



ABOUT TOWN

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Updates from Moraga Town Staff



THIS YEAR IS MORAGA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!



Get Ready for the **PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL**



THIS WEEKEND!



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



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2024 AS BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH



The Moraga Cub Scouts were on hand to accept (and read aloud) a Proclamation declaring October 2024 as bullying prevention month. The Scouts did an amazing job!

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Katie Bidstrup, Executive Director of the Moraga Chamber of Commerce provided a presentation on the upcoming Community Service Day (October 4 – 6).

LAMORINDA ARTS COUNCIL

Executive Director, Ali Kozoll and Sue Farmer presented on behalf of the Lamorinda Arts Council.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Contra Costa County Library Commission Candidate Interview

Town Council interviewed and appointed Amenda Kung as the primary Moraga delegate Contra Costa County Library Commission.

[View The Staff Report](#)

Use of Military Equipment by the Moraga Police Department Update Report and Renewal of Military Equipment Use Policy

Chief Jon King presented a Resolution to renew the Town's Military Equipment Use Policy and provided an example of a non-lethal bean bag rifle.

An impromptu show-and-tell was a welcome close to the Scout's first Town Council business meeting!

[View The Staff Report](#)





September 30th - "Lid Flip" Inspections

California law SB 1383 requires local jurisdictions to monitor contamination and proper sorting of organic waste by performing annual route audits.

The week of September 30, inspectors with RecycleSmart will conduct visual 'lid flip' inspections of trash, recycling, and organics containers to ensure proper sorting, recycling, and landfill (residential and commercial) carts.

RecycleSmart will not be imposing any fines or taking photos of the contents of the carts, please click below to read the letter for additional details.

[SB 1383 Letter](#)

For information about proper waste sorting, please visit www.RecycleSmart.org or test your waste sorting skills at <https://www.RecycleSmart.org/game/>



Ride for Free on October 2nd!



Join us in celebrating
breathable air on
California Clean Air Day!

WestCAT, Wheels, and County Connection are marking the occasion by waving all bus fees for the day, encouraging you to take public transit for a breathable future.

Learn more by clicking below:

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/1c12f7ef/yal3kvX0qnGg3QZUiBgA?u=https://www.cleanairstay.org/>



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](#)





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.



Autumn Is Great Time for a NEW Hobby!

Join Moraga's Knitting & Crochet Club at the Moraga Library!

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

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

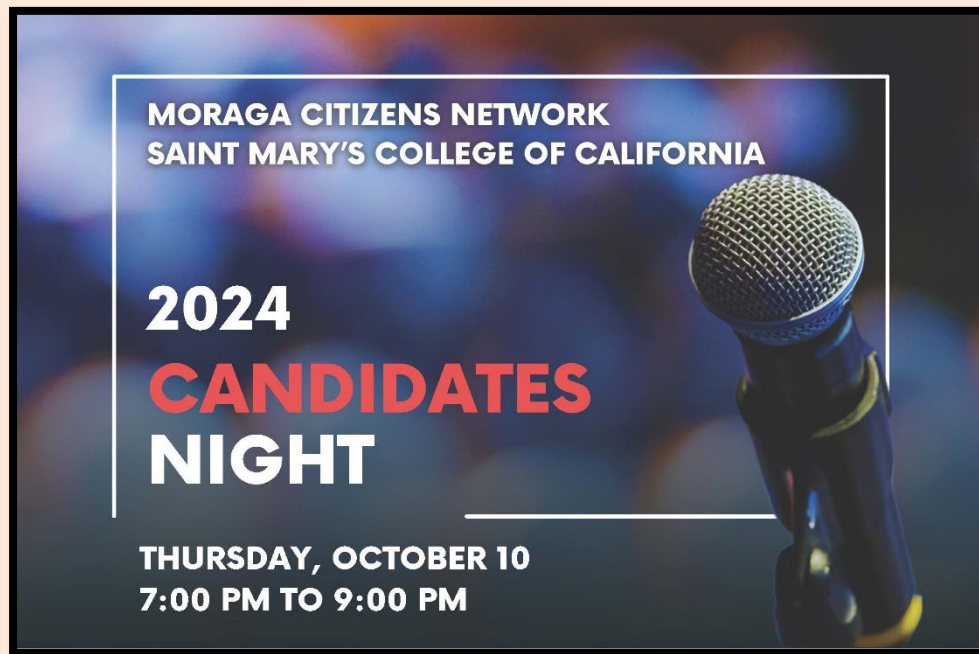
This drop-in program is **open to everyone; all skill levels are welcome!** Bring a knitting or crochet project to the library where you can give and receive tips and techniques from others. Enjoy a relaxing and creative atmosphere.

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





DETAILS



 **SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA
SODA CENTER**

6:30 PM Doors Open

7:00 PM Town Council Q&A

8:00 PM Moraga School Board
Candidates Q&A



MODERATOR

COREY COOK,
Executive Vice-President and Provost, SMC

Have a question for the Candidates?

Email it to **MCN94556@gmail.com** by
Monday, September 30th
Tell us who it's for in the subject
heading: Town Council or MSD

Can't make it in person?

Use your phone camera
to capture an image of
this QR code for more
information and to
access a ZOOM Link



www.moragacitizensnetwork.org



Haunted Hacienda - Call for Vendors



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

*** Limited Space ***

Who can be a vendor:

- Non-Profits
- Local Businesses
- Community Interest Groups

1ST ANNUAL (NOT SO) HAUNTED HACIENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2024
5:00PM - 8:30PM

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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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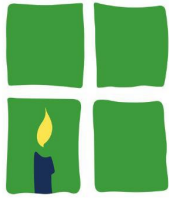
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September is National Suicide Prevention Month

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



**CONTRA COSTA
CRISIS CENTER**

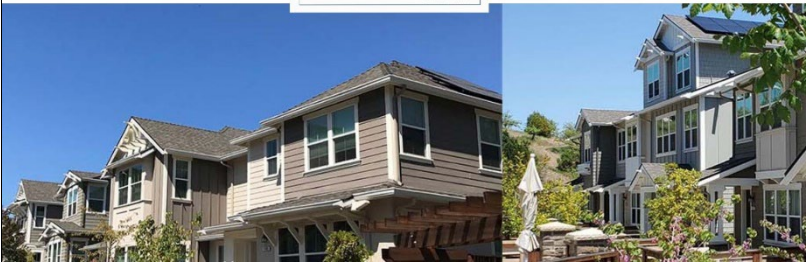
Center is dedicated to providing free, confidential crisis counseling and information & referral services to individuals in need. Originally an all-volunteer resource, the Crisis Center is now a volunteer/staff non-profit organization. Over 6,000 calls are handled each month, including 211 community 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.



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 PG 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**

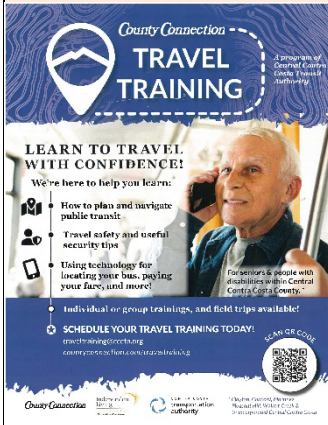
To learn more about the General Plan initiative, go to makemoragahome.org. If you have any questions, please contact Afshan Hamid, at <mailto:ahamid@moraga.ca.us>.





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!



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Wednesday,	10/09/24	5:30 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
Monday,	10/14/24	6:30 PM	Parks & Recreation, Council Chambers
Tuesday,	10/15/24	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.

HELP SHARE THE TOWN NEWS!

If you find this newsletter informative and interesting, please forward it to your neighbors and friends. Not subscribed yet? Sign up for *About Town* at moraga.ca.us

FOLLOW US!

Follow the Town on Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, and subscribe to Nixle.com for updates and urgent advisories. The Town posts public service announcements, Town activities and lots more!



**See Below for More About the
Upcoming
Pear & Wine Festival and Parade!**



50th JOIN US FOR MORAGA'S

ANNIVERSARY PARADE

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

10 AM

COUNTRY CLUB DR - CANYON RD - MORAGA WAY



BAY CITIES
PAVING & GRADING INC



TOWN OF MORAGA
50 YEARS
1974-2024
CALIFORNIA



Aegis Living
Assisted Living | Memory Care
MORAGA

MORAGA.CA.US/50THANNIVERSARY

Featuring local schools, businesses, community groups, bands, stilt walkers, classic cars, and more leading up to the main event. There are over 700 participants set to be in the parade!

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Pear and Wine Festival

BELOW IS A SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Pear and Local Wine Tastings:

Pear salads and your favorite barbeque staples will be served by the **Moraga Lions Club** and **Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley** from the Band Shell.

Tangelo will be serving your favorite frozen yogurt flavors, including a limited-edition pear flavor, to round out your meal.

*** Don't miss the pear pie (*gluten-free available*), sold by the **Moraga Park Foundation**. They will sell out - grab yours early! ***

Grab a pear cider, pear mimosa, local draft beer, or nonalcoholic specialty beverage from the **Moraga Lions Club beverage booth!**

Community Crush, a cider made by Mt Diablo Cider from the wild pear trees of Moraga and unwanted neighborhood apples has been generously donated to the **Lion's Club**, with proceeds benefiting local charitable causes.



Lamorinda Winegrowers include: Thal Vineyards, Meadowview Winery, Raisin d'Etre Vinyards, Captain Vineyards, Los Arabis Vineyards, Crane Terrace Winery, Rancho del Hambre Winery, Castillo Vineyards and St Romedius.

Live Music and Entertainment:



-  12pm - Sky High Circus @ bandshell stage
-  12pm – Velma (band) @ Barlett Pear Stage
-  1pm - Announcement of Local Award Winners (2024 winners of the Business of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, and Citizen of the Year)
-  1:30pm – Karen Quest, America's Funniest Cowgirl @ bandshell stage



-  1:30pm – Ancestral Waters (band) @ Bartlett Pear Stage
-  3:00pm - Recognition of 50+ Year Residents by the Mayor

AT NOON: Don't miss the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Tree Planting by the Parks and Recreation Commission near the new restrooms.

Artisan Vendors and Crafts:

Explore handmade goods from local artisans perfect for gifts or personal mementos, including local honey from the Lamorinda 4H and a commemorative poster designed by Campolindo Visual Arts students.

Children's Activities:

Kids can enjoy a day full of activities including bounce houses sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley, a petting zoo, and a real tractor!

Pie Contest:



MORAGA PEAR & WINE FESTIVAL

PIE CONTEST

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Win a schwag bag

28 SEPTEMBER

Any Flavor Pie

TO ENTER:

WHO: Anyone!
WHAT: Pie flavor of your choice
WHERE: Moraga Commons
WHEN: Sat, 9/28 (11:30-12p)
HOW: Deliver your entry to the Parks & Rec Booth at the Pear & Wine Festival. Winner announced at 2pm. Entries judged by Parks & Rec Commission.

For more info:
925.888.7037
RecDesk@moraga.ca.us

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TOWN OF MORAGA
50 YEARS
CALIFORNIA
PARKS & RECREATION



Test your baking skills in the Pie Contest, judged by the Moraga Parks and Recreation Commission. Bring your pies to the Parks and Recreation tent between 11:30 am-12:00 pm. Bakers will compete for the title of best pie in town, with winner(s) announced at 2:00 pm at the Bartlett Pear Stage.

"Pear Necessities" Store:

Visit the Parks and Recreation Department's "Pear Necessities" store to pick up new festival merchandise, including the **50th Anniversary Moraga Cookbook**, which features recipes from the community along with Moraga's wonderful history. Other festival- and pear-themed items will also be available for purchase, making for great keepsakes to remember this special event.