



ABOUT TOWN - MARCH 24, 2023 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



LAMORINDA MEETING - SMART SIGNALS PROJECT



On March 15, 2023, the Councils for the Cities of Lafayette and Orinda and the Town of Moraga met in person to re-establish the annual joint Lamorinda meeting focusing on regional topics and needs. A formal presentation was given on the joint Lamorinda Smart Signals project. Congressman DeSaulnier recently secured funding through 2022 Community Project Funding to support the Lamorinda Smart Signal System which will help improve traffic flow and safety in the Lamorinda community. Funding also comes from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority smart signals grants and local traffic impact fees. The project will provide for the installation of smart signal controllers and user detection devices to reduce emergency response times, improve evacuation routes, and improve traffic congestion management and safety for all mobilities. View the Smart Signals [PowerPoint presentation](#).



CORLISS DRIVE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL VIRTUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

As part of the first phase of community engagement for the Corliss Drive Safe Routes to School project, there will be a virtual community meeting on **Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm** to gather your input. Register to attend on the project website at bit.ly/Corliss-SR2S (case sensitive).



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MARCH 22, 2023

MORAGA ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT ORDINANCE RATIFICATION

Council ratified the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) Ordinance to adopt the 2022 California Fire Code and the 2021 edition of the International Fire Code by reference including local [amendments](#) to reflect local climatic, geologic and/or topographical conditions. The local amendments to the code are what MOFD considers best practices for new construction to address local conditions and were the result of a yearlong effort carried out by all the Fire Marshals within Contra Costa County meeting as part of the Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs Association Fire Prevention Officers Committee. View the MOFD Fire Code Update [PowerPoint presentation](#).

RHEEM PARK AREA OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE

Town Council, by a 3-0 vote, waived the first reading of the Rheem Park Objective Design Standards Ordinance. The ordinance establishes design standards for future development within the Rheem Park area and provides certainty of review and retains local control in an objective manner. The intent is to have consistency in the overall design and appearance of the Rheem Park area as properties redevelop and new projects are proposed. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE

The Town of Moraga reaffirmed its pledge to protect monarch butterflies by signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge on March 22, 2023. Through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, cities and municipalities commit each year to create habitats and educate residents on how to make a difference at home or in their community. Mayors who take the pledge commit to at least three of 30 action items to help save the monarch butterfly. In collaboration with the Moraga Garden Club, actions for 2023 include: engaging with community groups and urging them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants, facilitating/supporting a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort at the Moraga Library, continuing to be registered with the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project (MLMP) run by the University of Minnesota, and sending deceased monarchs found at the garden to Colorado State University for a genomics study.

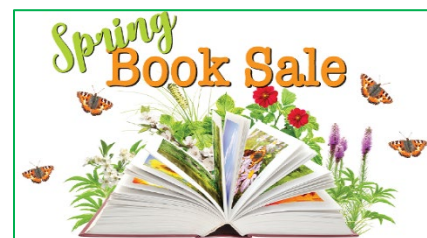
PROCLAMATION FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

Town Council proclaimed March as American Red Cross Month. The Red Cross responds to disasters providing shelter, food and emotional support to those affected. This year, the American Red Cross is recognizing everyday heroes during Red Cross Month. Diana Graham, a long-time volunteer and Moraga resident, received the proclamation.



MORAGA LIBRARY BOOK SALE - SATURDAY, MARCH 25

The giant spring book sale sponsored by the Friends of Moraga Library will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Moraga Library, 1500 St. Mary's Road. Books, CDs, and DVDs in every category will be sold at 25 cents to \$3.00. Beginning at 1:00 pm, a bag can be purchased for \$5.00 and filled with all the books it can hold. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund Moraga library materials and programs.



BUNNIES & BREWS: A HACIENDA HOPPY HOUR - SUNDAY, MARCH 26



Moraga Parks & Recreation is excited to present a brand new event for the community - Bunnies & Brews. This event is designed to be a small, intimate brewfest with live entertainment and real bunnies! There are limited tickets available for this event, so we encourage you to [pre-purchase your ticket](#) for \$29.00. Day-of tickets will be available for \$35, while supply lasts. Ticket includes a souvenir event glass for unlimited pours from Canyon Club Brewery, Headlands Brewing Co., Side Gate Brewing, and Mt. Diablo Cider Company. Food trucks will be on site with food available for purchase, and childcare is available for youth ages 4-12, if needed. Additional questions? Email us at recdesk@moraga.ca.us.



DO YOUR TREES PRODUCE MORE FRUIT THAN YOU CAN USE?

Contra Costa Fruit Rescue, a local non-profit, will harvest fresh backyard fruit for free and donate them to various local charities to help those in need. Since January of 2023 they have rescued over 12,000 pounds of backyard fruit. Volunteers harvest fruit all year long, currently citrus trees, followed by stone fruit (plums, apricots, peaches), then fall fruits like pear and apple. You can also join them on a harvest. It's a great activity for the whole family. Learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to register to share your excess fruit at: www.forestr.org/fruit-rescue/.





LOCAL SALES TAX OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Moraga is known for its strong sense of community and is actively seeking civic-minded volunteers to serve on the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee. Currently there are 3 three-year terms open, and meetings are held as needed, two to three times per year. No specialized education or training is necessary to volunteer. If interested, please visit [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) for more information and to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#). Please consider applying today!



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 4 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 pm – [Special Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, April 12, 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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