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Moraga racks up another finance-related award

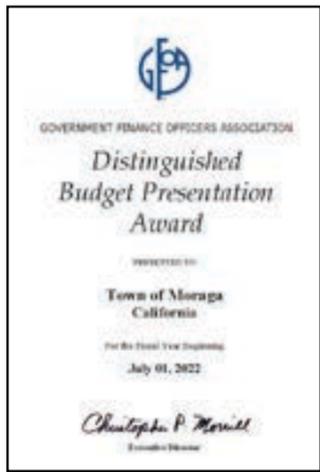


Photo courtesy Administrative Services Department

The actual award (wooden plaque with gold lettering) will arrive in a few months

By Vera Kochan

The town of Moraga has an-

other reason to be proud – it just received its first ever Government Finance Officers Association’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

“You have to apply for the award by answering a set of questions and go through several reviews by experts in budgeting who are the judges,” explained Administrative Services Director Annie To. It was while going through her emails one day that she discovered a message from GFOA. “When I read it, I jumped up out of my chair! We submitted [the entry] more to get feedback on our methods, but then we found out that Moraga actually won!”

According to GFOA, over 1,700 participants entered the Budget Awards Program and had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effec-

tive budget presentation pertaining to four major categories: a policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide; and a communications device. Within those categories 14 mandatory criteria had to be met.

To was quick to credit the team effort of Town Manager Cynthia Battenberg, the Town Council and the entire Administrative Services staff for their part in putting together the submission packet.

Along with the email To received announcing the town’s award, GFOA Executive Director Chris Morrill included a video commentary, “It is my honor to recognize you for receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

“The purpose of this award program is to encourage and assist governments to prepare comprehensive and

understandable budget documents that we believe will both improve transparency and trust in government. To earn the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, you met demanding program criteria. Such a record reflects professionalism, commitment and dedication of your organization’s leaders and finance team. We hope that this award

will serve as an example and encourage others to strive for the same high standards in their own budget documents.”

Morrill’s video concluded, “Therefore, it is my privilege on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association to present to you this Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Congratulations!”

Moraga’s Holiday Tree Lighting event just missed the rain



Photo Vera Kochan

Holiday Tree lighting at last year’s much drier event.

By Vera Kochan

The unofficial creed of the United States Postal Service, “Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night, stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds,” could almost have been applied to Santa and his elves during the Dec. 1 Holiday Tree Lighting in the Moraga Commons Park.

Touted as a “rain or shine” event, the day began with a goodly amount of rain. Clearly Santa was not to be deterred, because the weather cleared, albeit leaving somewhat freezing temperatures in its wake.

Parks and Recreation Department’s Recreation Supervisor Jasmine Bateson estimated that 400 people attended the tree lighting and partook of cookies and hot cocoa handed out by the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee while listening to carols sung by Performing Ensemble from the Performing Academy. While Santa’s sleigh is undergoing a rigorous final tune-up check, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District provided his transportation to the event.

Don’t forget to have your little ones drop off their letters to Santa at the North Pole Mailbox located near the Holiday Tree. Deadline is Dec. 14 by 5 p.m. for Santa to

have enough time to respond. Make sure that the letters are in an envelope and include a name and return address.

There’s still time to make a donation to the Buy-A-Bulb Fundraiser and help defray the cost of lighting the tree. Donations can be made online at: moragarec.com or by sending a check to: Town of Moraga, ATTN Buy-A-Bulb, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556.

Planning Commission discusses Housing Element

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Additional issues include maximum allowable densities within the Moraga Center Specific Plan area; Planned Development zoning; residential care facilities; single room occupancy hotels; and development fees.

Moreover, HCD’s comments stated that programs should support “housing mobility” in terms of creating housing for people who work in Moraga to also reside in

town, in addition to allowing individuals of all incomes and abilities the opportunity to live in town as well.

The staff report adds that “the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider a Resolution on Jan. 10, 2023 that recommends Town Council adoption of the Housing Element and General Plan Consistency Amendments, and certifications of the EIR [Environmental Impact Report].”

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