



## ABOUT TOWN - OCTOBER 15, 2020 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

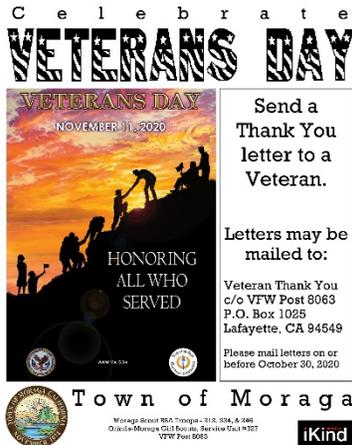


### CANYON ROAD BRIDGE OPENING SOON

Over the next three weeks, Bridgeway Civil Constructors will finish the last of the structural backfill on the new retaining wall, install storm drain improvements, and asphalt pave the new roadway approaches to the bridge. The Town is happy to announce a tentatively scheduled soft opening of Phase 1 to the public on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 10 am, allowing the public to walk and bike across the new bridge section throughout the day. Please consult the [Project's webpage](#) or subscribe to [Notify Me](#) to receive notifications about construction impacts to traffic.



### VETERANS DAY - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11



The Town of Moraga; the Moraga iKind Project; Moraga Boy Scout Troops 212, 234, and 246; Orinda-Moraga Girl Scouts Service Unit 327; and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8063 have joined together to ask you to celebrate Veterans Day by writing a thank you letter to a veteran. Letters, cards, and drawings may be sent to:

Veteran Thank You  
c/o VFW Post 8063  
P.O. Box 1025  
Lafayette, CA 94549

The members of the VFW will open and sort the letters and mail them to veterans in the Lamorinda area. Please mail items before October 30 to ensure the letters arrive to the veterans before Veterans Day.



### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The recent fire in Moraga was an important reminder for us all to be prepared for emergencies or disasters in our Town. Are you ready?? Please ensure you are registered for both the Community Warning System [CWS Alerts](#) for evacuation alerts and [Nixle](#) for emergency information and prepare your family and household. More emergency preparedness information is available at [Lamorinda CERT](#) or [Ready for Wildfire](#). Call Moraga Police at 925-888-7055 or Moraga-Orinda Fire District at 925-258-4599 with any questions.



### TOWN WELCOMES CECILIA NGUYEN



Cecilia Nguyen recently joined the Administrative Services Department as the Town Accountant. Cecilia holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration Accounting from Cal State East Bay. Cecilia has worked in the finance industry for more than 20 years with major focus in accounting and payroll services. Her honesty, integrity and professionalism are qualities many people appreciate. Cecilia lives in San Leandro with her husband and two children. Please join us in welcoming Cecilia to Moraga!



## REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 19

Visit Contra Costa County's election page at [Coco Vote](#) and register to vote by Monday, October 19, for the November 3 election. Voters should update their registration if they have moved to a new residence, changed their name or if they want to change political party affiliation. This election, voters can also look up their polling place, check their voter status and track their [ballot](#) by visiting the Secretary of State's [Elections website](#).



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON OCTOBER 14, 2020

### **MORAGA CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN – IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT**

The Town Council reviewed the [Moraga Center Specific Plan Implementation Project \(MCSP-IP\)](#) which includes a Zoning Ordinance and Design Guidelines. The Council heard the staff presentation, took public comment, and provided feedback and direction to staff. An approved Zoning Code and Design Guidelines will provide a more fine-grain approach with clarity and certainty to the already adopted Specific Plan. In August and September, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the MCSP-IP with key considerations. The updates are necessary to be consistent with the General Plan, Housing Element and the adopted 2010 Moraga Center Specific Plan. The item will return to the Town Council at their next regular meeting on October 28, 2020.

### **CARES ACT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town was awarded \$209,235 in a [Coronavirus Relief Fund \(CRF\) grant](#) to be spent by the end of 2020. At the meeting, the Council authorized the use of CRF funds to award a contract to Honeywell Bay Area, Inc. for HVAC and Filtration improvements at 329 Rheem Boulevard (Town offices) and 335 Rheem Boulevard (Town Council Chambers and Corporation Yard). The Council also authorized the use of CRF funds to purchase an all-weather awning to cover the Town Chambers front patio trellis area and for needed modifications to provide an outdoor overflow meeting area.

### **PAVING LIST OF STREETS FOR 2021**

The Town Council adopted a Resolution approving the preliminary list of 11 streets as part of the 2021 Street Resurfacing project. Senate Bill SB 1, the Road Recovery and Repair Act, requires the Town to adopt a list of projects funded from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA), using the Fiscal Year 2021/22 SB1 estimated allocation of \$291,125. Engineering staff is currently developing the 2021 Street Resurfacing bid documents, and work is scheduled to start this 2021 spring/summer. Additional information can be found on the Town's [Pavement Management](#) web site.



## NEW ADA RESTROOM AT THE HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES

The Town has completed the ADA Restroom project at Hacienda de las Flores Park. The project added an additional restroom to the Main Hacienda building, and is located between the Fireside Room and Dance Room on the first floor. In addition to the restroom project, the Town continues work on the ADA walkway improvements at the Hacienda, which is currently in the design phase. Both projects were partially funded through the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Town was able to apply the entire allocation of CDBG grant funds to the ADA bathroom project, saving the Town \$33,000 in matching funds. The Town will reapply for new CDBG funds for the ADA pathway project also reducing the Town's matching fund responsibility by separating projects.





## CYCLE RECYCLE



From October 17 through the end of November, Bobbie and Tom Preston will collect bikes once again for Cycle Recycle to be refurbished and given to charitable groups to distribute. This year the recipient organizations include Oakland International High School's Earn-A-Bike program, The Bike Charity Institute of Alamo, Keeping our Promise, which supports Afghan immigrants that served the US government in Afghanistan, Waterside Workshops in Berkeley, and the Lake Merritt Community Cabins. New and/or used bikes and trikes in working or repairable order, or useable bike parts (no skateboards or plastic bikes accepted), may be delivered to the side driveway of the Preston's home at 1307 Larch Avenue in Moraga. This has been a successful community service provided by the Prestons for the past 22 years. For more information call 925-376-8474.



## LEARN TO COMPOST FROM HOME

Join the RecycleSmart team from the comfort of your home, and learn about composting at home! Learn how to turn leftover food scraps, green waste and paper into a nutrient-rich fertilizer to grow healthy fruits and vegetables for your family, and reduce organics to the landfill. This virtual workshop will be held on Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Learn more and register for FREE at [RecycleSmart Workshops](#).



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Monday, October 19 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Tuesday, October 20 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).  
The Hacienda de las Flores is 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. Visit [Public Participation](#) for more information. The Town of Moraga Livestreams Town Council, Commission and Committee meetings using Vimeo. [View live streaming of meetings](#).



## FOLLOW US!

Follow the Town on [Facebook](#) and [NextDoor](#), and subscribe to [Nixle.com](#) for updates and urgent advisories. The Town will be posting updates, public service announcements, Town activities and lots more.



## HELP SHARE THE TOWN NEWS

If you found 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](#).