

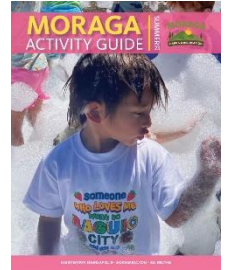


ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 7, 2023 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



MORAGA SPRING/SUMMER RECREATION REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN!

Just a few spots left for Moraga Day Camp with 10% off for Early Bird Pricing (ends April 13th). Join us for 9 weeks of jam-packed summer camp fun! Well-trained Town staff will lead your child in organized games, arts, crafts, songs, and more all planned around a central theme for the week based on iconic songs we have all come to know and love! Field trips and specialized activities are scheduled each week! Friday drop-off & pick-up at Moraga Commons Park Picnic Area. Day Camp Jr. does not attend the weekly Moraga Day Camp field trips. Head to www.moraga.ca.us/activityguide to learn more and to view upcoming programs.



CATHY CHANG SELECTED AS 2023 MORAGA PERSON OF THE YEAR

Cathy Chang was selected as the 42nd Citizen of the Year in Moraga. In her five years in Moraga, Cathy has made decades-worth of contributions to the community and inspired everyone with her resolve, her kind heart, and can-do attitude. She is a Girl Scout leader and has led the Scouts in survival training, and many other initiatives at the local schools. She has been a consistent champion of welcoming and inclusion of all people in this community. Well-deserved, Cathy! The Celebration Dinner will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 28 at the Holy Trinity Cultural Center (1700 School Street, Moraga). To purchase tickets for Chang's 2023 Moraga Citizen of the Year event, visit www.moragavalleykiwanis.org or call (510) 499-0243.



MORAGA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, MARY-JANE MULLER, RETIRES

Mary Jane Muller had been with the Town for over eight and a half years, supporting the Administration Office. On Town Council meeting nights, she operated the audio-visual controls to livestream and record the meetings. She was always the first to volunteer to help other departments. She had stated that her favorite thing is the people in the Town offices – her co-workers, that every department helps each other out. Mary Jane is definitely being missed by everyone! "Mary-Jane was a ray of sunshine in the Town Offices," stated Mayor Renata Sos. "She was always ready to help, go above and beyond the call of duty, and pitch in - with a smile and a cheerful disposition. I appreciated her dedication to the people of this town and her wry sense of humor. I will miss her and wish her all the best in retirement."



MAYOR SOS HOSTS SCOUT PACK 505



Mayor Renata Sos had the pleasure of hosting Scout Pack 505, their leader Brad Beal, and the scouts' parents and family members, at the Town Council chambers on Friday, March 24th. The scouts tried their hand at public speaking from the dais, participated in an active Q&A with the Mayor, and toured the Town offices. The scouts were attentive, respectful, and asked lots of great questions.



WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR ARTS & CULTURE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY?

What is the future of Contra Costa County's arts and cultural landscape? As part of the county's efforts to develop an Arts and Culture Strategic Plan, a survey is available to residents during April to gather community feedback. The county contracted with Arts Orange County as the project manager to lead the arts and culture planning process. The goal is to guide an arts and cultural planning effort through an inclusive community engagement process that recognizes and respects the geographic and demographic diversity of the county, county officials said in a news release. The process also includes an inventory of the county's arts and cultural assets, including organizations, venues, and public art. The survey is open until April 30 [at this link](#). A Spanish-language version of the survey is [available here](#).



GOODBYE TO INTERIM TOWN MANAGER, BRIAN DOLAN

Brian Dolan, Interim Town Manager since the beginning of January, has parted ways with the Town of Moraga to make way for Moraga's new Town Manager, Scott Mitnick. Town Council, Staff, and the community thank Brian for all of the leadership he's provided the Town over the past 3 months. We will miss his knowledge and humor, and hope he enjoys retirement!



BOLLINGER CANYON SPECIAL STUDY AREA

On Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m., the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the zoning amendments for the 423 acre Bollinger Canyon Special Study Area. The proposed re-zoning is a combination of Non-MOSO Open Space, Rural Residential and 1 Dwelling Unit/Acre designations. The Rural Residential zoning district is a new district to promote rural character, single family uses, agricultural uses and preservation of the natural environment. The proposed General Plan, Zoning and development standards for the new Rural Residential district establish standards for development. A project is not proposed for the site. Click on the [link](#) for the staff report.



FRIENDS OF MORAGA LIBRARY DONATE \$27,000 FOR REFRESH PROJECT

The Friends of the Moraga Library (FOML) are donating \$27,000 for resetting the shelving to make the library more accessible to residents of all abilities as part of the Moraga Library refresh, and in conjunction with the carpet replacement project overseen by the Town. The Friends' proposed funds will be used for book packing, shelving removal, and replacement of the center shelves. In addition, the FOML has donated an additional \$60,000 to the County Library, which is to be used for the purchase of new furniture in the Refresh project.



LAMORINDA ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE

Take actions to reduce waste and establish sustainable habits! Each action checked off in the [Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge](#) will earn points for your city. Which city will be the winner- Lafayette, Orinda, or Moraga?

How to play:

1. [Register here](#). Every Monday, starting April 3, you'll get an email/text with the 2 actions of the week. Try out 1 or both of the actions!
2. By Sunday night, email or text a photo for you completing the action(s). Photo submissions will be randomly selected each week to win local gift cards.



3. Then, log into your [Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge](#) account, click “Get Started” and “Mark Complete” for your actions in order to earn points for your City/Town. ([Create your free account](#) if you haven’t already!)



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/.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Thursday, April 13, 7:00 pm – [Moraga Youth Involvement Committee](#), Hacienda Casita

Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 pm – [Planning Commission Meeting](#), Council Chambers

Monday, April 24 – [Park and Recreation Commission Special Meeting](#), Council Chambers

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, 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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