



ABOUT TOWN

SEPTEMBER 12, 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 ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

MORAGA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENT



The Moraga Youth Involvement Committee (MYIC) welcomed 22 members for the 2024/25 term. 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.

2024/25 MYIC Members: Amelia Becker, Zayden Bronson, Finley Cattell, Alana Choo, Vivienne Dunn, Camille Gourlin, Axel Harkavy, Emory Hsiao, Clara Hwang, Kaylah Ip, Natalia Jaramillo, William Ma, Max Martinez de Hoz, Julian Popov, Sophia Raldugina-Zhu, Riya Shah, Zahin Shah, Matthew Sugiyama, Isabella Tritto, Luka Vyatkin, Chang Yu, Shiraz Zahoori

SUSTAINABLE CONTRA COSTA

Laura Wehrley presented on behalf of Sustainable Contra Costa.

CONTRA COSTA MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

Andrew Pierce presented on behalf of Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District.

DEPARTMENT REPORT: October 18, 2024 League of California Cities Annual Conference General Assembly/Business Meeting Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegates

Town Council designated Vice Mayor Steve Woehleke to serve as the Voting Delegate and Town Manager Scott Mitnick and Administrative Services Director Katie Bruner to serve as Alternate Delegates at the October 18, 2024 League of California Cities Annual Conference General Assembly/Business Meeting.

[View The Staff Report](#)

STUDY SESSION: Draft General Plan 2040

Community Development Director, Afshan Hamid and Consultant, Barry Miller presented a DRAFT of the 2040 General Plan during a Joint Town Council and Planning Commission Study Session which occurred immediately following the Town Council Regular meeting. Council and Planning Commission received the report and provided feedback.

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Moraga Road and Canyon Road Complete Streets Project Pop-Up Event

The Moraga Road and Canyon Road Complete Streets Project aims to deliver corridor improvements that will provide continuous routes for outlying areas and connect residents to schools, services, and amenities within Moraga and the Moraga Shopping Center through improved access and safety to walking and biking. **The project extends along Moraga Road and Canyon Road, beginning at St. Mary's Road (north) and continuing to Sanders Drive (south).**

As part of the first phase of community engagement for the project, **the Town will host a pop-up event at Canyon Club Brewery.** This event is an opportunity for residents to learn more about the project and to provide input on desired improvements. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Pop-Up Event at Canyon Club

When: September 14th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

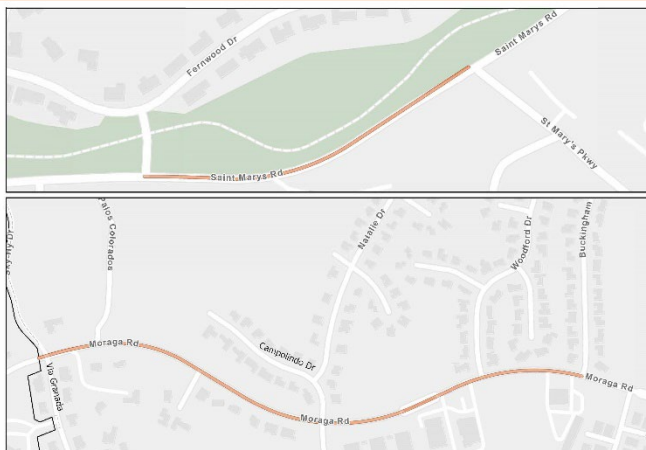
Where: Canyon Club Brewery | 1558 Canyon Road, Moraga, CA 94556

Please visit our website for more information:

<https://www.moraga.ca.us/606/MoragaCanyon-Road-Complete-Street-Projec>



TRAFFIC ALERT! Rubberized Cape Seal Moraga Road and St Mary's Road



The Town's pavement project is now focusing on applying a rubberized cape seal Moraga Road and St Mary's Road. The rubberized cape seal consists of 2-part pavement preservation treatment: 1) microsurfacing seal; over 2) rubberized chip seal.

The work is tentatively scheduled for rubberized cape seal next Tuesday, 9/17, followed by microsurfacing from Thursday, 9/19 through Saturday, 9/21.

Town staff have coordinated with Saint Mary's College and Campolindo High School regarding

the upcoming cape seal schedule. Please expect traffic delays of up to 20 minutes or more during the posted construction hours. We encourage you to use alternate routes or the signed detour routes.

Driveway ingress and egress will remain open during construction. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this essential roadway repair. **The schedule is subject to change without notice. Please check the project website for updates.**

The cape seal street segments are shown as follows:

Location	Start	End
Moraga Road	Buckingham Drive	Via Granada
St Mary's Road	Stafford Drive	St Mary's Parkway

<https://www.moraga.ca.us/2024streetpaving>

If you have any questions, please contact Sunny Jhutti, Construction Manager

Phone: (415) 246-4920 or Email: <mailto:sunny@substrateinc.com>



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



Who Doesn't Love a Pancake Breakfast

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024

Time: 8:00 am to 10:30 am

Location: Fire Station 41, 1284 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA 94556

Click the graphic to the right for a bigger and easier to read graphic!



All proceeds benefit the [Ronald McDonald House Charities](#)



THE MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT

Presents

THE MORAGA PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
8:00AM-10:30AM

MORAGA FIRE STATION 41
1284 MORAGA WAY
MORAGA, CA 94556

ALL PROCEEDS TO:
 RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES



2024 Moraga Community Service Day, October 4-6

Volunteer Sign-ups are open and Live!

Visit the Website to Sign Up:

<http://moragaserviceday.org/>

It's Year 3 for this community event with 17 projects for community volunteers to participate in. These projects serve our mission to provide humanitarian aid locally and internationally to help the less fortunate/those in need, support our local schools and beautify our Town.

This year we have new exciting projects with Letters of Love to Ukrainian Kids/Families, Campolindo student involvement and an event to Honor & Celebrate Moraga Community Groups to kick us off.

Last year we had over 700 volunteers helping thousands of people internationally and locally!

"Help us, to help our local community and those in need around the world!"





KNIT SOME LOVE

We are a group of knitters who have participated in a community service project through the **Moraga Community Service Day** in the past and are going to do so this year as well by knitting hats and scarves for at-risk children and adults. These will be distributed in October by White Pony



Express Boutique which provides food to 93 local food pantries and living necessities to low income and unhoused individuals.

If you wish to donate your knitted hats and/or scarves, please email me and I will send you the addresses of where you may leave your completed items. kathydown@comcast.net.



Or call with questions 925-997-0734.



Haunted Hacienda - Call for Vendors

Moraga Parks & Recreation will accept Trunk and Park Vendors from September 3rd through September 30th!

*** Limited Space ***



1ST ANNUAL (NOT SO) HAUNTED HACIENDA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2024
5:00PM - 8:30PM
CALL FOR VENDORS

Moraga Parks & Recreation will accept Trunk and Parks Vendors from September 3rd through September 30th! Limited Space!

Who can be a vendor?

- Non-Profits
- Local Businesses
- Community Interest Groups

Don't miss your chance to be part of this inaugural experience filled with Halloween spirit, laughter, and community fun. Event is catered to kids and adults alike, the Haunted Hacienda promises a (not so) spooky experience for all ages.

Apply at
<https://forms.office.com/r/mXfsBQWiUG>

Vendors will be asked to provide candy for up to 500 participants and provide an activity at their booth or trunk.

Activities at the event:


- Trunk or Treat (Vendors)
- Movie Under the Stars - Disney's "The Haunted Mansion"
- Costume Contest + More Family Fun!

For More Information on how to become a vendor, please visit MoragaRec.com or contact Donald Scully, Recreation Supervisor dscully@moraga.ca.us or 925-888-7036



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Autumn Is Great Time for a NEW Hobby!

Join Moraga's 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!

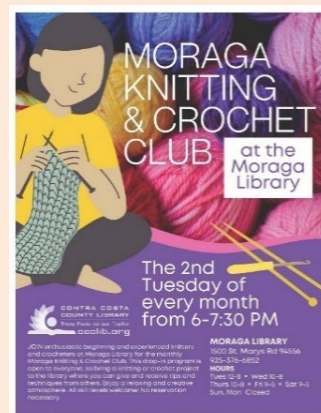
(there's still time to get those holiday projects going!)

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!

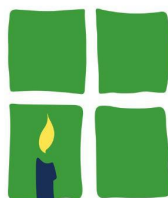
Date/Time: The 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:00pm-7:30pm

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



September is National Suicide Prevention Month

Contra Costa Crisis Center: A resource in the community since 1963, the Contra Costa Crisis



CONTRA COSTA CRISIS CENTER

Center is dedicated to providing free, confidential crisis counseling and information & referral services to individuals in need.

Originally an all-volunteer resource, the Crisis Center is now a volunteer/staff non-profit organization. Over 6,000 calls are handled each month, including 211 community resource

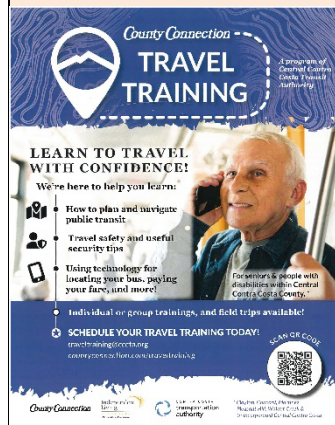
requests and the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The center is accredited by the American Association of Suicidology, InformUSA and International Council for Helplines. For more information, visit <https://www.crisis-center.org>

About SAMHSA: Congress established the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 1992 to make substance use and mental disorder information, services, and research more accessible.



County Connection Life Program & Travel Training

County Connection's Low Income Fare Equity (LIFE) program



This program offers free paratransit to passengers with a low income. Please click on the **graphic to the RIGHT** for more info!

County Connection's Travel Training program

This program helps navigate the public transit system, technology for locating your bus and paying your fare and provides useful safety and security tips! Please click on the **graphic to the LEFT** for more info!





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 15, 2024: Planning Commission Study Session on Draft General Plan**
- **October 22, 2024: Planning Commission Recommendation to Adopt General Plan**
- **October 23, 2024: Town Council Study Session on Draft 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, at <mailto:ahamid@moraga.ca.us>.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday,	9/17/24,	5:30 PM	Planning Commission, Council Chambers
Wednesday,	9/25/24	5:30 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
Tuesday,	10/01/24	5:30 PM	Planning Commission, 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

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/@TownofMoraga335/streams> to view these meetings.

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TOWN STAFF PAINTS AND SIPS!

Town Staff members got together over lunch today to spend some time at a **Summer Paint & Sip Event**. Staff was guided through painting a serene (for most) summer sunset while casually sipping...coffee (of course!) Our Paint and Sip events take place a couple times a year and are part of the Town's Wellness Program sponsored by the Municipal Pooling Authority (MPA).

What do you think, should we keep our day jobs?

