



# ABOUT TOWN - MAY 09, 2024

## UPDATES FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### THIS YEAR IS MORAGA'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!



Moraga was incorporated as a town in 1974 and is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year! The Town will have events and activities planned to celebrate Moraga's Semicentennial, including a parade prior to the Pear and Wine Festival on September 28. If you would like to be in the parade, please fill out the [application](#) before May 31 as space is limited!

For information on upcoming activities, visit <https://www.moraga.ca.us/50thAnniversary>.

### **CONGRATULATIONS to the Town of Moraga staff for winning (again) the 2024 Spring Walking Challenge!**

A few times a year, the cities in Contra Costa County (in association with our Municipal Pooling Authority) join in a “friendly” 30-day step competition.  
(FINAL Step Count: Moraga at 353,933 & Pinole following (sort of) close behind at 352,696)



### TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 08, 2024

***Click the title of the item below to view the slide deck presented at the Town Council meeting.***

#### **SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE**

Brother Thomas presented updates from Saint Mary's College as well as provided comments regarding the “Town-Gown” initiatives and the National Rugby Championship overview.



*Photo courtesy of Town Manager, Scott Mitnick*

#### **ADOPT BY MINUTE ORDER, THE FY 2024-2025 TOWNWIDE GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

Your Town Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Townwide Goals and Priorities to align with the budget cycle.

[\*\*View the Staff Report.\*\*](#)



## WE NEED YOUR INPUT: LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Town residents are invited to get involved in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) and provide input from **April 22, 2024 to May 31, 2024**. Your input in the LHMP will allow Moraga to meet federal, state, and local requirements for grant funding.

**County-Wide Hazards**

**Natural Hazards (Required)**

- Climate Change
- Dam and Levee Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Landslide
- Sea Level Rise (new)
- Severe Weather
- Tsunami
- Wildfire

**Human-Caused / Technological Hazards**

- Cybersecurity Threats
- Hazardous Materials Incidents
- Utility Interruptions
- Active Shooter Incidents
- Terrorism

Town residents are in a unique position to identify natural, human-caused, and technological hazards. Once the LHMP identifies hazards and local risks, the plan will outline strategies for County Departments, Cities, Towns, and Special Districts to reduce the impact of these hazards. As part of developing the 5-year LHMP update, all jurisdictions in Contra Costa County are required to make the draft LHMP available to the public and public comment.

The 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Moraga is available on the Town website and the **public comment period is now open (April 22, 2024, to May 31, 2024)**.

For more information and to comment on the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Moraga please see [link](#).

### Get Involved in the Planning Process



Check the County Website for more information.



## TOWEL DRIVE - HAPPENING NOW AT THE HACIENDA!

**Moraga Youth Involvement Committee**

# **TOWEL DRIVE**

**COLLECTING MAY 1ST-JUNE 1ST**

We are excited to announce our first Moraga Towel Drive. We are hoping to supply 40 towels to Covenant House (a local homeless shelter) because they are unable to afford new ones for their incoming residents.

**DROP-OFF LOCATION**

Hacienda de las Flores  
2100 Donald Dr, Moraga, CA 94556  
(A bin is located in front of the Parks and Recreation Office.)

**ITEM SPECIFICATIONS**

- New Or Lightly Used
- Bath Sized
- Any Color

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The Moraga Youth Involvement Committee seeks new or gently used bath towels for Covenant House. This organization offers homeless youth a secure haven with amenities like shelter, food, and other necessities. Covenant House provides these youth with towels for showering, however, recipients retain them due to hygiene concerns.

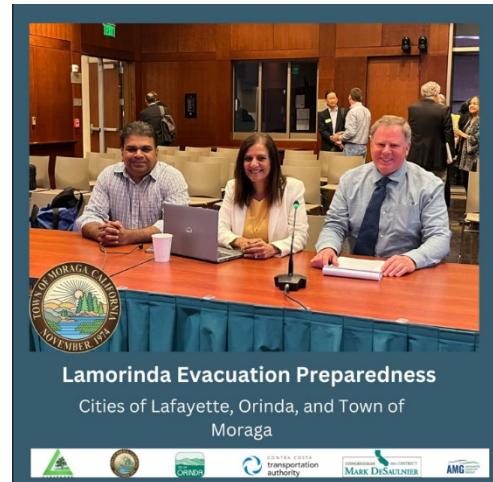
With towels being costly to procure individually, the MYIC aims to gather 40 fresh or lightly used towels (preferably bath-sized). Your contribution would be immensely valued. Drop-off location: the bin at the Parks and Recreation office at Hacienda de las Flores **until June 1st**.



## TRI-CITIES EVACUATION STUDY OVERVIEW

Shawn Knapp, Director of Public Works and Afshan Hamid, Planning Director presented along with City of Orinda and City of Lafayette at the Tri-Cities annual meeting. Shawn led the work and collaborated with the three cities along with the offices of Congressmember DeSaulnier and Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan as well as Contra Costa Transportation Authority and Emergency Responders. The effort, while considerable, is critical to jointly plan and train for potential local and regional evacuations.

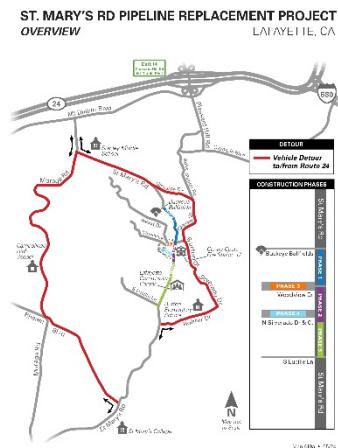
Afshan, Shawn and Siva Natarajan with City of Orinda provided an update on the joint regional evacuation study and Smart Signals project. To learn more please click the [link](#).



## ST MARYS ROAD PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

EBMUD will begin a significant pipeline replacement along St Marys Road in Lafayette in **early June 2024** and continue through October 2024. Work hours are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. During construction, drivers can expect portions of St Marys Road to be closed to through traffic and a significant detour in place. Intersecting side streets will be temporarily impacted as work progresses. Please allow more time to reach your destination.

**Click on the map to open a new window for more project information.**



## APRIL 30 ENVISION MORAGA 2040 GENERAL PLAN - OVERVIEW



A Community Workshop was held at Saint Mary's College with **over 60 residents participating!** The workshop provided a brief update of [Envision Moraga 2040](#) and had four interactive stations on the major topics of **Sustainability, Transportation, Economic Vitality and Community Design**. Residents provided direct feedback on each station through exercises, QR code surveys, Q&A, as well as comment cards. Residents throughout the evening were energetic and engaged. Light refreshments and gift cards were provided to participants. It is anticipated Envision Moraga 2040 General Plan will be adopted by December 2024. For more information visit the [link](#).



## SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE: Men's Rugby Division 1A National Champions!

CONGRATULATIONS, GAELS!



### UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

**Monday, 5/13/24, 5:30 PM** – JOINT Parks & Recreation / Art in Public Spaces Meeting

Meeting Details:

- Meeting will be held at The Commons
- Regular Parks and Recreation Meeting Scheduled for 5/13 is CANCELLED

**Tuesday, 5/21/24, 6:30 PM** – Planning Commission, Council Chambers

**Wednesday, 5/22/24, 6:30 PM** – Town Council, Council Chambers

**Thursday, 5/30/24, 6:30PM** – \*Community Fire Services Meeting, JM Intermediate School

\*Meeting details to follow

Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](https://www.townofmoraga.org/335-Rheem-Boulevard-Moraga-CA-94556).

The Casita, Terrace Room, La Sala Room, and Hacienda de las Flores are located at [2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556](https://www.townofmoraga.org/2100-Donald-Drive-Moraga-CA-94556). All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](https://www.townofmoraga.org) website for updated agendas and packets.

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

The Town of Moraga Livestreams Town Council and Planning Commission meetings using YouTube. Click here to [view live streaming of meetings](https://www.youtube.com/@TownofMoraga335streams) or type or paste this link in your browser <https://www.youtube.com/@TownofMoraga335streams> to view these meetings.

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## National Police Week (May 12th – 18th)



National Police Week offers honor, remembrance, and peer support, while allowing law enforcement, survivors, and citizens to gather and pay homage to those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

If you haven't already, seek out your Town's police staff, and thank them for their dedication to the community and safety of Moraga!

## Municipal Clerks Week (May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>)



Professional Municipal Clerks Week occurs May 5 through May 11, 2024 and is the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week!

Initiated in 1969 by IIMC and endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries, the

week is a time of celebration and reflection on the importance of the Clerk's office.

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