sandringham Drive North, Sandringham Drive South, and Glen Alpine Drive. PG&E applied for an encroachment permit to replace

their natural gas system equipment and upgrade underground gas mains and service connections to enhance natural gas safety and reliability within our community. For additional information, please see the [staff report](#).

### **MORAGA ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Town Council approved a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with CSG Consultants Inc. (CSG) of Pleasanton, CA, for the Moraga Road Drainage Improvement Project. CSG is developing the engineering plans to address localized flooding on Moraga Road. John Muir Land Trust's (JMLT) Painted Rock Open Space receives rainfall that flows towards Moraga Road, flooding the northbound lane between Dolores Court and Hansen Court. The project will improve the drainage at this location and mitigate potential flooding. For additional information, please see the [staff report](#).



### **COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS - OCTOBER 6, 7 and 8**



Volunteers are STILL needed for Moraga's Community Service Days, taking place October 6, 7 and 8. For more information and to learn about the projects, go to [moragaserviceday](#). These events encourage all Moraga families and individuals to volunteer to help people in need, as well as serve the Town of Moraga. This year involvement has broadened to include churches, businesses, Moraga's schools and the rest of the community.



### **PEAR AND WINE FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Don't miss joining the rest of the community this Saturday at Moraga Commons Park! Attendees will be able to find 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, various craft activities, and the park's playgrounds.



### **10TH ANNUAL MIXOLOGY EVENT - LAMORINDA ARTS COUNCIL**

With an anticipated crowd of 300 attendees, the festivities will take place on Saturday, October 14, in Orinda Theatre Square, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. The event includes both professional and amateur bartenders from the East Bay, who create original and luscious craft cocktails. Mixologists compete to receive trophies and cash prizes. Tickets are available at [Lamorinda Mixology](#).



### **SMC BASEBALL HITTING, PITCHING AND CATCHING CLINICS**



SMC Baseball Clinics are dedicated to teaching and developing all aspects of the game including skill development, game strategy, competition and proper mechanics for players in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and below. Athletes have the opportunity to develop skills through individual instruction, group instruction, and game situations in a positive and productive environment. Clinics are run by top level Division 1 coaches. Please visit [SMC Baseball](#) to view the details of the upcoming clinics and check back periodically for camp updates.



### **JOINT TC AND PC MEETING - GENERAL PLAN KICKOFF - OCTOBER 10**

The Town will hold a General Plan update kick-off meeting on October 10, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Hacienda de las Flores. The General Plan is the community's blueprint for a long-term vision for the future growth, economic vitality, open space, safety & noise, resiliency and adaptation and development. The General Plan is a vision about how a community will grow, reflecting community priorities and values while shaping the future. The joint Town Council and Planning Commission meeting is designed to get early input and feedback on what areas of the General Plan should be

updated. The General Plan process will include community engagement and visioning. Please join us on October 10 and provide your input.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Saturday, September 30, 11:00 am, [Pear and Wine Festival](#), Moraga Commons Park  
Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers  
Monday, October 9, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces Special Meeting](#), Hacienda de las Flores (Casita)  
Monday, October 9, 6:30 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission Meeting](#), Council Chambers  
Tuesday, October 10, 6:00 pm –Joint [Planning Commission](#) and [Town Council](#) “General Plan Kickoff” Meeting, Hacienda de las Flores (La Sala)  
Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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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