



ABOUT TOWN - MAY 11, 2023

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON MAY 10, 2023

BIENNIAL BUDGET

Since its incorporation in 1974, the Town of Moraga has used the annual budget format with a July 1st to June 30th fiscal year. On May 10, 2023, the Town Council approved the resolution to prepare a proposed biennial budget on a recurring basis, commencing with the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget cycle. The advantages of a biennial budget process include significant time savings associated with the production of a budget every other year, instead of every year, as well as improved funding and staffing certainty for the departments. The Town staff and Town Council members can focus more on long-range strategic and fiscal planning with the implementation of a biennial budget.

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Town Council received a [report](#) on the draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). A five-year CIP enables the Town to have a more strategic approach to meet its infrastructure and other needs. Town Council, as part of separate action approved creating bi-annual Operation and CIP Budget moving forward. The proposed CIP budget allocation includes recommendations prioritizing projects that focus on safety improvements, infrastructure repair and failure avoidance for 1) New Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 and 2024-25 CIP projects; 2) Ongoing CIP projects with additional funding requests; and 3) Carryover CIP projects with prior approved budget allocations.

LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT AND ASSISTANCE

The Town Council awarded a consultant services agreement for Lighting Assessment District Engineering Services to prepare the Annual Engineer's Report for the Town of Moraga Street Lighting Assessment District 1979-1. The California Streets and Highways Code, Section 22620-22631 requires that the Town complete a financial report each fiscal year in order to levy and collect assessments for the Town's publicly owned street lighting and traffic signal costs. The results of the Report will be reviewed for Town Council approval at a future public hearing in order to be listed as a County property tax levy.

BOLLINGER CANYON SPECIAL STUDY AREA

Town Council approved on consent the second reading of the ordinance to create a Rural Residential District with 1 dwelling unit per 5 acres (1/5DUA). The rezoning adopts General Plan designations and zoning regulations that will govern future projects. The area is comprised of 20 parcels and is grouped into 3 separate groups; Parcel Group 1 is mostly existing homes with 1 DUA, Parcel Group 2 is the Harvey Ranch dedicated to open space, and Parcel Group 3 is 270 acres proposed as Rural Residential. The [staff report](#) is linked.



LAMORINDA ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE WEEKS 3 and 4 RECAP

After Week 3, there were 122 Lamorinda residents signed up for the [Zero Waste Challenge](#), with Moraga having the most points on the City Leaderboard! With Week 4, there were just a few more registrants (total 125) and Lafayette got the most points on the City Leaderboard with the most points since Week 1.



(Cont.) Week 5's challenges included going paperless and skipping the packaging. Week 6 (this week) is the final week! Let's finish strong, Moraga, and don't forget to submit your Zero Waste actions via email/text by Sunday!



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SMC COACH RANDY BENNETT



At the February 22nd Town Council meeting, the Council issued a proclamation recognizing St. Mary's College Coach Randy Bennett for his 500th victory and for all of the wonderful things he and his spouse, Darlene, have done for our community. On May 1, Mayor Sos surprised Randy during his coaches' meeting at the Ranch House Cafe and presented him with the proclamation. This is Bennett's 22nd year at SMC where he has, to date, racked up 16 postseason appearances, five West Coast Conference (WCC) Coach of the Year honors, and "numerous top 20 rankings in the AP and Coaches Polls, multiple All-WCC and All-American honors for his players, and players who continued on to the NBA."



FOURTH ANNUAL KOTLIC FEST ON SATURDAY, MAY 20

Local non-governmental organization, Bay Area Serbs ("BAS"), will host its fourth annual Kotlic Fest on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 3 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church ("HTSOC"), located at 1700 School St., Moraga, CA. Kotlic Fest is a goulash-cooking festival and competition that offers attendees a chance to taste and rate different varieties of goulash (stew of meat and vegetables seasoned with paprika and other spices), hear several artists from both Serbia and the US, see numerous educational exhibitions and dance performances, participate in several fun activities, and enjoy many other attractions included in the festival's rich cultural and entertainment program. As in the previous years, the festival will be held at the HTSOC, including its large event hall and the beautiful courtyard. Both indoor and outdoor seating options will be available. To purchase tickets, go to: <https://store-holy-trinity-serbian-orthodox-church.square.site/>.



JAZLYN XIAO WINS 2023 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Another Moraga student has succeeded at the national level, this time representing the town's artistic excellence in the 2023 Congressional Art Competition. Campolindo sophomore Jazlyn Xiao's colored pencil work titled "The Future is in My Hands" has been awarded first prize among the submissions in U.S. Representative Mark Desaulnier's district. Desaulnier honored Jazlyn for her winning work at a reception put on by the Moraga Art Gallery on May 2. The congressman said that Jazlyn and her parents will be flown to Washington D.C. for an event welcoming all the winning artists, whose work will be displayed for a year in the U.S. Capital Building. Congratulations Jazlyn!



REMINDER! SUMMER BIKE CHALLENGE

Explore our City from the seat of a bike! The Town of Moraga and 511 Contra Costa, will launch a free, healthy, outdoor family fun activity with the Summer Bike Challenge. The Bike Challenge begins June 1st and runs through August 31st. Moraga residents are encouraged to participate and explore the City by biking, getting exercise, and collecting incentives in the process. It's free to register. Please visit <https://511contracosta.org/sbc/> for more detailed information on how to register, and take part in the Summer Bike Challenge!



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, May 15, 5:00 pm – [Art in Public Spaces](#), Hacienda de las Flores Casita
Monday, May 15, 6:30 pm – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), CANCELLED
Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 pm – [GHAD Meeting](#), Council Chambers
Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers
Wednesday, June 14, 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](#).

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