



**FINANCIAL**  
**TITLE COMPANY**



**T**he Town of Moraga is named for Joaquin Moraga, the grandson of Joseph Joaquin Moraga who was second in command of the Anza expedition of 1776, the founder of San Francisco, Mission Dolores and the founder and first commandant of the Presidio. Joaquin Moraga, who also served in the military with his father Gabriel Moraga at the Presidio of San Francisco, left the Army in 1819. He and his cousin, Juan Bernal, received a 13,316 acre land grant from the Mexican government in 1835.

**T**he original land grant, known as Rancho Laguna De Los Palos Colorados (Ranch Of The Lake Of The Redwoods), included parts of Orinda and Lafayette and the communities of Canyon, Redwood, Rheem, and Moraga. Joaquin Moraga built an adobe on a hill overlooking the Moraga Valley in 1841. The adobe home still stands on a knoll in Orinda above Miramonte High School with a poplar tree-lined driveway going up to the house. It was designated a California Historical Landmark in 1954. It is probably the oldest existing building in Contra Costa County.

The original adobe was built with three rooms; living room (salon-dancing room), bedroom, a long verandah, and an outside kitchen. In 1848, when Joaquin's son Jose De Jesus moved in, the adobe was expanded to accommodate a large growing family. The Don Manuel family made considerable changes in a remodeling done in the 1960's. The adobe today is a private home and not open to the public.

**T**he Moraga rancho was a cattle ranch. Hides and tallow were sold to San Francisco shipping lines or exchanged for merchandise. Life at the adobe was successful and comfortable for the Moraga Family. It included Indian servants that lived in a lean-to on either side of the adobe. There were many fandangos (festive dinner-dances), barbecues, and all night dancing in the adobe salon, which was the only room in the house with a wooden floor (built with Canyon redwood). Joaquin sold three pieces of his rancho. 1) The Redwoods of Canyon to Elam Brown in 1853. Joaquin Moraga was a cattleman, not a lumber man, so his property in the Redwood Canyon was overrun with trespassers. Many were disappointed gold miners who were looking for means to make money and destroyed the magnificent redwood grove in a rush to fill the demand for lumber. Joaquin was glad to sell the Redwoods to Elam Brown, the founder of Lafayette. 2) Six acres to John Courter in 1854. John Courter established the Moraga Valley Store which was on the road that led from The Redwoods to the shipping port at Martinez (today's Larch Avenue and Canyon Road). The Moragas were often in debt to Mr. Courter. 3) Forty acres to Isaac Gann in 1855. He was a squatter from Tennessee whose ranch was in today's Sanders Ranch.

**W**hen California became a State in 1850, all the land grants had to be confirmed by the new state. Hiring an attorney to fight for their land was very difficult for the Moragas as they were Spanish speaking, illiterate, and had no money - only land! With the Gold rush came many settlers, who were squatters on the Rancho and this led to much trouble for the Moragas. A dishonest, land-hungry attorney from Oakland, Horace Walpole Carpentier, using all his legal knowledge, retained ownership of the rancho by 1886. The naive, illiterate Moragas had lost their rancho.



1912-1913, brought The Oakland Antioch Railroad to Moraga with service from Oakland to Chico through Moraga. Later, this line would become the Sacramento Northern Railroad which served many early residents of The Moraga Valley.

The Moraga Company built a two story hotel in Moraga as a promotion to help the sale of land in The Valley. It later became a mercantile store, library, and eventually a bar - today called The Moraga Barn.

Much of the early real estate development for the Moraga Company was in what today is Orinda. Moraga extended to and included The Crossroads. Most of the early Crossroads businesses used the word Moraga in their name. Some of the developments along Moraga Way were Moraga Oaks and Encinas De Moraga. Fifteen tracts with the Moraga name were built in what today is Orinda.

In 1927, The Moraga Company offered 100 acres free to Saint Mary's College and College of Holy Names. They felt a college would bring culture and people to a very barren area and help the Moraga Company sell homes. Only St. Mary's College accepted the offer and bought an additional 300 acres.

In 1935, most of the land was bought by Utah Construction Company. Many subdivisions and homes were started. Utah later sold the remaining land to Russell Bruzzone, a Lafayette developer who developed much of the property. Most of the homes, roads, and businesses in present day Moraga were built since 1960. For many years, The Rancho was owned by a single person and used for farming, agriculture and cattle grazing. Only 20 farm families remained on The Rancho for many years.

One of these farm families, the Jesse Williams Family, was the only farmer on the entire rancho who never gave up his property to Carpentier. His farm was later sold to the Lucas Family. They sold a 20 acre parcel to two young women who built a one story Spanish style ranch house. In 1934, Donald Rheem bought the house and property. He was the son of William S. Rheem, President of Standard Oil Company. Rheem transformed the home into a lavish estate where the famous were entertained. He bought many acres in Rheem Valley and built many homes and subdivided his properties.

When James Irvine died in 1947, Rheem was approached as a likely buyer of the Moraga Rancho, but Utah Construction and Mining became the buyer. Since the early Utah Construction subdivision days, Moragans banded together to keep developers from overbuilding and changing the rural peaceful community. This formed a pattern for resident participation in local affairs. Moragans can brag of true commitment to their Town. This led to incorporation as the Town of Moraga in November, 1974.



<u>U.S. Census data</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
Population	15,852	16,290
By Gender		
Male	7,608	7,679
Female	8,244	8,611+

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u># Single Family Homes</u>	<u>Total Housing</u>
1974	14,418	3,081	4,484
1980	15,014	3,364	4,986
1985	15,422	3,638	5,260
1990	15,852	3,791	5,562
1995	16,308	3,886	5,737

**Education Attainment - Persons 25 years and over**

Less Than 9th Grade	118
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	183
High School Graduate	1,176
Some College, No Degree	2,113
Associate Degree	776
Bachelor's Degree	3,674
Graduate or Professional Degree	2,315

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total Acreage</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Developed Acreage</u>	<u>Undeveloped Acreage</u>
Residential	3085.0	50.5	271.8	353.2
Commerical/Office	110.3	1.8	92.9	17.4
Institutional	495.5	8.1	495.5	0
Parks	57.5	0.9	57.5	0
Open Space	2062.7	33.8	289.9	1672.8
Study	298.0	4.9	0	298.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6109.0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3767.6</b>	<b>2341.4</b>



Street Light Out	Moraga Town Offices	(925) 376-2590
Traffic Signal Malfunction	Police Dispatcher	(925) 284-5010
Animal Control (dead animal)	County Animal Control	(925) 646-2995
Creek Problems	Moraga Public Works	(925) 376-2590
Mosquito/Rat Problems	County Mosquito & Control	(925) 685-9301

<b>City and Town Related Offices:</b>	(925) 376-2590
Police Department Business Office	(925) 376-2515
Planning Department	(925) 376-5200
Recreation Department	(925) 376-2520
Rental of Hacienda/Parks	(925) 376-2521
Moraga-Orinda Fire Department (Business)	(925) 253-4770
Moraga School District	(925) 376-5943
Moraga Public Library	(925) 376-6852
Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).....	(800) 743-5000

## Residential Utilities & Services

Telephone (Pacific Bell) .....	(800) 310-2355
Garbage Pickup (Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal) .....	(925) 603-1144
Water (East Bay Municipal Utilities District) .....	(925) 820-6600
Cable TV (AT&T Cable Services) .....	(800) 945-2288
Moraga School District (1 - 8 grades) .....	(925) 376-5943
Acalanes School District (Highschool) .....	(925) 935-2800

### DMV Walnut Creek

- Address 1910 N. Broadway, 94596 , Walnut Creek (925) 935-4464
- General Information (800) 777-0133
- Services Provided Vehicle Registration  
Driver License and Information (ID) Card Processing

#### Days and Hours Open

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday/Saturday	Sunday
8:00 - 5:00	8:00 - 5:00	9:00 - 5:00	8:00 - 6:30	8:00 - 5:00	Closed

### Moraga Library

1500 St. Mary's Rd 94556-2099  
Phone: (925) 376-6852

#### Hours

Mon. Closed Tue. 12-8 Wed. 1-6 Thu. 10-6 Fri. & Sat. 1-5

**Post Office** (800) 275-8777

### Newspapers

Contra Costa Sun 284-4444  
Contra Costa Times 935-2525  
San Francisco Chronicle 800-281-2476  
San Francisco Examiner 800-281-3926



## CONTRA COSTA CHILD CARE COUNCIL

(referrals)

925-676-5437

Fountainhead Montessori

376-8000

1450 Moraga Way

Creative Playhouse

1350 Moraga Way

The Child Day Schools

376-5110

372 Park St., Moraga

Growing Tree Preschool

376-8280

1695 Canyon Rd

Moraga Bright Beginnings Christian Preschool

376-2600

1689 School St

Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, The Nursery

376-7353

10 Moraga Valley Lane

Mulberry Tree Nursery School

376-1751

1455 St Mary's Rd

Saklan Valley School

376-7900

1678 School St



*Moraga Sports Camp*  
 Call (925) 934-6854.

*Parks and Recreation*  
**Activities**  
*General Phone*  
**(925) 376-2520**

The philosophy of all to promote fun and enjoy- especially important to us participants. And while we participants about various as- they are engaged in, we are model, and develop a strong and excellent sportsmanship.

low athlete to coach ratio, we are able to give individual attention to all of our athletes and work to ensure they truly enjoy their time with us.

The camps will be run by several teachers from the Moraga School District, as well as other adult and young adult coaches. Mrs. Lorie (Former Rheem aide and PE teacher now working towards her elementary credential), Mr. Lorie (JM math teacher and Athletic Director), Mr. Gruen (JM Physical Education teacher and volleyball, basketball, and track coach), and Mrs. Gruen (Mt. Diablo elementary school teacher) will oversee the sports camps. They will be assisted by young adult coaches each session.

The maximum number of participants per group will be 50 per week. The low ratio of coaches to students helps to ensure individual attention for all participants.

Moraga Summer Camps is ment above all else. This is with our younger strive to teach our par- pects of the particular sports most eager to discuss, work ethic, good attitude,

In addition, since we have a

**Music and Movement**

18 months to 3 years + adult  
 Mondays 9:15 - 10:00 AM

**Cycle of Seasons**

Preschool 3 1/2 to 5 years with parent  
 Mondays 10:15 - 11:00 AM

**Village 0 - 18 months + adult**

Mondays 11:15 - 12:00 PM

**Music Together Ages newborn to 4 1/2**

January Thurs or Friday  
 9:30 - 10:15 10:30 - 11:15 11:30 - 12:15 11:30 - 12:15

**Creative Movement**

Mommy & Me Ages 18 months to 3 yr  
 Wednesday 9:00 - 9:30 AM

**Pre-Ballet for 4 - 5 year old**

Wednesday 4:00 - 4:45 PM

**Musical Theatre Steps to Stardom**

for 6 to 10 year olds  
 Wednesday 5:00 - 6:00 PM

**Tap/Jazz 9-12 year olds**

Wednesday 6:00 - 7:00 PM

**Carpentry For Boys & Girls**

K through 8th grade  
 Mondays 3:15 - 5:00 PM

**Preschool Woodworkers**

4-5 years  
 Mondays 2:00 - 3:15 PM



**PRIVATE COURSES**

**Blackhawk Country Club**  
599 Blackhawk Club Dr  
Blackhawk 736-6500

**Contra Costa Country Club**  
801 Golf Rd  
Pleasanton Hill 680-9887

**Crow Canyon Country Club**  
711 Silver Lake Dr  
Danville 735-8200

**Diablo Country Club**  
1700 Clubhouse Rd  
Mt. Diablo 837-4221

**Discovery Bay Country Club**  
1475 Club House Dr  
Byron 634-0700

**Mira Vista Golf & Country Club**  
7900 Cutting Blvd  
El Cerrito 233-7550

**Orinda Country Club**  
315 Camino Sobrante  
Orinda 954-4313

**Pleasant Hill Country Club**  
1093 Grayson Rd  
Pleasant Hill 932-2615

**Richmond Country Club**  
3900 Giant Rd  
Richmond 232-1080

**Rossmoor**  
Rossmoor Parkway & Stanley Dollar Dr  
Walnut Creek 933-2607

**Round Hill Golf & Country Club**  
3169 Round Hill Rd  
Alamo 934-8211

**Orinda Country Club**

315 Camino Sobrante  
Orinda 954-4313

**PUBLIC COURSES**

**Bethel Island**  
3303 Gateway Rd.  
Bethel Island  
684-2654

**Boundary Oak**  
3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek  
934-6211

**Buchanan Fields**  
3330 Concord Ave, Concord  
682-1846

**Canyon Lakes**  
640 Bollinger Canyon, San Ramon  
735-6511

**Diablo Creek**  
4050 Port Chicago Hwy, Concord  
686-6262

**Diablo Hills**  
1551 Marchbanks Dr, Walnut Creek  
939-7272

**Franklin Canyon**  
Highway 4, Rodeo  
799-6169

**Lone Tree**  
1200 Lone Tree Way, Antioch  
757-5200

**Oakhurst**  
2500 Indian Head Way, Clayton  
762-0044

**Pine Mountain**  
451 Vine Hill Way, Martinez  
372-9559

**Pittsburg**  
Golf Club Rd, Pittsburg  
427-4950

**San Ramon Royal**  
9430 Fircrest, San Ramon  
828-6100



**JOHN MUIR/MT DIABLO HEALTH SYST**  
1400 TREAT BOULEVARD  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-2142  
(925) 939-3000



**KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL**  
1425 S MAIN ST  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596  
(925) 295-4000





## HACIENDA DE LAS FLORES

2100 Donald Drive  
Grounds open M-F 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
8.9 Acres

Grounds and Two Buildings Available For:  
Wedding Rentals  
Corporate Meetings  
Private Parties

## MORAGA COMMONS

Moraga Road & St. Mary's Road  
Sunrise - Dusk  
40.2 Acres

Picnic tables, volleyball courts, basketball areas, horseshoe pits, disc golf course, bocce ball, equipment/balls to check out in summer, snack bar open in summer, children's play structures, pathway to 18 station Par Course, access to EBRPD trails, equestrian access, restrooms, ADA accessible.

## RANCHO LAGUNA PARK

End of Camino Pablo Blvd.  
8:00 AM - Dusk  
8.4 Acres

Picnic tables, children's play structures, volleyball court, adult exercise course, amphitheater area, access to EBMUD and EBRPD trails, equestrian access, restrooms, ADA accessible.



**County Animal Control**  
(925) 646-2995

**Contra Costa Humane Society**  
284-8586

**Contra Costa County Animal Services**  
925-646-2995—Licensing  
4849 Imhoff Pl, Martinez

Dogs that bark constantly and disturb neighbors, should be reported to Animal Services at 646-2995.

This is the agency responsible for enforcing the County's Barking Dog Ordinance and the Town contracts with the County for this service.

## FAST FACTS

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. High	57°	60°	62°	66°	68°	72°	74°	75°	76°	72°	64°	57°
Avg. Low	40°	42°	43°	44°	47°	51°	52°	53°	53°	50°	45°	40°
Mean 49°	52°	53°	55°	58°	62°	64°	65°	65°	62°	55°	49°	49
Avg. Prec.	4.8	3.7	3.9	1.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.9	3.9	3.9



<b>Burger King</b> (925) 376-4760	470 Moraga Rd Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Chef Chao Restaurant</b> (925) 376-1740	343 Rheem Blvd Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Chez Maurice</b> (925) 376-1655	360 Park St Moraga, CA 94556
<b>La Fonda No 3</b> (925) 376-4030	Center St Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Mondellos Cucina Italiana</b> (925) 376-2533	337 Rheem Blvd Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Mucho Wraps</b> (925) 377-1203	1375 Moraga Way Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Nations Giant Hamburgers &amp; Great Pies</b> (925) 376-8888	400 Park St Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Pasta Cuisine</b> (925) 376-3832	1419 Moraga Way Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Ranch House</b> (925) 376-5127	1012 School St Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Shangri La Restaurant</b> (925) 376-0809	1460 Moraga Rd Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Subway Moraga</b> (925) 376-2959	396 Park St Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Taco Bell</b> (925) 376-8071	410 Moraga Rd Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Tamamis Japanese Restaurant</b> (925) 376-2872 /	356 Park St Moraga, CA 94556
<b>Uncle Chi Restaurant</b> (925) 376-1828	380 Park St Moraga, CA 94556



**St Monicas Catholic Church** (925) 376-6900  
Rectory P 128  
Moraga, CA 94556

**St Monicas Catholic Church** (925) 376-6900  
1001 Camino Pablo  
Moraga, CA 94556

**The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints** (925) 284-4924  
Oakland California Stake -- Moraga Chapel 3776 Via Granada  
Moraga, CA 94556

**St Giles Episcopal Church** (925) 376-5770  
P.O Box 187  
Moraga, CA 94556

**Living Word Community Church** (925) 376-3550  
1689 School St  
Moraga, CA 94556

**Holy Cross Western Rite Orthodox Church** (925) 377-9378  
Moraga, CA 94556

**Holy Trinity Cultural Center** (925) 376-5982  
1700 School St  
Moraga, CA 94556

**Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church** (925) 376-4800  
10 Moraga Valley Ln  
Moraga, CA 94556



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Camino Pablo ..... 1111 Camino Pablo Blvd. Grades K - 5, Phone 376-4435  
 Donald L. Rheem.....90 Laird Drive Grades K - 5, Phone 376-4441  
 Los Perales.....22 Wakefield Grades K-5, Phone 631-0105

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Joaquin Moraga.....1010 Camino Pablo Blvd. Grades 6 - 8, Phone 376-7206  
 Moraga School District Offices .....1540 School St., Phone 376-5943

## HIGH SCHOOLS

Campolindo.....300 Moraga Road, Phone 376-5986  
 Web <http://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/schools/campohighsch.htm>

Campolindo High School Alumni - This is a free, non-commercial club with a chat room, message board, picture album and contact areas. Come visit your classmates!

Miramonte..... 750 Moraga Way, Phone 376-4423  
 Website: <http://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/schools/miramohighsch.htm>

Acalanes School Dist Offices.....1212 Pleasant Hill Rd. Lafayette, Phone. 935-2800  
 Website: <http://www.acalanes.k12.ca.us/>

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Saklan School.....1678 School Street, Phone 376-7900

Saint Mary's College of California.....1928 St. Mary's Road, Phone 631-4000



## UNDERSTANDING STATE SCHOOL RANKINGS

**The scores assigned range from a low of 1 to a high of 99. The scores represent percentage of how each school has scored in relationship to the other schools in California.**

**For Example. A school scoring an 80 has done 80% better than the other schools in California**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Science</u>
<b>Camino Pablo Elem.</b>						
2	85	90	87	80		
3	88	90	90	78		
4	90	82	85	89		
5	89	92	91	80		
<b>Donald L. Rheem Elem.</b>						
2	85	86	90	78		
3	85	86	87	80		
4	90	84	86	88		
5	80	87	85	74		
<b>Joaquin Moraga Int.</b>						
6	82	87	81	84		
7	83	88	90	84		
8	82	85	85	75		
<b>Los Perales Elem.</b>						
2	91	93	93	87		
3	89	92	94	86		
4	92	89	88	89		
5	86	90	87	82		
<b>Miramonte High</b>						
9	99	98	99		98	99
10	99	98	99		98	99
11	99	98	99		99	99
<b>Campolindo HS</b>						
9	98	98	97		97	99
10	99	98	98		99	99
11	98	97	99		98	99



## MEALS ON WHEELS

**West County, contact:** Marcia Griffin (510) 412-0166  
**Central and Near East County:** (including Antioch, Bay Point & Pittsburg),  
contact: Dee Barrett (925) 937-8607  
**Far East County, contact:** Liz Vargas (925) 313-6706

## ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION

1000 Macdonald Avenue, Suite C  
Richmond, Ca 94801  
(510)233-3427 (510)834-4401  
FAX: (510)233-3459

## VOLUNTEER CENTER OF CONTRA COSTA

1820 BONANZA STREET, SUITE 100  
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596  
(925) 472-5760  
1-800-CARE-123

Linking people who care with people **in need since 1956**

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

**When:** June through August

**Where:** Moraga Commons Park, at St. Mary's and Moraga Road

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Bring a blanket or lawn chair to relax and enjoy the evenings with family and friends. For you convenience, grilled hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs, chips, cookies, candy, popcorn, sodas, coffee and hot chocolate may be purchased.



## FRIDAY DAY HIKES

No fee or pre-registration

Meet at 8:45 AM

Leave promptly 9:00AM

Return 3 to 4 PM

Meet at the entrance to the Hacienda Parking Lot

The Moraga Park and Recreation Foundation Sponsors a series of **free** concerts at the Moraga Commons Park on Thursday nights throughout the summer. Presentations include a broad range of music for the entire family. Seating is on the hillside lawn and evening weather ranges from hot to foggy cool, typical Moraga summer weather.

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## EAST BROTHER LIGHT STATION (510) 233-2385

A Bed & Breakfast located just north of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Situated on a small Island it includes great bay views, museum and antiques and old lighthouse equipment. The boat leaves from point San Pablo. Day Trips also available. call for reservations

## JOHN MUIR HOME & MARTINEZ ADOBE (925) 228-8860

From the days of Olde. Take Alhambra Ave off Hwy 4

## REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS (925) 943-7469

Musicals, Drama, Comedy & Symphonies

## ST MARY'S COLLEGE (925) 631-4000

A mission /college reminiscent of the 15th century cathedrals in Mexico. Beautiful architecture and works of art. Picnic grounds make for the perfect Sunday stroll.

## LAFAYETTE ART AND WINE FESTIVAL

The Lafayette Art & Wine & Festival was launched in 1996 and the two-day celebration quickly became the city's largest and most successful downtown event. More than 65,000 persons attended in 2001, strolling among stalls of art handmade crafts, sampling foods from top local restaurants, and enjoying quality wines and microbrews. Nonstop musical entertainment on two stages throughout the weekend helped spark the block party ambiance.



## BUS/TRAIN TRANSPORTATION

School Bus	686-3391
Durham Transport	825-7741
Durham Hotline	299-3299
Student Passes	284-1968
Public Bus - County Connection	676-7500
BART Info	465-2278
Carpool Info	800-755-Pool
Buchanan Field (Concord Airport)	646-5722

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## AIRPORTS

Oakland Airport	510-577-4015
San Francisco Airport	415-761-0800
San Jose Airport	408-277-4759