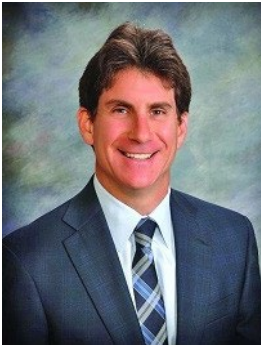




ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 10, 2023 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW TOWN MANAGER



The Town of Moraga appointed Scott Mitnick as the new Town Manager beginning April 10, 2023. The Council selected Scott after a rigorous nationwide search and based on extensive community, stakeholder, and Town staff input on the desired attributes of the new Town Manager. Scott has over 30 years of public service and leadership, including 16 years as a city manager or county administrator. He has extensive experience in emergency and evacuation planning, a strong background in public finance and fiscal management, and has both public and private sector experience. Scott is looking forward to working with the Town staff to assist with implementing the Council's goals and priorities. Please stop by, introduce yourself and welcome Scott to Moraga!



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 8, 2023

DONATION FROM MORAGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR COMMONS PARK RESTROOM

The Moraga Community Foundation (MCF) presented a \$104,320 check to the Town of Moraga. These funds will be applied to the Town's purchase and installation of the new ADA-accessible public restroom structure to be installed at the Moraga Commons Park. Together, with the previous \$200,000 total donation amount to the Town, MCF has now completely funded the \$304,320 cost of the procurement and delivery of the restroom. MCF has contributed \$336,320 to the Town toward the execution of the \$450,000 "Moraga Commons Enhancement Program" capital campaign to improve the amenities at the Commons Park for the benefit of the Moraga Community.

2022 GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION AND HOUSING ELEMENT ANNUAL REPORTS

The Council accepted the [2022 General Plan and Housing Element Report](#) which provides a summary of the Town's progress on General Plan goals. The Town's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for 2015 – 2023 was 229 units and through 2022, 137 new housing units were produced. Of the 137 housing units, 124 were Above Moderate Area Medium Income (AMI). Unfortunately, only 60 of the 124 Above Moderate AMI housing units can be counted towards the RHNA. In addition, 10 Moderate Income AMI Housing Units and 3 Low Income AMI Housing Units were produced. The Town was 156 housing units short of the Town's RHNA for this past cycle. This report must be submitted to the State annually by April 1 for the Town to continue to receive transportation funding and to ensure the Town is not sued or penalized.

APPROVE PUBLIC ART INSTALLATIONS AND MURAL SELECTION PROCESS



The Council accepted four public art sculptures to be placed on Town property (West Commons Park and in front of the Town Council Chambers), authorized the Interim Town Manager to execute Public Artwork Loan Agreements with Buddy Brodwin and the Town of Orinda, and authorized the Art in Public Spaces Committee to engage the community in a mural selection process for the wall along the Public Works Corp Yard/Town Chambers, making sure to include the Public Works Department in the process along the way. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).



COYOTES IN MORAGA



Coyotes are smart adaptable canines that have learned to survive and thrive in urban and residential areas, including Moraga. While they are usually fearful of humans, this changes when they have access to human food and garbage, causing them to lose caution and fear. It is also coyote mating season, resulting in them being more active, including during daylight hours. Absolutely do not feed them! **Help keep coyotes and other animals wild.** Please contact Moraga Police Dispatch at 925-284-5010 to report any

sightings of coyotes in developed areas of town or those demonstrating threatening behavior, and please follow precautions found at [Keep-Me-Wild/Coyote](#).

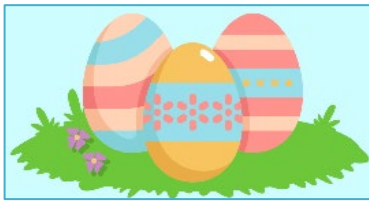


MORAGA GARDEN CLUB EVENT - THURSDAY, MARCH 16

The Moraga Garden Club invites you to attend the free event, “Loving our Trees: Best Practices for Tree Care” on Thursday, March 16 beginning at 9:30 am at Holy Trinity Cultural Center, 1700 School Street. Learn about what to expect from a professional arborist and the difference between good and bad pruning of well-tended trees by arborist Dorothy from the California Urban Forests Council. For more information visit: www.moragagardenclub.com.



40TH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL - SATURDAY, MARCH 25



The Moraga Junior Women’s Club presents the 40th Annual Spring Festival at the Moraga Commons Park on Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 am to Noon. Featuring egg hunts, bounce house, face painting, food, drinks and more! [View the flyer](#) and visit the moragajuniors.org website for more information and to purchase tickets. All proceeds will benefit local schools and community organizations, such as the local library and parks and recreation.



WORM COMPOSTING WORKSHOP - SATURDAY, APRIL 1

RecycleSmart and the Moraga Garden Club are sponsoring a worm-composting workshop from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road, Moraga. “Vermicomposting” is easy, perfect for small spaces and, what kid doesn’t like a worm? It’s similar to backyard composting, except that it uses worms in addition to microbes and bacteria to turn organic waste into a nutrient-rich fertilizer. The \$25 registration fee includes plastic bins and composting worms. Registration is required and limited to 20 families. For more information and to register, please visit: www.recyclesmart.org/workshops.



2023 LAMORINDA ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE



Let's work together to establish sustainable habits and reduce waste in the 6-week [2023 Lamorinda Zero Waste Challenge](#)! Anyone age 13+ can register to join; but only 1 city will be the winner. Will it be Lafayette, Moraga or Orinda? For information on “how to Play” - [REGISTER TODAY!](#) All participants who submit photos will be entered in weekly drawings for local gift cards (ie: Diablo Foods and Moraga Hardware and Lumber.) You are invited to join the March 28 kickoff event at the Lafayette Library beginning at 5:30 pm where you will learn about both the Zero Waste Challenge and energy efficiency in the home. [Register for the library event.](#)



DON'T TRASH FOOD SCRAPS - PLACE IN GREEN ORGANICS CART

Did you know that almost 30% of all food in the U.S. is dumped into landfills each year? Both carbon dioxide and methane (a greenhouse gas more than 28 times as polluting as carbon dioxide) are released from food in landfills. To solve this problem, some businesses that sell food are [required to donate food to feed people](#), and [California law](#) requires all individuals and businesses to compost. All food scraps, including meat and bones, as well as uncoated food-soiled paper (such as napkins and paper towels) should be placed in your [green organics cart](#). Residents can call Republic Services at (925) 685-4711 for a free kitchen food scraps pail. For more information about composting and proper sorting please visit www.RecycleSmart.org.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 pm – Lamorinda Joint Council, [Saint Mary's College](#) – Lafayette Room
- Monday, March 20, 7:00 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
- Tuesday, March 21 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**
- Wednesday, March 22, 5:30 pm – [Special Town Council](#) - Committee Interviews, Town Offices
- Wednesday, March 22, 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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