



## ABOUT TOWN NEWSLETTER



**April 8, 2022**

### WHERE SHOULD HOUSING GO IN MORAGA?



**Why?** Every eight years, California cities are required to update their housing plans and identify locations where their share of housing growth could be built. This State-mandated plan is called a Housing Element. Moraga must identify and zone enough land to accommodate 800 new housing units. The Town is responsible for identifying the land to accommodate these units, not for building the units.

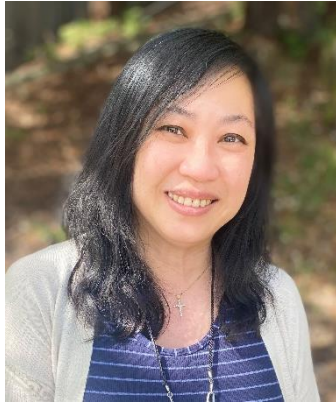
**Play!** Go to [makemoragahome.org](https://makemoragahome.org), click the Balancing Act Tool icon or scan the QR code. It's fun, easy, and takes just a few minutes.



**Tell us!** Where would you put new housing? The Balancing Act Tool enables residents to “click” on each of the subareas and use “plus” and “minus” tools to add virtual housing units to each area.

The Council will be discussing [housing opportunity sites and rezoning](#) at the upcoming April 13 in person Town Council meeting and at a Special Joint Town Council and Planning Commission in person meeting scheduled for May 4 at 6:00 pm.

## WELCOME JENNY LE



### Accountant

The Town of Moraga welcomes Jenny Le, Accountant, for the Administrative Services Department. Jenny joins the Town of Moraga from her most recent role as Accounting Technician from the City of Hercules and West Contra Costa Unified School District. Jenny will be performing various accounting tasks for the Town including the reconciliation of bank accounts, processing budget and journal entries, payroll, accounts receivable, and various finance and administrative functions. Jenny is excited to join the Moraga team.

## WELCOME ASHLEY JAMES



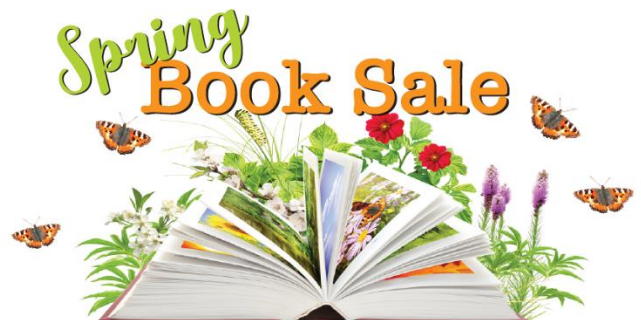
### Principal Planner

Ashley has more than nine years of experience as an urban planner in the Bay Area. During her career, she has contributed to and managed a range of projects, including plan-making, policy, environmental compliance, and development review. Ashley holds a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a B.S. in Environmental and Resource Economics. Ashley joins the Town after spending three years with the City of Berkeley and previously held positions at the City of Vallejo and at PlaceWorks, a local planning consulting firm. In her free time, Ashley loves to hike, ski and bike and is thrilled to have joined the team at this exciting time for planning in Moraga.

## SPRING BOOK SALE AT MORAGA LIBRARY – SATURDAY, APRIL 30

It's back! The giant spring book sale sponsored by the Friends of Moraga Library will be held on Saturday, April 30 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. See you there!



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## MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE DISTRICT ROLLS OUT WILDFIRE SAFETY MESSAGE WITH “GOLDEN TICKET” MAILING

With another wildland fire season quickly approaching, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) is sending out its annual wildfire safety postcard. The mailing goes out to over 14,000 property owners and is designed to inform residents about the steps they can take to comply with the fire code and increase the probability their home will survive a wildfire.



The Fire District is always looking for new ways to engage the community and increase the effectiveness of communications to the residents, so this year they have partnered with Miramonte High School’s Digital Design Class to restyle the postcard. The class’s artwork brings the safety information up to date, clarifies the message and makes the card more readable. The new twist this year is that seven of the postcards will include a Willy Wonka inspired “Golden Ticket.” The first resident to present their Golden Ticket will win a ride in a fire engine during the Orinda 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Other lucky residents receiving golden tickets will be able to redeem them for a special family ride in one of the District’s fire engines. Moraga-Orinda Fire District Chief Dave Winnacker said “We want to stress the importance of being prepared for wildfire season, encourage families to take protective measures early, and have some fun because who doesn’t want to ride in a fire engine?”

## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

### Hosted by Saint Mary’s College

Saint Mary’s College cordially invites all members of the Moraga community to participate in a virtual, nonpartisan town hall on April 20 from 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

The Town Hall entitled “[Healing Our Democracy in a Digital World](#)” will feature opening remarks by [the progressive Joan Blades](#) and [the conservative John Gable](#)--both of whom have expertise in digital media—followed by breakout room discussions about the impact of social media on American’s democracy, for better or for worse.

Pre-registration is required.

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The poster for the virtual town hall features a large image of the California State Capitol dome, split vertically into red and blue halves. The text on the poster includes the event title "HEALING OUR DEMOCRACY IN A DIGITAL WORLD", the date "April 20, 2022 7:30 to 9 p.m.", and the speakers "Joan Blades" and "John Gable". A QR code is also present in the bottom right corner. The poster also mentions "The Roy E. and Patricia Disney Forum, Communication Department, School of Economics and Business Administration, Politics Department, and Etenworks Center for Responsible Business present".

## OFF-LEASH DOG HOURS AT RANCHO LAGUNA PARK

### Spring/Summer Hours Effective April 1

Each spring, the off-leash hours at Rancho Laguna Park are adjusted to reflect the change in daylight savings time. Please mark your calendars that starting April 1, the afternoon off-leash hours begin at 6:00 pm.

- April 1 to September 30: Park opening to 9:00 am; and 6:00 pm to park closing
- October 1 to March 31: Park opening to 9:00 am; and 4:00 pm to park closing



## ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY – MAY 7

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HOSTED BY RECYCLESMA  
RT AND REPUBLIC SER  
VICES



The annual compost giveaway is back on Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. RecycleSmart customers who are residents of Moraga, Orinda, or Lafayette are welcome. Bring 5-gallon buckets, cardboard boxes or other strong containers that you can lift yourself. NO BAGS or TRUCK BEDS. Republic Services provides staff to shovel compost into your containers. Residents can take up to 50 gallons of compost (ten 5-gallon buckets), while supplies last.

**Complete details, including the pick-up location, are provided following registration.**

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