



# ABOUT TOWN

**NOVEMBER 15, 2024**

**Updates from Moraga Town Staff**

**HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY,  
TOWN OF MORAGA!**



On November 12, 2024, the Town of Moraga buried a Time Capsule outside of Council chambers. The community, staff and town officials, celebrated this historic event together.

The time capsule will be marked with a plaque indicating it should be opened during the Town's 100th birthday in the year 2074. There were various items of significance placed inside the time capsule.

*Pictured Above: Photos from the event  
Pictured Below: Items placed in the time capsule*







## TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The Town of Moraga received warm birthday wishes in the form of proclamations during the November 13, 2024 Town Council meeting. Below is a list of the attendees pictured with the Moraga Town Council.



Assemblymember, Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (*top-left*)  
District Representative and Moraga Liaison from Supervisor Candace Anderson's Office, Jill Ray (*lower-left*)  
East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Board Director, Marguerite Young and Community Affairs  
Representative, Joe Voelker (*lower-middle*)  
Moraga Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Director, Greg Hasler (*right*)

### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DAVE WINNACKER'S SERVICE TO THE MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT**

Town Council recognized Fire Chief Dave Winnacker for his service as Chief of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD).



### **A COMMENDATION HONORING AFSHAN HAMID ON HER EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE TOWN OF MORAGA**

Town Council recognized Afshan Hamid who served as Planning Director for the Town of Moraga from June 2020 to November 2024.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

#### **Proposed 2025-2040 General Plan**

Town Council adopted a resolution approving the proposed 2025-2040 Moraga General Plan. The new General Plan will go into effect on January 1, 2025 and final formatting of the General Plan document will occur in early 2025.

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## The “Heart” of Moraga is in West Commons



Moraga’s Art in Public Spaces Committee has placed a new sculpture in Moraga’s West Commons in honor of Lisa Cella, a Moraga resident who passed away in 2023. The sculpture is a stunning large heart, with paintings of Moraga’s colorful wildflowers.

The “Heart” is made possible by the generous donations of Lisa’s family and friends and is intended to symbolize love, friendship, and Lisa’s enduring spirit.

Artist Bridgette Thornton, who grew up in Moraga, painted the “Heart.” Known for her vibrant and emotive work, Thornton said, “This sculpture embodies the love Lisa shared and the beauty of friendship that transcends time.”

The heart-shaped sculpture is intended to evoke joy and inspire visitors to cherish their own relationships. When walking through the West Commons and passing by the “Heart” sculpture, Thornton said, “I am appreciative the sculpture is in a meditative place, West Commons being a place where you can experience art.”

West Commons is a two-acre passive park across Moraga Road from the Moraga Commons Skate Park.

Moraga’s Art in Public Spaces Committee’s mission is to bring the arts to Moraga. This could be in the form of sculpture, painting, poetry, video, pottery, murals, dance, or music. The Committee’s goal is to put a spotlight on the arts, making the arts an everyday experience.



## Prohousing Designation

The Town will be applying for a Prohousing Designation through the State. Receiving a Prohousing Designation means the Town will be implementing Housing Element policies that have already been adopted, and recognizes the work that has already been done by the Town to address housing and affordability.

A Prohousing Designation enables the Town to receive priority funding when applying for grants, including Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC), Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG), Transformative Climate Communities (TCC), and more.

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## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

<b>Monday,</b>	<b><u>11/18/24</u></b>	<b><u>6:30 PM</u></b>	Parks & Recreation Special Meeting, Council Chambers
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b><u>11/19/24</u></b>	<b><u>6:30 PM</u></b>	Planning Commission, Council Chambers
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b><u>12/03/24</u></b>	<b><u>6:30 PM</u></b>	Planning Commission, Council Chambers
<b>Monday,</b>	<b><u>12/09/24</u></b>	<b><u>6:30 PM</u></b>	Parks & Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b><u>12/11/24</u></b>	<b><u>5:30 PM</u></b>	Town Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b><u>12/17/24</u></b>	<b><u>6:30 PM</u></b>	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.

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