



## ABOUT TOWN - OCTOBER 13, 2022 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF

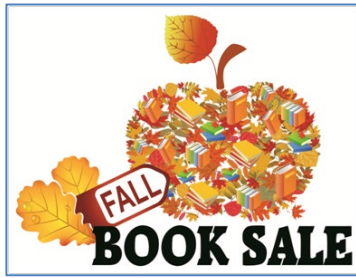


### VOLUNTEER FOR TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEES

The Town needs volunteers to fill critical roles on the [Planning Commission](#) (1 opening), [Audit and Finance Committee](#) (1 opening) and [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) (2 openings). Please consider applying today! Click on the Committee name for more information and to complete an application packet (found at the bottom of each webpage) and submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#) by **Friday, October 14, 2022**.



### LIBRARY BOOK SALE - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22



The fall book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Moraga Library (FOML) will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. Books, CDs and DVDs in every category will be sold at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$3.00 and 100% of the proceeds of this sale support the Moraga Library children's programs, books, periodicals, other materials and library upgrades. Beginning at 1:00 pm, a bag can be purchased for \$5.00 and filled with all the books it can hold. For more information, or to join the FOML, please contact [FOML94556@gmail.com](mailto:FOML94556@gmail.com).



### GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE CART ROUTE REVIEW

RecycleSmart, the Joint Powers Authority that manages the Town's solid waste and recycling contracts, has retained the services of SCS Engineers to complete visual inspections as mandated by SB 1383. Inspectors in orange vests with clipboards will be looking into random garbage, recycling and green waste carts for the next few months. They WILL NOT be: 1- imposing any fines; 2- taking photos; 3 – touching the materials in the carts; or 4 – dumping the contents of the cart. They WILL be placing either a "Good Job" or "Oops" tag with information on what belongs where.



### MORAGA GARDEN CLUB RECEIVES RECOGNITION



Sustainable Contra Costa announced their 2022 Sustainability awards, and [Moraga Garden Club](#) was named a finalist for their civic beautification at the Hacienda de las Flores, Rancho Laguna Park, the Commons Park, the Library, the Gateway Garden at Rheem and Moraga Road intersection, and the Country Club Urns, their community education, and their establishment of the Moraga Seed Library. Congratulations Moraga Garden Club and thank you for all you do!



### TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON OCTOBER 12, 2022

#### **PENSION RATE STABILIZATION PROGRAM**

Representatives from PARS (Public Agency Retirement Services) provided an overview of Section 115 Trust accounts as a mechanism for the Town to invest funds now to stabilize future unfunded pension liability payments. View the [staff report and Presentation](#). The Council requested staff bring an agreement with PARS to the October 26, 2022 meeting for consideration.

### ***RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF NEW TOWN MANAGER***

The Council discussed the selection process for recruitment of a new Town Manager in response to Cynthia Battenberg's retirement from city management at the end of the calendar year. With agreement to use an executive recruitment firm, the Council formed a Town Manager Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee for the next two weeks to interview firms and bring a recommendation to the Council on October 26, 2022. View the [staff report with Cynthia Battenberg's resignation letter](#).

### ***COMPREHENSIVE ADVANCED PLANNING INITIATIVE***

The Town Council received an update on the Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative including review of prioritized tasks to support the adoption of the Housing Element by the State deadline. The Housing Element, Environmental Impact Report (EIR), General Plan Consistency Amendments, and Safety Element are all required components for the adoption of the Housing Element and are on a critical path proposed for completion by February 22, 2023. The State law provides an additional 120-day allowance beyond the January 31, 2023 date to May 31, 2023, commonly referred to as the "grace period." The Rezoning and Objective Standards can be phased in the March/April timeframe. View the [staff report](#) and [Power Point presentation](#).

### ***FLAVORED TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES ORDINANCE***

The Council reviewed an Ordinance amending the Municipal Code to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco and electronic smoking devices, also known as vaping devices, within the Town on January 1, 2023. The Ordinance is similar to Ordinances approved in both Orinda and Lafayette, as well as other Contra Costa County cities. Flavored tobacco is seen as a gateway to other tobacco products as the flavors cover or lessen the harshness of the tobacco and appeal to kids. Likewise, the liquids used in vaping devices are often flavored. 92% of Contra Costa high school students who use tobacco reported using a flavored tobacco product. The Council held a public hearing and introduced and waived the first reading of the Ordinance. The Ordinance will return at a future meeting for a second review and approval. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

### ***AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 CIP BUDGET***

Town Council reviewed and accepted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 carryover budget amendments. The first quarter assessment reviewed the prior fiscal year's actual ending revenues and expenditures to identify major variances between actual transactions and estimated budget amounts due to the timing of consultant and contractor invoicing and work delays. The reduced actual expenditures necessitate the carryover of unspent funds to the current fiscal year to cover planned and needed work for open and awarded contracts. View the [staff report](#).

### ***ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS ORDINANCE***

Town Council adopted an Ordinance to create expedited permitting procedures for electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS), which would bring the Town into conformance with State Law. There are four main drivers for requiring expedited processing of applications for electric vehicle charging stations: timely and cost-effective installation of EVCS, promotion of the use of EVCS, removal of obstacles and reduction in the cost of permitting and administrative approval through the permitting process. View the [staff report](#).

### ***LANDSCAPING RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCE***

The Town Council adopted an Ordinance amending the Moraga Municipal Code to clarify abutting property owners' responsibilities within the Public Right-of-Way (which includes the sidewalk area from the roadway edge to the private property line) for maintaining trees, shrubs, hedges and other improvements and landscaping. The Ordinance goes into effect 30 days after the adoption. View the [staff report](#).

### ***PROCLAMATION COMMITTING TO FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS***

The Town Council endorsed a proclamation "Committing to Core Principles of Democracy – Free and Fair Elections." In doing so, the Council declared the Town of Moraga recognizes and supports the fundamental right of voters to decide the outcome of our elections and stated the Town would continue to support elections that are safe, free and fair.



## APPLICATIONS FOR CIVIL GRAND JURY SERVICE SOUGHT

Do you have what it takes to be a civil juror? The Contra Costa County Superior Court is accepting applications for Civil Grand Jury Service for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 term. The Civil Grand Jury is made up of 19 members who serve for one year, July through June, to monitor, review and report on city and county governments, special districts and school district programs. Persons interested in applying may contact the Office of Civil Grand Jury at 925-608-2621 or visit the Superior Court [website](#) to receive additional information and to obtain an application. Application deadline is Monday, October 31, 2022.



## AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER ROUNDTABLE - OCTOBER 20

The Town of Moraga is holding a Developer Roundtable to obtain feedback on affordable housing development. Developers have been invited to share their expertise and assist the Town on drafting an inclusionary housing policy to require 10% of all housing to be affordable. The meeting is open to the public and will be held on Thursday, October 20 from 10:00 am to 12 Noon in the Fireside room of the main building at Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 18, 2:00 pm to [ahamid@moraga.ca.us](mailto:ahamid@moraga.ca.us).**



## COLLEGE ADMISSIONS WORKSHOP - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The [Rotary Club of Moraga](#), Acalanes Union High School District, and the Moraga School District are proud to present “The Ins & Outs of the College Admissions Process” by Annie Wells, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Vanderbilt University on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Check-in begins at 11:45 am at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga. This event will help take the stress out of the college admissions process and make it less confusing for the student and parent. There are a limited number of seats available, so purchase your \$10 ticket now at <https://moragarotaryevents.com/>.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, October 17 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, October 18 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Thursday, October 20, 10:00 am to Noon – Affordable Housing Developer Roundtable, Fireside Room at Hacienda de las Flores

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

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. The Town of Moraga Livestreams Town Council, Commission and Committee meetings using Vimeo. [View live streaming of meetings](#).



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