



# ABOUT TOWN - OCTOBER 14, 2021

## UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS ON HOUSING - OCTOBER 20 AND 28



Interested in Housing in Moraga? The Town will be holding the first in a series of Housing Element Community Meetings to inform, educate and receive feedback regarding the 2023 to 2031 Housing Element, an eight-year plan to identify where and what type of housing can be developed in Town. Your input and feedback are important! The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm via Zoom Meeting ID: 845 8393 2057, no pre-registration is required. The second meeting will be held Thursday, October 28, 6:30 pm via Zoom. Go to [makemoragahome.org](http://makemoragahome.org) for more information and details. The success of any community document can only be achieved with input from a broad array of residents and stakeholders.



### HOUSING LEGISLATION UPDATE - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

State laws govern how cities make decisions related to housing plans and housing developments. In recent years, the California state legislature has enacted the landmark "[2017 Housing Package](#)" and in 2018 [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing](#) (AFFH) a series of laws intended to spur housing development and fair housing. The state legislature's affordability focus continued in [2019 with another package of housing legislation](#). In fall of 2021, Senate Bill 9 and Senate Bill 10 were passed to increase housing in residential areas and near transit. During the Town Council meeting on October 27, staff will present a legislative update on the recent housing bills and impacts to Moraga.



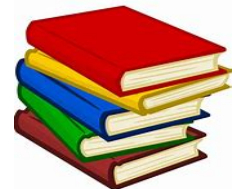
### 2021 STREET REPAIR PROJECT UPDATE

The 2021 Street Repair Project is nearing completion of Phase 1 which consists of pavement repairs and crack sealing on a limited number of residential and major arterial streets. Staff is working with the City of Lafayette to develop a joint project for Phase 2 consisting of a surface seal of residential streets. The cities have completed numerous joint resurfacing projects, resulting in lower costs through a larger economy of scales of bigger projects. For additional information, please visit the project's [webpage](#).



### MORAGA LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

The giant fall book sale sponsored by the [Friends of Moraga Library](#) will be held on Saturday, October 16 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Moraga Library (1500 St. Mary's Road). Books, CDs and DVDs in every category will be sold at prices ranging from 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 library materials and programs. Please note that face masks and social distancing will be required.

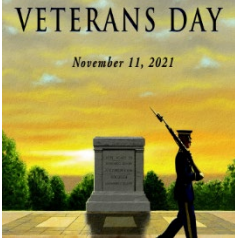


### AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The Town's independent auditors, Maze and Associates, will present the annual independent audit report of the Town's financial statements to the Audit and Finance Committee (AFC) on Wednesday, November 3, at 5:30 pm. The reports will be forwarded to the Town Council for review and filing at their Wednesday, November 10, meeting. Visit the Town's [website](#) for more information.



## VETERANS DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11



The annual Veterans Day Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, November 11 from 9:00 to 10:00 am at Moraga Commons Park. The celebration will take place at the Veterans Memorial Rock near the intersection of Moraga Road and St. Mary's Road. Join in to honor all those who have served. Refreshments will be served. This event is made possible through a partnership with Moraga iKind, Moraga Scout BSA Troops 212, 234, 246, Orinda-Moraga Girl Scouts, Service Unit 327, and VFW Post 8063.



## RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON OCTOBER 13, 2021

### **PRESENTATION BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DIANA BECTON**

The Town Council received a [presentation](#) from Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Becton about the current operation of her office. The District Attorney's office works directly with the Moraga Police Department on issues involving crime in the Town and has created new investigative units to address human trafficking, hate crimes and cold cases. Additionally, they have developed programs for restorative justice and will be starting neighborhood community courts to address some low-level, non-violent crimes. Chief King and Councilmembers thanked DA Becton for her efforts and for the work of her staff in assisting with and prosecuting recent crimes in the Town.

### **TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY**

Interviews of the three Council candidates, Sona Makker, Kerry Hillis and Kendall Langan, to fill David Stromberg's vacated seat until the November 2022 election were conducted at the October 12 Special meeting followed by deliberations. Discussions continued at the October 13 Council meeting. Ultimately, the Council did not appoint a candidate. Per Government Code section 36512 (b), the Town Council must either fill the Council vacancy by appointment or call a special election by November 8, 2021. Should the Council not appoint one of the candidates, a special election would occur in May or June 2022 and would cost between \$93,104 and \$162,932.

### **MULBERRY TREE PRESCHOOL GROUND LEASE**

Town Council approved an assignment and fifth amendment of the Mulberry Tree Preschool Ground Lease to [Growing Light Montessori School](#) (GLMS). GLMS plans to commence operations of preschool programs at the former Mulberry Tree Preschool location in Moraga Commons Park. Representatives from Mulberry Tree, GLMS and the Town met and discussed various options to manage liability of the building and improvements owned by Mulberry Tree, which resulted in two amendments to the lease. The first requires the Lessee to maintain the improvements in compliance with State Child Care Center Licensing and building and health and safety requirements. The second outlines how the improvements can be handled upon termination of the lease. Welcome to Moraga GLMS!

### **SUSTAINABLE MORAGA CHALLENGE**

Town Council received an update on the 2020-21 [Sustainable Moraga Challenge](#) which was provided through a partnership with Sustainable Contra Costa County (SCOCO). The Challenge provides a platform to educate and inspire residents to make smart, sustainable choices in their homes, workplaces, and communities. Since its launch in December 2020, 296 Moraga households have registered to participate in the Challenge and collectively have reduced 175 tons of CO2 through 610 completed actions. An additional 216 committed actions will assist the Town in further reaching its goal to reduce 250 tons of CO2 by December 2021. Congratulations to the Campolindo High School team which remains the top-ranking community group in Contra Costa County, and to Jack Dice who received a SCOCO Lifetime Achievement Award in 2021.

### **PROCLAMATION HONORING DAVID STROMBERG**

Town Council approved a proclamation honoring David Stromberg for his service to the Town of Moraga. David served on the Design Review Board, Planning Commission and represented the Commission on the Moraga Center Specific Plan Citizens' Advisory Committee. He was elected to the Moraga Town Council in 2020.

## **PROCLAMATION FOR BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH IN OCTOBER**

The Council virtually declared October 2021 as Bullying Prevention and Moraga iKind Project Month and encouraged all community members to participate in prevention activities designed to promote civility and compassion and make the community safer for all children and adolescents.



## **MORAGA PARK FOUNDATION 2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS**

The Moraga Park Foundation's Board of Directors would like to thank 145 individuals who participated in their 2021 Community Survey. Suggestions for the Town and the Board to consider as enhancements to Moraga's parks were also provided by 78 respondents. View the [survey results](#) and all the comments and suggestions. The Foundation will continue to collaborate with the Town in prioritizing potential projects and update the community on projects prioritized for the next three years.



## **RECYCLE THOSE BICYCLES!**

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 for the holidays. 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 Preston's for the past 24 years and they have collected 3,700 bikes for social support agencies. For questions call 925-376-8474.



## **EV CHARGING STATION RATES**

The Town has four Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations available for public use. The cost of charging at the stations has been reduced to a flat fee of \$.30 per kilowatt hour. The original fee structure was based upon a time of use cost of \$0.31 - \$0.53 per kilowatt hour and included a time of use surcharge. Evaluation of the use patterns indicated that the time of use surcharge was not being triggered, and that a flat rate was appropriate. Two stations are available at Moraga Commons Park and two stations are available at Town Hall, 329 Rheem Boulevard.



## **WEST NILE VIRUS RETURNS TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**



The Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) reports there are now two dead birds and eight groups of mosquitoes that have tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) so far this year in the County. As WNV activity is expected to continue until the weather cools, the District reminds all County residents to practice the 4 Ds to reduce the risk of WNV.

- **Dump or Drain** any amount of standing water in your yard.
- **Defend** yourself by wearing [an EPA-registered insect repellent](#).
- [Report Dead Birds](#) because they are often the first sign of WNV in an area.

County residents can request the District's mosquito service [online](#) or by calling 925-685-9301.



## **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

Monday, October 18, 4:30 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#)

Tuesday, October 19 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**

Wednesday, October 20, 12:00 pm – [Housing Element Community Meeting](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 27, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

Thursday, October 28, 6:30 pm – [Housing Element Community Meeting](#), 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](https://www.moraga.ca.us/2100-Donald-Drive).

All meetings are open to the public. Visit the [Town's](#) website for updated agendas and packets.

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