



ABOUT TOWN

August 16, 2024

Updates from Moraga Town Staff



THIS YEAR IS MORAGA'S 50TH 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.

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



TOWN COUNCIL IS ON BREAK UNTIL AUGUST 21, 2024





Moraga Youth Involvement Committee Recruitment

Applications are now being accepted for the 2024/2025 term of the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC)!

The deadline is August 19, 2024.

The MYIC is a committee comprised of students 7th-12th grade who reside in Moraga who want to contribute to their community and learn the civic process. The MYIC acts as an advisory body to the Town Council on youth related issues, organizes youth/family events for the Moraga Community, and completes philanthropic projects that change yearly. For more information or to obtain an application, visit the Town's website or email the MYIC staff liaison at recdesk@moraga.ca.us.



Annual Community Pear Harvest



Join the annual community harvest of our 100 plus-year-old pear trees, and reconnect with our agricultural past.

This event takes place on Saturday, August 17th, from 9 am- 4 pm on the corner of Camino Pablo and Canyon Road, next to Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School.

Wear sturdy shoes and a sun hat, and be prepared to be outdoors. Volunteers will use picking poles to harvest the excess fruit. Fruit is loaded into crates, and then will be picked up by the [Contra Costa County Food Bank](#).

This event is organized by the Moraga Valley Kiwanis Club.



Sunday - Funday!

Support the Moraga Education Fund by buying tickets to The Town FC's MLS NEXT Pro home game!

The match is this **Sunday, August 18th at 5pm, gates open at 3pm**. Adult tickets are \$10, under 18 are free. 50% of proceeds from tickets purchased [through this link](#) supports the Moraga Education Fund.

Enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere with food vendors, a full bar, open seating, and lawn games!





Perform at the Pear and Wine Festival!



Local bands, dance groups, martial arts groups, comedians, magicians...

We want to showcase the talent and creativity of Moraga!

Performance slots will be scheduled between 12pm and 4pm and can be anywhere from 10 - 30 minutes, sound equipment (PA system) will be provided. Performances are not paid. Please email recdesk@moraga.ca.us if you are interested!

The Pear and Wine Festival will take place on September 28, 2024



COMING SOON: 2024 Moraga Community Service Day!

Mark your calendars for **October 4th-6th** to attend **The Town of Moraga's Community Service Day**

It's **YEAR THREE** for this collaborative community event! There are 16 projects for community volunteers to participate in. These projects serve our mission to provide humanitarian aid locally and internationally to help the less fortunate and those in need, and to support our local schools and beautify our Town.

Last year we had over 700 volunteers helping 12,000 people internationally and locally!



Get Started on Your Holiday Projects!



Moraga has a **NEW MONTHLY Knitting & Crochet Club** at the Moraga Library!

Knitting and crocheting is for **EVERYONE!**

Join enthusiastic beginning and experienced knitters and crocheters - Click the graphic for more information!

This drop-in program is **open to everyone; all skill levels are welcome!** Bring a knitting or crochet project to the library where you can give and receive tips and techniques from others. Enjoy a relaxing and creative atmosphere.

Reservations: *No reservations necessary!*

Date/Time: *The 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:00pm-7:30pm*

Where: *The Moraga Library | 1500 St. Mary's Road | Moraga, CA 94556*



Proposed Zoning Code Amendment

Town residents are invited and encouraged to attend the Town Council meeting on August 28, 2024, at 5:30p.m.

The Council will discuss, take public comment and provide an action on the proposed Zoning Code Amendments to Moraga Municipal Code Chapter 8.32: “Moraga Center Specific Plan Six Dwelling Per Acre Multifamily Residential District (MCSP R-6).” The purpose of the Zoning Code Amendments is to remove constraints on future development in a designated Housing Opportunity site and comply with the Town’s recently adopted Housing Element.

For more information, you can reach out to Afshan Hamid, Community Development Director, at <mailto:ahamid@moraga.ca.us> or by visiting the Town’s Electronic Agenda Center at <https://www.moraga.ca.us/AgendaCenter> at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.



Moraga General Plan 2040 Update

The Town is encouraging all residents, business owners and property owners to attend the upcoming General Plan 2040 meetings. An important aspect of the General Plan is the Values and Guiding Principles which were initially discussed in October and November 2023 and will be updated in the new General Plan.

Staff have conducted over 16 community outreach, workshops and meetings to date on the General Plan. Going forward the Council will discuss the entirety of the General Plan including the Values and Guiding Principles.

The formal meetings will be held as follows:

- **August 28, 2024:** Focused discussion on the Transportation Element
- **September 11, 2024:** Joint TC and PC Meeting with a Pre-view Draft of the entire General Plan
- **October 22, 2024:** Planning Commission Study Session on Draft General Plan
- **October 23, 2024:** Town Council Study Session on Draft General Plan
- **November 4, 2024:** Special Planning Commission Meeting on Final General Plan
- **November 13, 2024:** Town Council Meeting on Adoption of General Plan

To learn more about the General Plan initiative, go to makemoragahome.org. If you have any questions, please contact Afshan Hamid, Community Development Director at <mailto:ahamid@moraga.ca.us>.



LAFAYETTE – Moraga Regional Trail Restoration

A project lead by East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), Moraga Regional Trail is going through a restoration between Winchester Dr. and Canyon Road Bridge. EBRPD will handle notifications via mail, signage and on NextDoor. Below is some basic project information:

Tentative Start date: **August 5th, 2024** | **Tentative Completion Date:** **September 30th, 2024**

Project Summary: The project consists of reconstructing a new 450 ft by 12 ft wide section of concrete paving on the Lafayette-Moraga Trail that will reconnect Westchester Drive to Canyon Road and will also include the installation of new chain link fencing

Please contact East Bay Regional Park District (510) 544-2217 (Public Affairs Team) or [click here](#) the link below with any further questions.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Wednesday,	8/21/24,	5:30 PM	Town Council Special Meeting, Council Chambers
Tuesday,	8/20/24	6:30 PM	Planning Commission, Council Chambers
Wednesday,	8/28/24	5:30 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

Town Council Chambers are located at 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. 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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