



Regular Meeting Agenda

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

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Tuesday, December 2, 2025
6:00 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

This opportunity for public comment is for items that are not on the agenda. If you would like to make comments on an item that is on the agenda, please wait until we get to that item to offer your comments. Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Public comment is intended for comments. Questions posed during public comment are not generally answered. If you have questions, please send them to the City Clerk at

LCACpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov to receive a response. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

REPORTS

1. **County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian**
Recommendation:
Receive report.
2. **Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian**
Recommendation:
Receive report.
3. **Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President**
Recommendation:
Receive report.
4. **Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President**
Recommendation:
Receive report.
5. **City of Morgan Hill Update - Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**
Recommendation:
Receive report.

BUSINESS

1. **Accept November 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
Recommendation:
Accept November 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
2. **Presentation from the Morgan Hill Art Co-op Group**
Recommendation:
Recieve a presentation from members of the Morgan Hill Art Co-op Group on their activities in the Community.
3. **Review and Provide Feedback on the Porposed Downtown Gateway Arch by the Morgan Hill Downtown PBID**
Recommendation:
Review proposed Downtown Arch Design and provide feedback.
4. **Work Plan Updates**
Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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December 2025 Library Report
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian

CELEBRATING CALIFORNIA AUTHORS



A Trio of California Writers

Following the success of our Distinguished Authors talk with Mitch Albom, which was attended by over 500 people, SCCLD has one more big event in store this year, a visit by three very unique California based authors.

On Saturday, December 6 Steven Rowley, Devorah Major and Bari A. Williams will

share about their works and approaches to writing. Rowley, a *New York Times* bestselling author will talk about his most recent work [The Dogs of Venice](#), a heartwarming story about love, loss, and finding oneself in one of the most unlikely places.

Major is a poet and performer who explores themes of being, family, community and the Black experience. A former San Francisco Poet Laureate, she teaches poetry craft, short story writing and composition. Major's latest work is [word time](#). Williams is an attorney and activist as well as a former tech executive. She writes about her experience as a Black woman working in Silicon Valley for large tech firms in [Seen Yet Unseen: A Black Woman Crashes the Tech Fraternity](#).

Celebrate the Holiday Season

Visit the library to get in the holiday spirit. Children will love our Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Shows, taking place at the Cupertino Library on [Sat., Dec. 13](#), Milpitas Library on [Tue., Dec. 23](#), and Morgan Hill Library on [Sat., Dec 27](#).

Get ready for the holidays with seasonal [arts and craft events](#). Enjoy a concert, make an ornament or DIY item. We also offer resources like [Creativebug](#), with over 1,000 video classes on painting, knitting, crafting, sewing and more. Need a good recipe? Check out [New York Times: Cooking](#) or a booklist all about [gingerbread houses](#). Keep an eye on our website for other holiday blogs and best of 2025 lists. Wishing you happy holidays!





Silicon Valley Reads 2026 Theme and Companion Books Announced

The county's premiere reading event, Silicon Valley Reads, returns in early 2026 with a theme of *Bridges to Belonging*, a timely topic in this era where too often we feel disconnected from each other.

It all kicks off on Thursday, January 15 at De Anza College in Cupertino, where Sal Pizarro of the *Mercury News* will lead a panel featuring the authors of the three featured books. Throughout February and March, SCCLD will host dozens of events including author talks, engaging classes and workshops, kids crafts, and other programs for all ages. The Silicon Valley Reads official [website](#) will have all event information in the new year.

Featured Titles:

- [*The Power of Bridging*](#), John A. Powell. Provides a crucial framework for moving beyond the fear and separating of “othering” to the radical, transformative work of “bridging.”
- [*Mainline Mama*](#), Keeonna Harris. A moving and unflinching memoir of resilience and hope. Harris shares her powerful story of navigating motherhood with an incarcerated partner.
- [*Unlikely Animals*](#), Annie Hartnett. A tender and humorous novel with a touch of magic. Emma returns to her New Hampshire hometown to care for her dying father and sees ghosts.

Children's Companion Books:

- [*Thank You, Neighbor*](#), Ruth Chan (PreK – New Readers)
- [*Together, A Forest*](#), Roz MacLean (Elementary)
- [*Front Desk*](#), Kelly Yang (Middle Grades)
- [*Give Me a Sign*](#), Anna Sortino (High School/Young Adult)

FYI- All SCCLD libraries will close at 5 PM on Wed., Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) and Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve). They will be closed Thu., Dec. 25 (Christmas Day) and Jan. 1, 2026 (New Years Day). Find us 24/7 at our [Online Library](#).

New Resource: ConnectWell to Better Health

[ConnectWell](#) is a comprehensive consumer health information portal featuring content from leading health information providers available now in our 24/7 Online Library. It replaces the MedLine Health resource.

Find articles and videos on common diseases and conditions, surgeries and procedures, drugs and supplements, nutrition, fitness, parenting, safety, and workplace issues. ConnectWell can help you to adopt healthy lifestyle practices, including ideas for healthy recipes using organic ingredients.



December Virtual Author Talks

We have just one online discussion planned for this month.

On Tue., Dec. 2 Sue Hincenbergs will discuss her debut crime novel, [The Retirement Plan](#), where murder is the name of the game when it comes to husbands, wives and a struggle for financial safety. [Please register.](#)



EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

Gilroy Library

Milpitas Library

Saratoga Library

December 27 – 29

10 AM TO 6 PM

ELECTION DAY

December 30

7 AM TO 8 PM

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT DECEMBER 2025 EVENTS

**SCCLD libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays,
December 24 and 31 and be closed on Thursday, December 25.
Our digital library is always available at scclld.org/Online-Library**

CUPERTINO -- 10800 Torre Avenue

ESL Parent and Caregiver Conversation Club

Mondays, December 1 & 15, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Room 101

Join us for an engaging series designed to support families and spark meaningful conversations about children and parenting. Learn practical tips and insights from special guest speakers. Connect with other parents and caregivers in the community.

ESL Conversation Club

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201A

Improve your English listening and speaking skills in a supportive environment. This program is for adults who speak basic English. Register online.

Toddler Storytime (ages 1-2)

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

This storytime will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills.

LEGO Club (Grades K-8)

Tuesday, December 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Children's Meeting Room

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Please leave your LEGOs at home.

Wednesday Afternoon Meditation and Mindfulness

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 4:30 – 5 p.m., Room 201A

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to ask the instructor questions.

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 7 – 7:30 p.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage early literacy skills. Seating is limited to the first 100 families. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Storytime for Babies (ages 0-1)

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

This storytime features stories and songs that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 30 babies with a maximum of 2 adults per family.

Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Thursday, December 4, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk.

Knit-Alongs at Cupertino Library

Fridays, December 5, 12, & 19, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Room 201A

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in and socialize while starting new projects or finishing old ones. Participants need to bring their own needles and/or crochet hooks and yarn. No personal instruction will be provided.

Poetry in the Dark

Friday, December 5, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

We will turn off the lights and speak poems to each other. This is an intimate conversation, not a performance. Please bring inside you a poem you know by heart.

Mandarin/English Family Storytime/ [中/英文雙語說故事時間](#)

Friday, December 5, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 101

Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Room 101

Join us for stories, songs, flannel board story, fingerplay and a craft project in Mandarin and English. 兒童圖書館員將為小朋友讀圖畫故事書;唱兒歌;用絨布板講故事;手指謠和做美。歡迎幼兒們 和家長, 祇母一同前來參加。

Celebrating California Authors Panel

Saturday, December 6, 10 – 11 a.m., Cupertino Community Hall

The Santa Clara County Library District brings together acclaimed writers from different backgrounds whose compelling works engage audiences and spark thoughtful conversations. We will hear from Steven Rowley, Devorah Major and Bärí A. Williams.

Family Storytime

Saturdays, December 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Program Room

This storytime is suitable for all ages and will feature stories, songs, rhymes and dances that encourage the development of early literacy skills. Storytime is limited to the first 100 families. Bring a yoga mat or blanket to sit on.

Babywearing Dance

Sundays, December 7 & 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for babywearing dancing.

Baby Sign and Sing

Sunday, December 7, 11 – 11:30 a.m., First Floor Program Room

Babies aged 0-12 months and adult caregivers will learn basic signs to communicate.

Adult Literacy Roundtable for Volunteers

Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Room 201

Reading Program tutors are incited to share tutoring tips, resources, and experiences.

Children's Literature for Adults Book Club

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Adults will discuss, reminisce, or discover a beloved children's classic. Please register at the Children's Reference Desk. This program is for adults only.

Police Read Along

Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Room 101

A Sheriff's Deputy will read books and share safety tips.

Flex Prep: Common Application, Common Mistakes

Wednesday, December 10, 7 – 8 p.m., Room 201

The Common App is an undergraduate college application that students may use to apply to more than 840 different colleges and universities. Learn how your student can rise to the top of the applicant pool by avoiding common mistakes.

Art Therapy for Tweens (ages 10+ and caregiver)

Friday, December 12, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

We will explore different techniques and art materials each month. Materials will be provided while supplies last.

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

Fire Wise Cupertino

Saturday, December 13, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn how fire maps are made and what they mean for your safety. Discover actionable steps to prepare before wildfires start, and how to respond when they do.

Nonfiction Book Discussion

Sunday, December 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., Room 201B

We will discuss [*The Fear of Too Much Justice*](#) by Stephen B. Bright and James Kwak.

Sunday Line Dance

Sunday, December 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Room 201

Learn and master shuffles, sweeps, and turns while improving your balance, coordination, stamina, footwork, and arm styling. Wear comfortable shoes.

Movie Screening: Pride and Prejudice

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201

In honor of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, join us for a showing of *Pride and Prejudice* (2005).

Book Discussion for Adults

Wednesday, December 17, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., and Thursday, December 18, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Room 201B

In honor of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, we will discuss [*Persuasion*](#).

The Science of Fun (ages 6+)

Friday, December 19, 4 – 5 p.m., Room 101

Learn why having fun is important in life and then stay as we have some of it!

Freedom Readers (Grades 5-8)

Monday, December 29, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

We will be reading [*Borders*](#) by Thomas King. Get a copy at the children's desk.

Voyagers Book Club (Grades 3-4)

Tuesday, December 30, 2 – 3 p.m., Room 101

We will discuss [*Legendarios: The Beginning of All Things*](#) by Karla Arenas Valenti. Register in-person at the Children's Desk to pick up the book.

GILROY -- 350 W. Sixth Street**1-on-1 Tech Help/Ayuda con la Tecnología**

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 1 – 5 p.m., Computer Area Upstairs

Drop by to get help with opening an email account, connect to Wi-Fi/hotspots, use laptops/Chromebooks, and use Microsoft Office.

Ellos pueden ayudarte a abrir una cuenta de correo electrónico, conectarse a Wi-Fi/puntos de acceso, utilizar computadoras portátiles/Chromebooks y utilizar Microsoft Office.

Snack Break-Free Snacks for Kids!/¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during holidays), Lobby Area

Children ages 0-18 can stop by for snack, while supplies last. No registration required.

¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! No es necesario registrarse.

Create N Play/Crear Y Jugar (Kids 12 and under)

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Children's Area

Join us for a crafty exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. No registration needed. Acompáñenos para explorar todo lo relacionado con Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas. ¡Inscripción no es necesaria!

Pajama Storytime/Hora de Cuentas en Pijama

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:30 – 7 p.m., the Nest

Join us for stories, sing songs, and wear your pajamas! Lee cuentos, canta canciones y ponte el pijama para una hora de cuentos para niños de todas las edades.

Homework Help/Ayuda con la Tarea

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Kids in grades K-6 can come in and receive homework help.

¿Eres un estudiante de 1.º a 6.º grado y necesitas ayuda con la tarea? Tenemos tutores disponibles para ayudarte con tus tareas.

Zumba at the Library/Clase de Zumba Fitness

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m., Community Room

Drop in for an easy-to-follow dance that works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast. Únase a nosotros para un entrenamiento gratuito basado en baile y ritmo.

Reading Buddies/Compañeros de Lectura (PreK-Grade 6)

Tuesday, December 2, 6 – 7 p.m., the Nest/Nido

Practice your reading skills and read aloud one on one with a furry friend! Sign-ups are first come, first serve until all slots are filled. ¡Ven a practicar tus habilidades de lectura y lee en voz alta uno a uno con un amigo peludo! Las inscripciones serán por orden de llegada hasta que se llenen todos los espacios.

Reading Program Orientation

Wednesday, December 3, 1 – 2 p.m. and 6 – 7 p.m., Reading Program Room

Give back to your community by becoming an adult literacy tutor and supporting an adult learner improve their English reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills to achieve their goals. Learn more about the Reading Program during this orientation.

Teen Unity Through Arts & Crafts/Jóvenes unidos creando arte y manualidades

Wednesdays, December 3 & 17, 4 – 6 p.m., Ground floor Meeting Room

Join us to work on art projects together. All supplies will be provided. Earn community service hours for school. Enjoy snacks and make new friends. No registration needed. Ven a crear regalos hechos a mano, gana horas de servicio comunitario y pásala con amigos disfrutando snacks!

Books and Boogie Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children's Area

Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy engaging stories, playful rhymes, lively fingerplays, and music and movement activities that nurture early literacy skills.

Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, canciones y baile con la bibliotecaria Rosa.

Knitting and Crochet Weekly Meetup/Tejido Semanal

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 1 – 4 p.m., Upstairs Quiet Study B

Bring your projects, ask questions, get help, share ideas and meet new people. ¡Trae tus proyectos, haz preguntas, recibe ayuda, comparte ideas y conoce gente nueva!

Book Discussion for Adults

Friday, December 5, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Quiet Study B

We will be discussing [*The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot*](#) by Marianne Cronin.

Baby Bounce Storytime (12 months and younger)

Fridays, December 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Baby bounce shares short stories, nursery rhymes, fingerplays and songs that reinforce early literacy skills. Baby Bounce comparte cuentos cortos, canciones infantiles, y canciones que refuerzan habilidades de lectura.

Safe Space Meet-Up for LGBTQ+ Youth (ages 13-25) / Encuentro de espacio seguro para personas LGBTQ+ (de 13 a 25 años)

Fridays, December 5 & 19, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Quiet Study B

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth to play games, participate in group activities and discussions, and build community. No registration necessary.

Nuestras reuniones, dirigidas por nuestro personal, ofrecen un espacio seguro para que los jóvenes jueguen, participen en actividades y debates grupales, y forjen una comunidad. No es necesario registrarse; ¡pásate y saluda!

Gingerbread Housing Making/Haz Una Casita de Jengibre

Friday, December 5, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Saturday, December 13, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Families can create and decorate their very own gingerbread (1) house to take home. This one-hour workshop includes all materials. Las familias podrán crear y decorar su propia casita de jengibre para llevar a casa. Este taller de una hora incluye todos los materiales.

Family Storytime/Hora de Cuentos

Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., the Nest

Join us for fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs to nurture early literacy skills.

Compartiremos historias divertidas, rimas, y canciones.

Repair Cafe

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Community Room

Repair Cafe will bring tools, materials, and volunteer experts to help you make any repairs you need on clothes, furniture, small appliances, bicycles, crockery, electronics, lamps, toys, and more.

Teen and Adult Watercolor Workshop (Ages 13+)

Sunday, December 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a cozy watercolor session featuring charming winter animals in snowy landscapes. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 30 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

LEGO Club

Friday, December 12, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We provide LEGOs, children build creations! Follow prompts or use your imagination. ¡Nosotros proporcionamos los legos, los niños construyen creaciones divertidas! Pueden seguir nuestras indicaciones o construir algo basado en su imaginación.

Christmas Music Celebration

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Enjoy a performance featuring a vibrant mix of holiday songs by KC & the Dukes of Ukes.

Reading Program Tutor Training

Saturday, December 13, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m., Reading Program Room

Tutors who have completed the orientation are invited to this training session.

Open Poetry Readings

Saturday, December 13, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Downstairs Meeting Room

Read whatever poetry you want to read and join in related discussions.

Playdoh Playtime/Hora de juego con plastilina (ages 2-7)

Wednesday, December 17, 3 – 4 p.m., Community Room

Children can shape, roll, and squish playdoh using cutters in the shape of igloos.

Los niños podrán amasar, moldear y aplastar plastilina usando divertidos cortadores en forma de iglús.

Crafts and a Movie (Teens and Adults)

Wednesday, December 17, 6 – 8 p.m., Community Room

Learn some simple techniques to create ornaments and decorations to make your home look extra special this year. No registration is needed. Craft is available while supplies last.

Sensory-Friendly Library Playtime/Tiempo de Juego Sensorial Amigable

Tuesday, December 23, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Children's Play Area

We keep the lights low and use natural lighting, computers are turned off, and the doors are closed to reduce outside noise and keep everyone safe.

Mantenemos las luces bajas y utilizamos la luz natural; las computadoras están apagadas y las puertas cerradas para reducir el ruido exterior.

Family Board Games

Friday, December 26, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Community Room

We have games for all ages and skill levels. Tenemos juegos para todas las edades y niveles de habilidad.

LOS ALTOS -- 13 S. San Antonio Road**Art Brings Us Together Exhibit**

Monday, December – Tuesday, December 30, Art Wall

The pieces for this exhibit are from Drawn2Art's 20th Anniversary Art Show and are all original artwork from students.

Monday Morning Meditation and Mindfulness

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Teen Room

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to speak with the instructor.

Poetry Open Mic

Monday, December 1, 7 – 8 p.m., Pod D

Share poetry, hear poetry. You do not have to be a poet to attend.

ESL Class Placement Test

Wednesday, December 3 – Friday, December 19, Conference Room

Our next ESL Class series is January 6 – March 10. If you want to learn and improve your English listening and speaking skills, take an ESL placement test.

The Whodunit? Mystery Book Club

Wednesday, December 3, 10:15 – 11:30 a.m., Teen Room

We will discuss [*The Judge's List*](#) by John Grisham.

ESL Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 1:30 – 3 p.m., Teen Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for those who speak basic English. No registration required.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons Social Club

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Conference Room

Teens are welcome to drop in and watch the game. Right now, the game is full, but we will occasionally have openings for new players. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk.

Ishika's Backyard: Pollinators

Saturday, December 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Through her business, Ishika's Backyard Honey, Ishika blends her love for bees with community education and sustainability. Learn fun facts about pollinators, why they matter, and simple ways to help protect them.

Story Explorers: TK-1st Grade Book Club

Wednesday, December 10, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

We'll enjoy stories and activities featuring characters from [*The Bad Seed*](#) series by Jory John. We'll do a short discussion of each book, move to music, and end with a fun craft!

Adult Watercolor Workshop

Friday, December 12, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with a cozy watercolor session featuring charming winter animals in snowy landscapes. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 20 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Board Game Sunday

Sunday, December 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We have board games for adults, teens, and children -- plus LEGOs and DUPLOS.

Book Bugs Club (Grades 2-3)

Tuesday, December 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Los Altos Community Center's Apricot Room

We will discuss [*The Lost Stone*](#) by Jordan Quinn, then make a craft. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Page Turners Book Club (Grades 4-5)

Wednesday, December 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*](#) by E.L. Konigsburg. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Scandinavian Fabric Star Workshop

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Teen Room

Learn a new skill and create an elegant handmade ornament — just in time for the holidays. This program is designed for adults and teens, and all materials will be provided. No registration necessary.

Sunday CrafterNoon

Sunday, December 21, 2 – 3:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Adults, teens, and kids -- join us for an afternoon of relaxed crafting. Supplies are provided. Children must come with their responsible adult crafting-buddy.

To Be Read Book Club (Grades 6-8)

Tuesday, December 23, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

We will discuss [*The Giver*](#) by Lois Lowry. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk at Los Altos or Woodland Library.

Now Read This Book Club

Monday, December 29, 12 – 1:30 p.m., Orchard Room

We will discuss both fiction and non-fiction books that help us make sense of today's world.

MILPITAS -- 160 N. Main Street**Homework Help for Grades K-6**

Mondays -- Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Program Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Parents are asked to stay nearby. Homework Help will not be offered December 22 – January 5.

Fun with Art with First5 Santa Clara County (ages 3-5)

Wednesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Activity Room

Join us for a story and craft activity, then learn about resources provided by the Guerrero Family Resource Center.

ESL Conversation Club

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 2:45 – 3:45 p.m., Program Room

Practice your English conversation skills with friends. This program is for adults who speak basic English. No registration required.

Milpitas Children's Chess Club (Grades 1-8)

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Activity Room

Play chess and make new friends in a fun and relaxed environment! Registration is not required but space is limited. Attendees are expected to know the rules of chess and must be able to play independently.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2 – 4 p.m., Conference Room

Meet other yarn lovers, get help or share ideas. Limited instruction available in Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati, but note this is not a class. No registration required. Materials not provided.

Mend with Friends

Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Conference Room

Bring your own items to mend. Limited mending supplies and casual instruction are available, but bringing your own favorite tools, extra buttons, fabric scraps, or experience to share is always appreciated.

Teen Rubik's Cube Club

Saturday, December 6, 4 – 5 p.m., Conference Room

Kids 12+ are invited to meet other cubers, learn new techniques and have fun.

LEGO Club for Grades K-8

Monday, December 8, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to build anything they can imagine.

Science Fiction and Fantasy Book Club

Monday, December 8, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Sign up and pick up a copy of [*Red Sister*](#) by Mark Lawrence.

Little Learners STEAM (Ages 3-5)

Tuesday, December 9, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m., Activity Room

Each month we will nurture curiosity and discover new things through engaging and fun activities. Registration is required.

Winter Paper Crafts for Teens and Adults

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Program Room

We will make DIY holiday cards, gift bags, gift tags, and wrapping supplies!

Tiny Toots Concert

Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Toddlers and preschools will enjoy a performance with Bingo Schmingo. Get ready to dance and sing along to favorite children's songs.

Qi Gong Meditation & Exercise Classes

Fridays, December 12, 19, & 26, 1 – 3 p.m., Auditorium

Relieve stress and anxiety, increase energy and vitality and improve physical health during these exercise sessions. Giảm căng thẳng và lo lắng, tăng năng lượng và sức sống, Cải thiện sức khỏe thể chất.

Board Game Day

Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Learn different board games or play your favorite one. This program is open to ages 18+. Online registration is encouraged but not required.

Gentle Flow Yoga (ages 13+)

Sundays, December 14 & 21, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., Auditorium

This practice combines mindful movement, simple breathing techniques, and a calming guided meditation to reduce stress, improve flexibility, and restore balance. Bring a mat.

Jane Austen Movie Double Feature

Sunday, December 14, 1 – 6 p.m., Auditorium

In celebration of Jane Austen's 250th birth anniversary, we are showing two film adaptations of Austen's novels: *Persuasion* and *Sense and Sensibility*.

Teen Study Space

Tuesday - Thursday, December 16 – 18, 4 – 8:30 p.m., Auditorium

High school students can come in and focus on studying with snacks and drinks to keep them fueled up.

Tiny Toots Concert

Wednesday, December 17, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Auditorium

Soul4Kidz is a musical trio bursting with energy and music that will have kids and families grooving and singing to a mix of fresh beats and timeless tunes.

Special Performance: Fratello Marionettes

Wednesday, December 17, 7 – 8 p.m., Auditorium

Fratello Marionettes presents their classic, *The North Pole Review*.

Holiday Hullabaloo

Saturday, December 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Auditorium

Celebrate the holidays with fun crafts, holiday music, and Santa. Wear your favorite holiday sweater and get ready to have some family fun!

Adult and Teen Paint Workshop (Ages 13+)

Saturday, December 20, 2 – 4 p.m., Program Room

Paul Loughridge will be leading and instructing you on how to paint that perfect holiday-themed masterpiece. No registration but arrive early to ensure a seat!

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Tuesday, December 23, 7 – 7:45 p.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

MORGAN HILL -- 660 W. Main Avenue**Snack Break-Free Snacks for Kids! / ¡Meriendas Gratis Para Niños!**

Mondays-Fridays, 3 – 4 p.m. (except during holidays)

Children ages 0-18 can stop by for snack, while supplies last. No registration required.

¡Pasa por la biblioteca y recoge una merienda gratis después de la escuela! No es necesario registrarse.

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Students can get free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Help will not be available December 22 – January 1.

Evening Itty Bitty Jamboree

Tuesdays, December 2 & 16, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Parents and babies can join us for short fun stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Our Itty Bitty Jamboree is 30 minutes followed by Stay & Play time.

Kids LEGO Club

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Children will use their creativity and engineering skills to build anything they can imagine.

LEGOs are available for ages 2+. No registration required.

Toddler Storytime

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement aimed at 2–3-year-olds and their caregivers.

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Join us for a fun-filled storytime featuring stories, songs, rhymes, and lots of interactive movement aimed at 3–4-year-olds and their caregivers.

Tiny Tot Jamboree

Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Toddlers (1-2 years old) and caregivers are invited to join us for short stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs.

Itty Bitty Jamboree

Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, & 26, 12 – 12:30 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Babies (12 months and younger) and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, music, movement and more!

Kids Keva Club (Ages 5+)

Friday, December 5, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children’s Activity Room

Create structures, sculptures, and ball-runs out of wooden planks. Practice your artistic and architectural skills without tools, glue, nails, or tape - just planks!

Bilingual Family Storytime for All Ages

Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m., Children’s Activity Room

Stories, music, movement, and more! Storytimes are bilingual (Spanish/English).

¡Cuentos, música, movimiento y más! Las horas de cuentos son bilingües (español/inglés).

Festive Favorites with Simon Santiago

Saturday, December 6, 2 – 3 p.m.

Simon will be performing a variety of holiday music and popular hits.

Zumba

Monday, December 8, 6 – 7 p.m., Program Room

This Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, fitness dance party exhilarates your senses and works all major muscle groups in a high-energy cardio blast.

Family Fun Night

Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Families with school-aged children will create art, crafts, or participate in STEM activities. This month we will be making holiday cards.

Teen and Adult Watercolor Workshop (Ages 13+)

Wednesday, December 10, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Create your own winter watercolor scene, capturing the beauty of snowy trees, seasonal accents, and frosted landscapes beneath glass. Registration is not required. Seating is limited to the first 35 attendees and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Safe Space for LGBTQ+ Teens and Young Adults (ages 13-25)

Friday, December 12, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Community Room

Our staff-led meetings offer a safe space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and ally (LGBTQ+) youth. Join us to make your own ornaments, enjoy hot cocoa and winter treats, while watching your favorite holiday movies with friends!

An Afternoon of Jazz

Sunday, December 14, 3 – 4 p.m.

Enjoy Jazz with Nate Pruitt & Rick Vandivier, featuring Miles Pruitt on drums.

Library Ukulele Society

Tuesday, December 16, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Program Room

Bring your uke and music stand or come to listen and sing along! No registration required.

Kids Art Club (Ages 5+)

Wednesday, December 17, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Join us for an afternoon of creativity with the Kids Art Club. We will make holiday cards.

Sensory Playtime (ages 4-10 with a parent/caregiver)

Friday, December 26, 4 – 5 p.m., Children's Activity Room

Sensory playtime is a hands-on, interactive experience designed to engage children through a variety of activities. Designed for kids with sensory processing differences, autism, or who have other special needs. Please register.

Jack and the Beanstalk Holiday Puppet Show

Saturday, December 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

This holiday season, climb into a world of wonder with Jack and the Beanstalk. Join us for a heartwarming adventure filled with festive magic, laughter, and timeless lessons.

SARATOGA -- 13650 Saratoga Avenue**Sun and Sea Art Exhibit**

Through December 30, Library Lobby

Anil Sawe's exhibit consists of oil paintings depicting sunsets and the power of the ocean.

Art Beyond the Obvious Exhibit

Through December 30, Group Study Room

This exhibit is from the art group - Art Beyond the Obvious.

Crochet Exhibit: An Autumn Picnic

Through December 31, Library Lobby

Feast your eyes on delicious-looking delights including fruit, cookies, sandwiches, sushi and fast food!

Homework Help for Grades K-6

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Orchard Room

Students can drop-in for free homework help. No registration is required. Basic school supplies will be provided. Caregivers of children under 10 years old must stay with their child. Homework Help will not be offered December 22 – January 8.

Mystery Book Club

Monday, December 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

We will discuss [*The Body in the Library*](#) by Agatha Christie. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to sign up and get a copy of the book.

Band Jam: Guitar and Ukulele

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, & 16, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Meet people who are also working on their music journey, learn new chords/strums, and get encouragement to practice towards mastering your instrument. Bring your own guitar or ukulele, all other materials will be provided.

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Maple Room

Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20, & 27, 11 – 11:30 a.m., Community Room

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Tuesday, December 2, 7 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

We will discuss [*Fevered Star*](#) by Rebecca Roanhorse. Register and pick up a copy of the book at the adult reference desk.

Knit & Crochet Circle

Wednesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Maple Room

Bring your own projects and yarn, ask questions, receive help, give help, share ideas and meet new people.

Baby Storytime (12 months or younger)

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 11 – 11:15 a.m., Community Room

Join us for fun, interactive nursery rhymes, fingerplays, action rhymes, and songs!

Drop-in Tech Help

Thursdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Oak Room

Get help using your laptop, tablet or cell phone. Help is first-come, first-served.

STEM Electrical Circuits (Grades 3-7)

Saturday, December 6, 1 – 2 p.m., Community Room

Drop in to learn about electrical circuits and create your own electrical circuit! No registration required, first come, first served.

Teen Study Hall

Sundays, December 7 & 14, 10 a.m. – 5:45 p.m., Community Room

Teens preparing for finals can study together in a friendly atmosphere.

Kids Sock Snowman

Tuesday, December 9, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Create your own sock snow person. All materials will be provided, while supplies last.

Aquaponics: Growing Fish and Food in Harmony

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Community Room

Master Gardeners present a fascinating way to grow vegetables and fish together. Learn how this sustainable method recycles water, produces nutrient-rich food, and brings the science of ecosystems to life.

Chinese Book Club - 中文書友會

Thursday, December 11, 10:15 – 11:45 a.m., Orchard Room

The discussion is primarily in Mandarin. 參與者可選讀中文或英文版，討論則將以中文為主。

Furry Reading Buddies (completed Grades K-5)

Friday, December 12, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Children can buddy up with a furry friend and read one-on-one from a favorite book. Children must register themselves in-person at the Children's Reference Desk.

STEM Slime and Volcano (Grades 2-7)

Saturday, December 13, 2 – 3 p.m., Community Room

Stop by and make slime, a volcano and more. All materials will be provided while supplies last. No registration required.

Board Game Night for Adults

Monday, December 15, 6 – 8 p.m., Maple Room

Drop in and play a variety of board games.

Children's Ornament Decorating

Tuesday, December 16, 4 – 5 p.m., Community Room

Decorate premade apple cinnamon ornaments and take them home. We will provide the ornaments and decorating supplies while supplies last.

LEGOs

Wednesday, December 17, 4 – 5 p.m., Orchard Room

Kids 5+ can stop by to build LEGOs. For kiddos under 5, we have Duplos.

Teatime Book Chatter

Thursday, December 18, 1 – 2 p.m.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and get a copy of the selected book.

WOODLAND – 1975 Grant Road**Monday Meditation and Mindfulness**

Mondays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 7 – 7:30 p.m.

Practice meditation for 20 minutes, then have 10 minutes to talk to the instructor.

Winter Wonderland Words

Sunday, December 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Backyard Patio (dress for weather!)

This special storytime is full of stories, wiggles, music, and fingerplays.

ONLINE EVENTS (Please register online)**Virtual Author Talk: Sue Hincenbergs**

Tuesday, December 2, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for an online chat with debut author Sue Hincenbergs as she discusses [*The Retirement Plan*](#), a darkly humorous novel where murder becomes the path to paradise.

Online English Conversation Club

Thursdays, December 4 & 11, 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Meet new friends and practice English together.

Asian Art Museum Talk

Tuesday, December 9, 7 – 8 p.m.

Ten countries, diverse cultures, thousands of years. Explore the varied and intriguing art of Southeast Asian as reflected in the religious and secular art of this fascinating region.

December 2025 Morgan Hill Librarian Report

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Native American Song & Dance Celebration:

This unique event, highlighting the work of the Indian Health Center, showcased Native American song and dance styles from a variety of traditions. 62 patrons were in attendance.

Rose: A One Woman Play: Local actress Kathy Esteves-Bates enthralled an audience of 63 with her moving portrayal of Rose Kennedy.

Toddler & Preschool Storytimes: These two weekly programs served over 400+ children and parents in November. Providing opportunities for children to engage in early literacy activities, singing, talking, playing and being read to.

Holiday Break Week: With MHUSD students away from school for a week, our talented Children's Librarians provided a variety of programs to engage children and families over the holiday break. Our Robot Play Day, Keva Club and Lego program hosted a combined 180 patrons.

Welcome to our new team members



Justin,
Library Clerk

Jocelyne
Adult Services Librarian

Welcome to our new Return System



DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Family Fun Night: Holiday Cards

Tuesday, 12/9 6:30pm

Festive Favorites with Simon Santiago

Saturday, 12/6 2pm

Teen & Adult Watercolor: Bell Jar Art

Wednesday, 12/10 6:00pm

An Afternoon of Jazz

Sunday, 12/14, 3:00pm

Jack and the Beanstalk: Holiday Puppet Show

Saturday 12/27, 10:30am

How to Draw Fantasy Characters

Art Workshop for Teens

Saturday, 1/03 2:30pm

October Statistics

Monthly Circulation: 47,101

Number of Borrowers: 5,031

New Cards: 449

Visitors: 18,008

Programs & Outreach: 81

Program Participants: 2,818

Open Access



Coming to the Morgan Hill Library in mid January, Open Access provides patrons with exclusive, self-service access to our lobby prior to regular library service hours. Patrons will be able to browse books, check out library materials, relax and read, and use the WiFi.



MEETING MINUTES

Library, Culture, and Arts Commission

Robyn Carrillo - Chair
Tanaya Rose - Vice Chair
Cindy Blanton - Commissioner
Mark Fiorenza - Commissioner
Suman Ganapathy - Commissioner
Patrice Lyn - Commissioner
Amanda Santiago - Commissioner

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025
6:00 PM**

**Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

CALL TO ORDER

6pm

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Carrillo, Lyn, and Fiorenza absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT

This opportunity for public comment is for items that are not on the agenda. If you would like to make comments on an item that is on the agenda, please wait until we get to that item to offer your comments. Members of the public are entitled to address the Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. Public comment is intended for comments. Questions posed during public comment are not generally answered. If you have

questions, please send them to the City Clerk at
LCACpubliccomment@morganhill.ca.gov to receive a response. (See additional
noticing at the end of this agenda)
None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Rose, Second Blanton, Adopted 4-0.

RECOGNITION - HAUNT WINNERS

The Skeen family was present and recognized for their and recognized for the Most Creative award in the contest.

REPORTS

1. **County Librarian Report – Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian**

Recommendation:

Recieve report.

Report provided by Megan Holland, Finance and Administrative Services Manager.

2. **Morgan Hill Library Report - Heather Geddes, Community Librarian**

Recommendation:

Recieve report.

Report provided.

3. **Friends of the Morgan Hill Library Report – Vicky Reader, Friends President**

Recommendation:

Recieve report.

No report.

4. **Morgan Hill Historical Society Report - Roger Knopf, Board President**

Recommendation:

Recieve report.

Report provided.

5. **City of Morgan Hill Update - Chris Ghione, Public Services Director**

Recommendation:

Recieve report.

Report provided.

BUSINESS

1. **Accept October 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Recommendation:

Accept October 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

Motion Blanton, Second Santiago, Accepted 4-0.

2. South Valley Civic Theater Update

Recommendation:

Receive update.

Presentation by Peter Mandel representing South Valley Civic Theater.

Public Comment Doug Muirhead.

3. Proposition 28 Discussion

Recommendation:

Commission discussion on how to support implementation of proposition 28.

Deferred to a future meeting.

4. Work Plan Updates

Recommendation:

Provide updates on Work Plan Items.

Commissioners provided Work Plan updates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

6:54pm

Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight about the Morgan Hill Art Co-op.

The Morgan Hill Art Co-op is a group of local artists and art teachers who have joined together to bring art and art workshops to the community of Morgan Hill.

The Mission of the Morgan Hill Art Co-op is to foster a vibrant, inclusive community that celebrates and supports local artists. Our mission is to provide a welcoming platform for creative expression, education, and collaboration by showcasing the diverse talents of Morgan Hill's art community.

We have participated in the Sidewalk Saturdays here in Morgan Hill. We have also signed up to exhibit our work at the CCC in 2026. We're excited about the opportunity to showcase the work of local artists.

Another focus of our plan is to teach classes in various forms of art. Our classes will be offered to beginners as well as people with art experience. We will teach classes for a nominal fee in the art forms of; watercolor, zentangle, wax resist, acrylic painting and drawing & composition. We will offer these classes at the CCC beginning in 2026.

We are also showing/displaying our work at Ancora Vino Wine Shop in downtown Morgan Hill. Members of our Art Co-op are taking turns exhibiting our work each month. We have had very favorable feedback from customers.

We understand that the City of Morgan Hill and the Tourism Alliance are focusing on making Morgan Hill a destination for wineries, restaurants, arts and recreation.

Our ultimate goal is to have a co-op gallery in downtown Morgan Hill. We would be very appreciative of any help you could give us in connecting with the right people to make this goal a reality.

Please visit our website for more information and view our members statements and artwork.

<https://morganhillartists.org>

LIBRARY, CULTURE, AND ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2025

PREPARED BY:

Brittney Sherman, Economic Development Coordinator

APPROVED BY: Chris Ghione

REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE PORPOSED DOWNTOWN GATEWAY ARCH BY THE MORGAN HILL DOWNTOWN PBID

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Review proposed Downtown Arch Design and provide feedback.

REPORT NARRATIVE:

Downtown Entryway Signage History:

Downtown entryway features have been included in several Downtown Plans over the years.

In 1980, a Downtown Design Study conducted by CHNMB Associates to address issues of Downtown Revitalization, determined that gateway signs on Monterey Road were needed to signify entry on a real and symbolic sense. That study led to the 1981 Morgan Hill Downtown Plan which established a series of recommendations for the Downtown area, including an entryway design of a collection of three historic windmills in the median at Monterey Rd at Dunne Avenue and Main Avenue. Not all elements of the Plan were implemented in the 1984-1994 design development and implementation phase, including the creation of distinctive Downtown entry features on Monterey Road, but all remaining elements were included in the Downtown Design Plan Update.

In 2003, a Task Force was commissioned to create an update to the 1981 Plan, resulting in the creation of the 2003 Downtown Morgan Hill Plan. In this Plan, signage was included as a key component of the Vision and directional signage at the ends of Monterey Road were referenced to help visitors find their way Downtown. Special identity signs marking the Downtown entries would have a special character and assist in announcing to motorists they are entering a special pedestrian priority zone. Identity signs were proposed to be placed at the Monterey Road intersection at Dunne Avenue and Main Avenue, to create a visual and physical linkage to Downtown. Public signage improvements were listed as a priority under the public improvements category.

In 2009, the Plan was updated, and the Downtown Specific Plan was adopted. One of the Urban Design Goals in the Specific Plan lists “creating visual and physical linkages to Downtown with landscaping, bike paths, and entry area features.” Plan SG-I1 of the

Downtown Specific Plan states, “Encourage entry features and directional signs.” This section identifies the intersections at Monterey Road and Main Avenue, Third Street, and Dunne Avenue as the preferred locations for entry features.” The City of Morgan Hill Redevelopment Agency (RDCS) planned to fund a variety of projects outlined in the Downtown Specific Plan including the design and installation of Downtown entry features.

Downtown Entryway Design

In 2006, the RDCS retained graphic design company, Graphic Solutions, to work with a citizen’s committee to develop design components for Downtown entry features and directional signs, as well as a comprehensive City-wide directional sign program. As part of the program, three entry features were proposed at: 1) Monterey Road at Dunne Avenue, 2) Monterey Road at Main Avenue, and 3) Third Street at Depot Street. On July 18, 2007, the City Council approved the design concepts for the Downtown entry features and directional sign program and directed staff to move forward with design development and construction documents.

Directional signage was constructed and implemented per the sign program and remains to this day. The construction of the entryway features was delayed due to public works improvement plans to extend the area around the signal lights at the Monterey Road and Main Avenue intersection with bulb-outs. By the time that work was completed, the RDCS had been dissolved and with it the funding mechanism for the three entry features.

During the Downtown Morgan Hill Improvement District (DMHID) Board of Directors’ Retreat earlier this year, several projects were brought forward for funding consideration. The design and implementation of one or two Downtown gateway arches was proposed and heavily supported. Since that time, the organization has been researching gateway arch designs and connecting with cities who have implemented them. Presentations about the project idea were shared with several partners and community organizations as outlined below. After several design iterations, on November 3, 2025, the DMHID Board of Directors approved a Design by E2 Architects. To keep the design and implementation of the project representative of Morgan Hill, local company Kent Construction has been contracted as the Project Manager.

The design of the Downtown Morgan Hill Gateway Arch is meant to be timeless and immediately identifiable of Morgan Hill via the El Toro Mountain silhouette. The El Toro piece of the design will be double sided and constructed from laser-cut corten steel. The front of the mountain will spell out “Downtown Morgan Hill” in metal channel letters backlit for nighttime visibility. The remainder of the arch will be constructed out of a bronze frame, mesh columns with infilled stone and uplighting, and a base to depict donor tiles/bricks. The Morgan Hill Gateway Arch will be located at the intersection of Monterey Road and Main Avenue. The footings of the arch will be installed at the sidewalk area in front of Wells Fargo and on the opposite side of the sidewalk area in front of Chase Bank. The footings will be located in and around the planter boxes currently located on both sides. The height of the arch will be constructed so as not to interfere with traffic signals, semi-truck clearance, or driver visibility. The design is

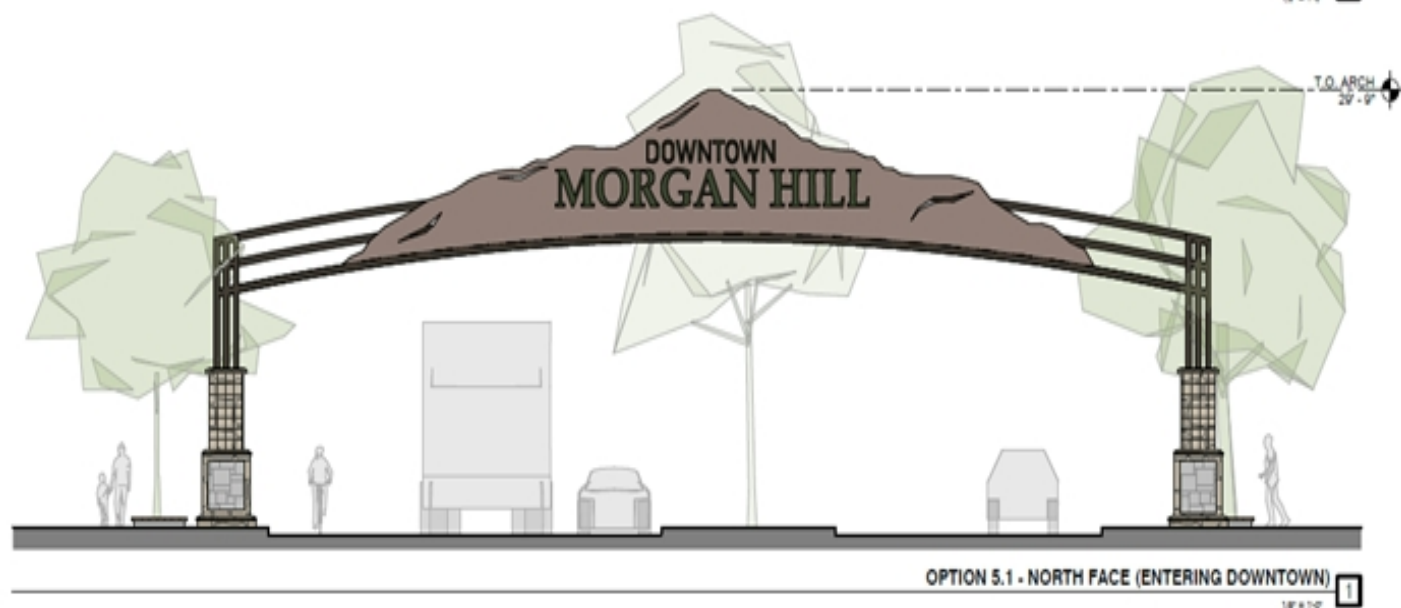
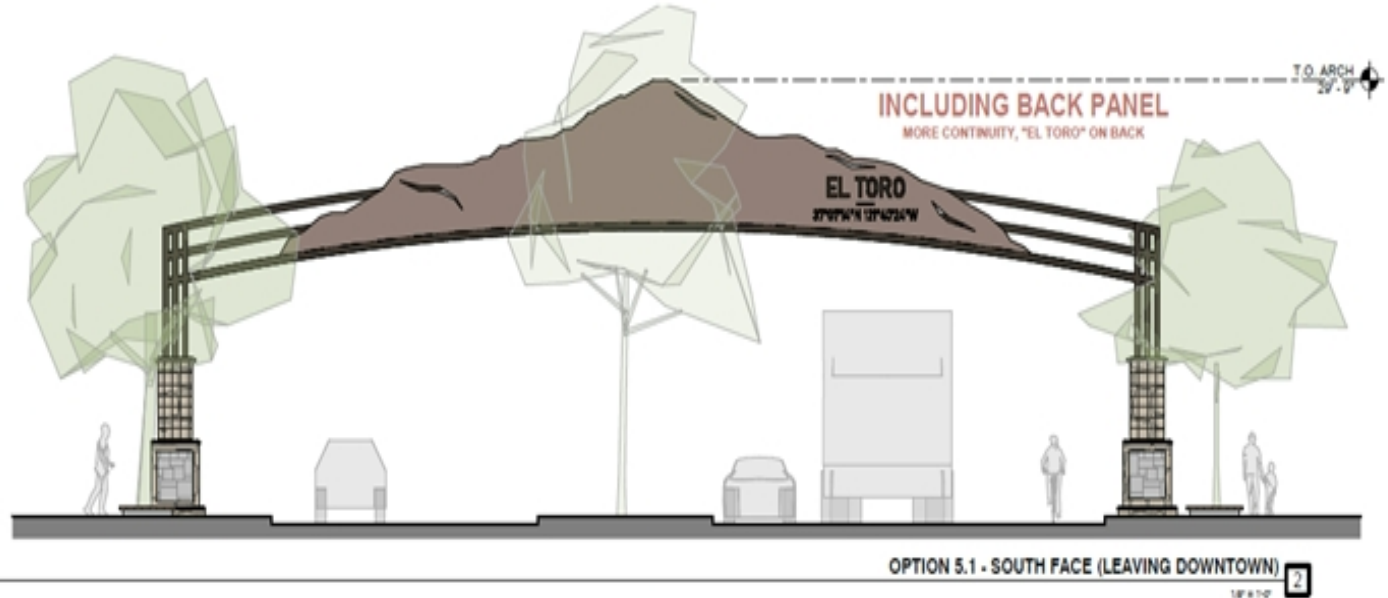
meant to be timeless and representative of Morgan Hill without specifically highlighting the past, present, or future. As the Downtown District continues to grow, the gateway arch will act as a marker to signify the original historic area.

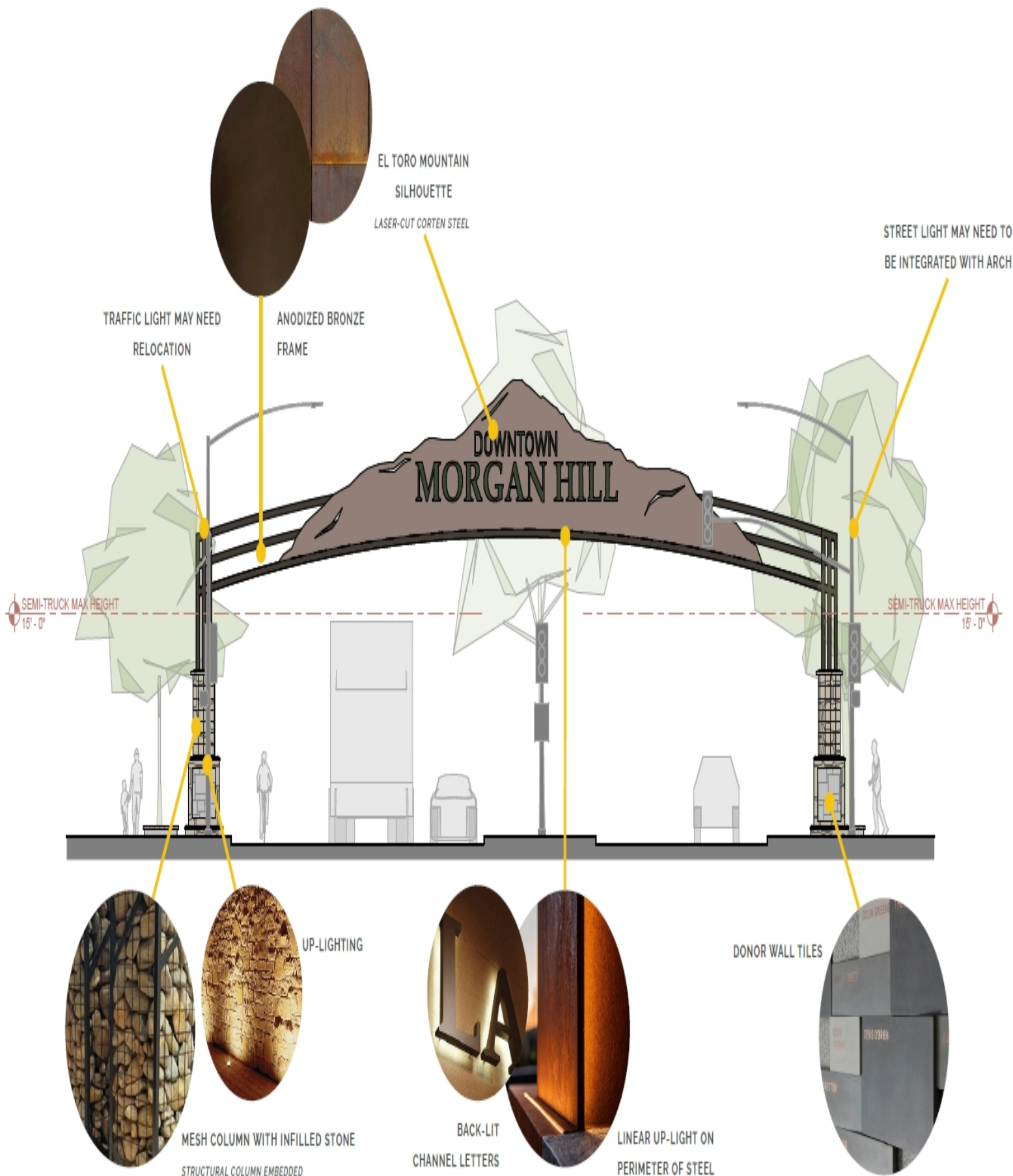
The anticipated cost of the project is \$475,000. The DMHID Board has committed to fund \$250,000 of the project cost, with the intention to fundraise the remaining cost. Maintenance of the arch is expected to be minor as the materials selected are weatherproof and the electrical has been designed to be easy to access and replace as needed. The estimated construction and implementation date of the arch will be determined by the fundraising timeline but will ideally take place Winter 2026.

Communications/Outreach

The gateway arch concept and proposed designs have been presented to partner and community organizations including: Rotary Club of Morgan Hill, Kiwanis Club, Morgan Hill Downtown Association, Visit Morgan Hill, and the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce. The Commission is now being asked to provide feedback on the design ahead of the project moving on to the City Council for review.







OPTION 5 - DESIGN ELEMENTS

MORGAN HILL GATEWAY ARCH

MONTEREY RD. & MAIN AVE.
MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

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DOWNTOWN MORGAN HILL GATEWAY ARCH PROJECT

Downtown Morgan Hill

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

EST. 2023

PROPERTY AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OVERVIEW

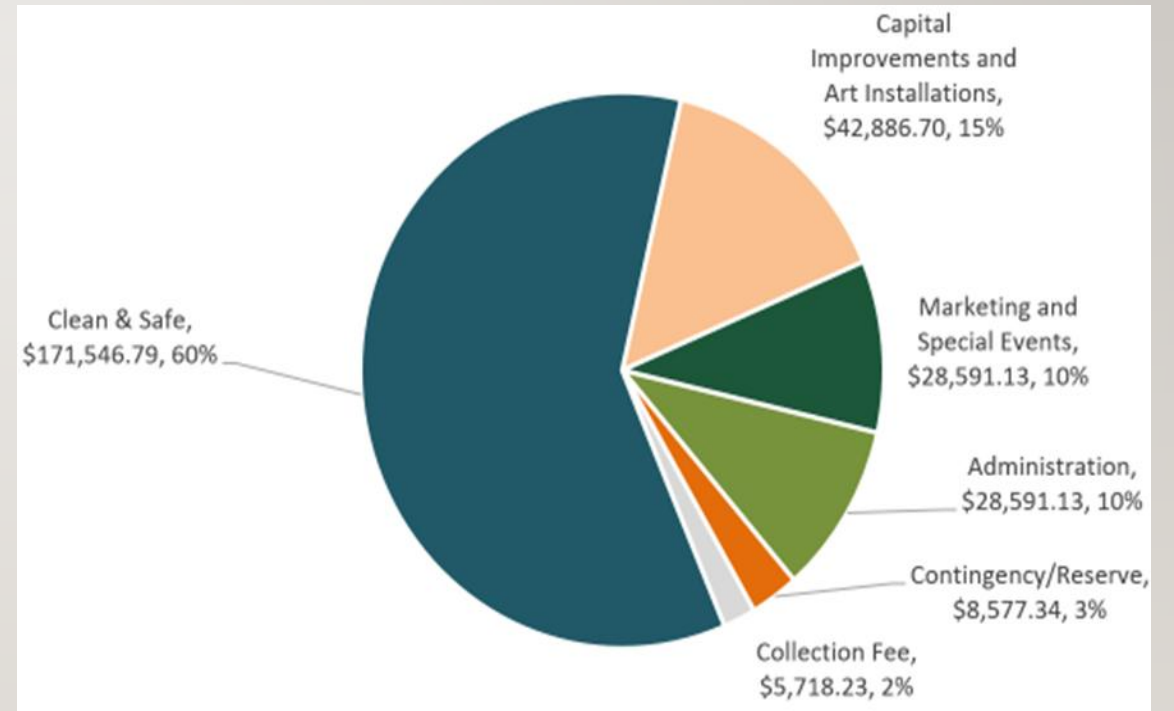
- The District Boundaries: north of Dunne, east of Del Monte, south of Main, and west of Butterfield
- Assessment Period: January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028
- Assessment Rate: Based on parcel type, parcel square footage, and in some cases, linear frontage
- Annual Budget: Approximately \$284,640



Parcel type	Square Footage Assessment rate (sq. ft.)	Linear Frontage Assessment rate (ln. ft.)
Commercial	\$0.10	\$5.00
Non-profit	\$0.04	\$2.00

OWNER'S ASSOCIATION

- Downtown Morgan Hill Improvement District (DMHID) is a 501c6 not-for-profit organization
- Board of Directors
 - No less than 5 no more than 9
 - (3) must be property owners or approved managers paying the assessment
 - (2) must be City of Morgan Hill representatives
- 60% of Funds are dedicated to “Clean and Safe” initiatives

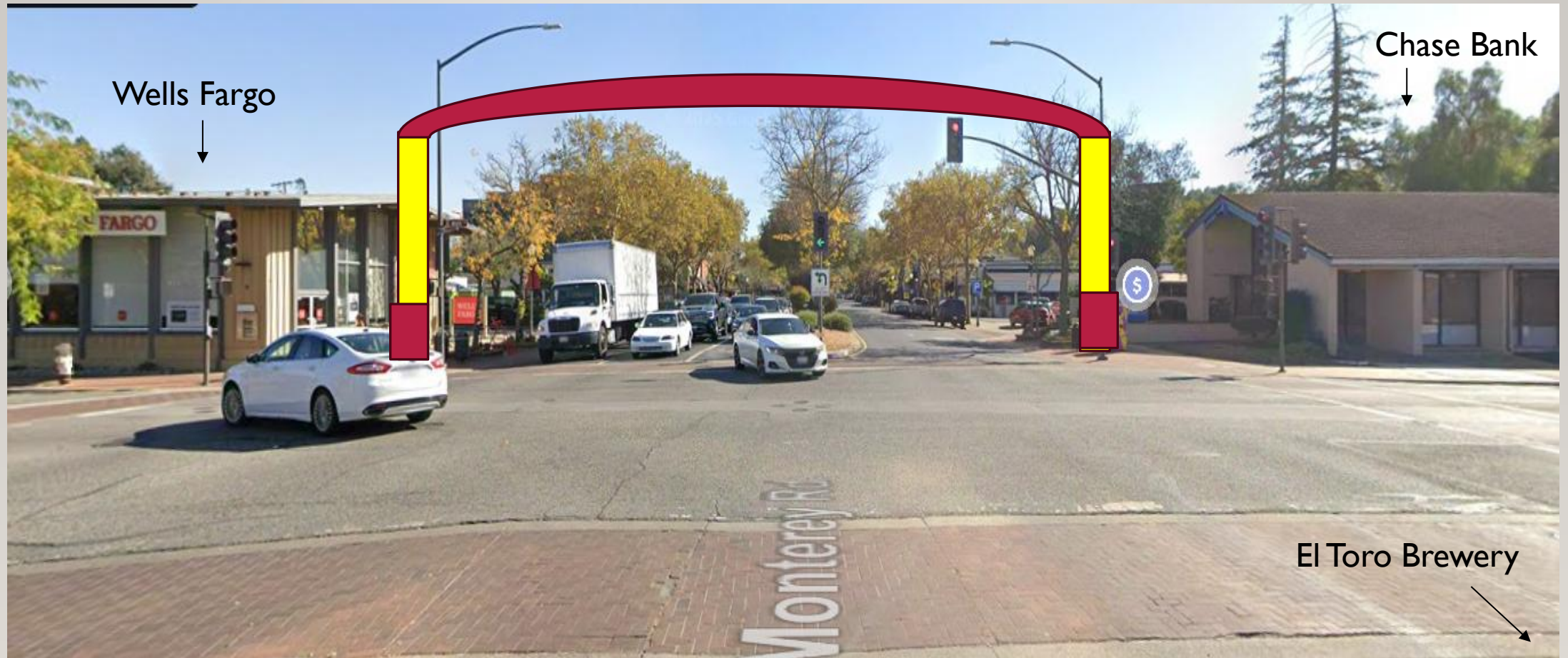


DOWNTOWN MORGAN HILL GATEWAY ARCH

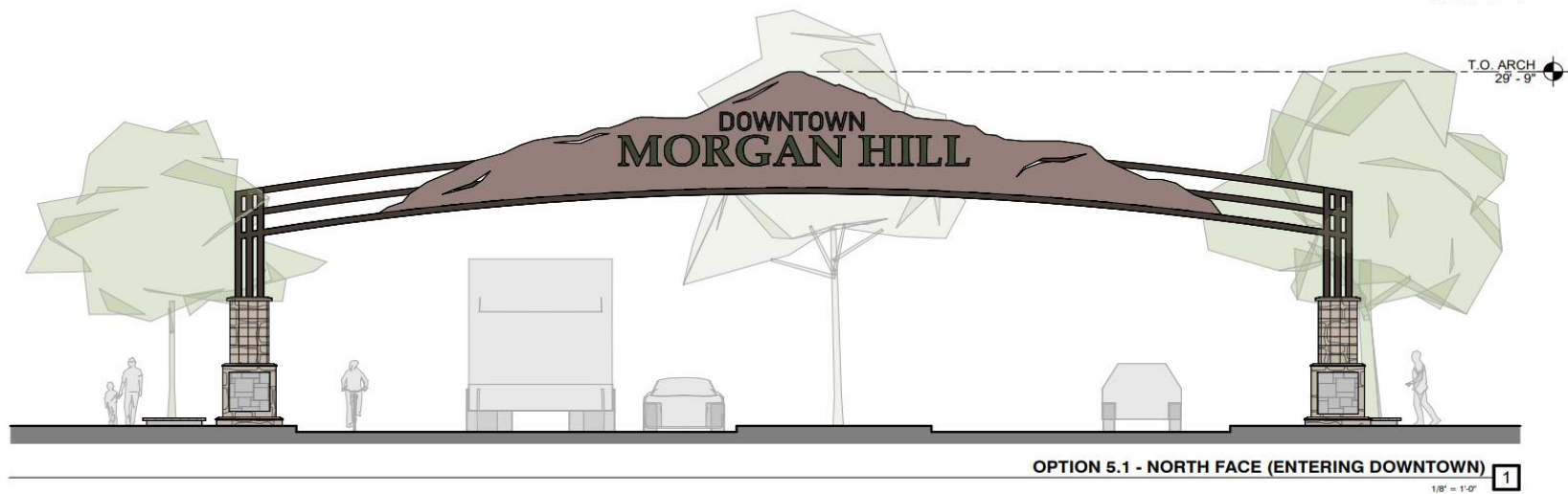
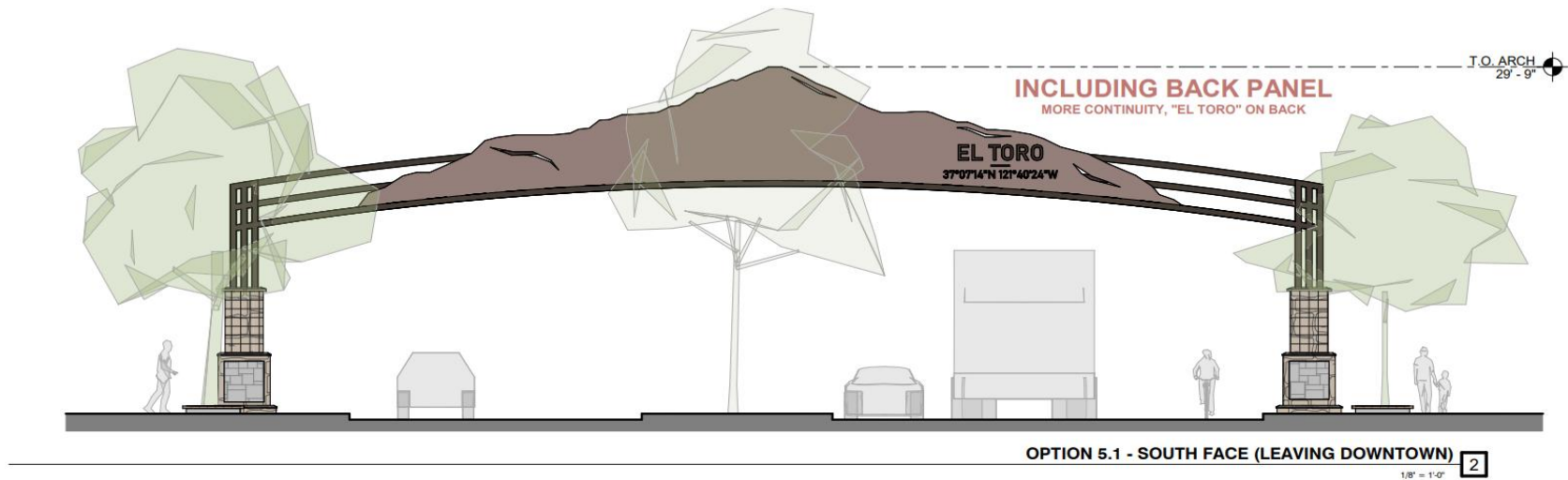
The Gateway Arch will serve as a bold, iconic entryway welcoming residents and visitors into our historic district.

A collaborative effort between DMHID, Kent Construction, and E2 Architects, the arch represents a long-term investment in downtown identity, tourism, and community pride.

LOCATION



GATEWAY ARCH DESIGN



307 ORCHARD CITY DR. STE. 350
CAMPBELL, CA 95008
408.265.5255

OPTION 5.1 - NORTH & SOUTH SIDES (INCLUDING BACK PANEL)

MORGAN HILL GATEWAY ARCH

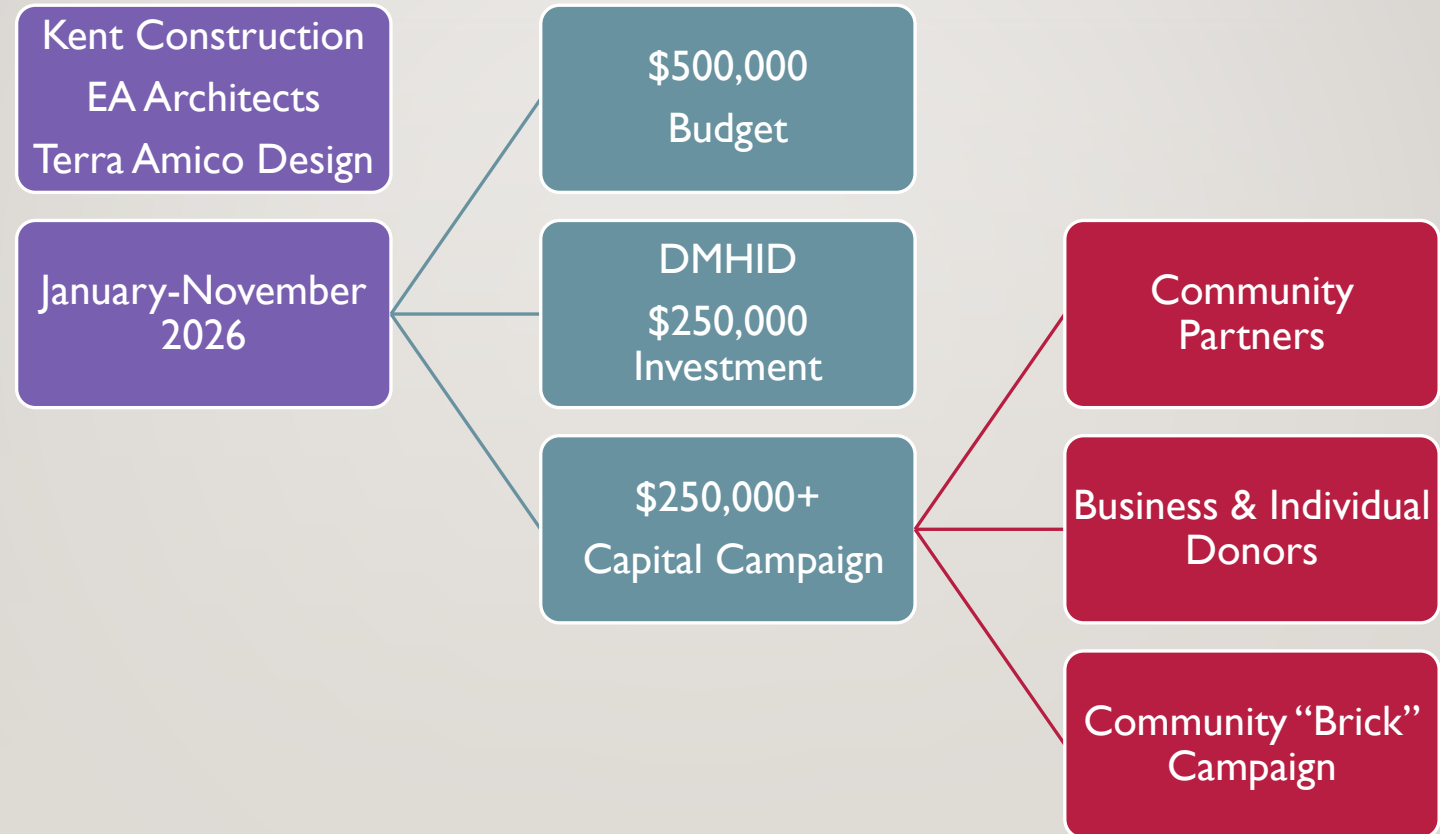
MONTEREY RD. & MAIN AVE.
MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

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OCT. 7, 2025



GATEWAY ARCH FUNDING PLAN



QUESTIONS

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Library, Culture & Arts Commission
FY 2025-2026 Work Plan
Council Approved August 20, 2025

Overall Mission: To assist the City Council in accomplishing its goals by fostering an environment conducive to and supportive of the arts, culture, and life-long learning in Morgan Hill, working with existing community groups to promote resources, and facilitate partnerships.

Project Area	City Council Goal Supported	Staff Resources Required	Specific Task / Commissioners Assigned
Project Area 1 Community Outreach	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness Community Outreach, Engagement, and Messaging	PS Director (minimal) CS Supervisor (moderate)	(1.a) Participate with other groups to support community outreach and support arts and culture in the community (including, Cura Contemporary, Colibri, El Toro Arts, SV Creates, Poppy Jasper International Film Festival, Morgan Hill Diwali Festival, Coyote Creek Music Festival, SJMA Let's Look at Art, Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana, Juneteenth, Kwanzaa, Caribbean Meet and Greet, South Valley Civic Theater) (All) (1.b) Support arts programming in conjunction with the Morgan Hill Magical Bridge Playground (All) (1.c) Use social media for promotion of Commission initiatives, cultural activities and announcements (Ganapathy/Carrillo) (1.d) Develop outreach program to the Latinx community through art programming (Santiago/Lyn) (1.e) Continue open art studio program (physical) (Blanton/Ganapathy) (1.f) Explore opportunities for youth engagement in arts through tabling at events with youth (Ganapathy/Rose) (1.g) Support the "Morgan Hill Stands United Against Hate/Morgan Hill Cares" campaign (Ganapathy/Blanton) (1.h) Monitor and support use of Prop 28 – Arts and Music in Schools (Carrillo/Ganapathy)
Project Area 2 Art and Culture Events	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	PS Director (minimal) Rec Manager (minimal) CS Supervisors (minimal)	(2.a) Support City Staff in producing the Art a la Carte event (All) (2.b) Evaluate implementing a Fine Arts Fair/Festival in 2027.

Project Area	City Council Goal Supported	Staff Resources Required	Specific Task / Commissioners Assigned
Project Area 3 Permanent and Proposed Public Art	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	PS Director (moderate) Maintenance Manager (minimal)	(3.a) Complete an Art Master Plan (Santiago/Ganapathy are Leads, All Support) (3.b) Review art inventory and public art webpage annually (Lyn/Ganapathy/Rose/Carrillo) (3.c) Review and recommend a plan for the use of Public Arts Funds (All) (3.d) Creating an artist registry (Lyn/Santiago) (3.e) Explore creation of digital artwork brochure (Carrillo) (3.f) Continue implementation of the utility box art program (Program: Ganapathy/Blanton/Lyn) (Sponsorship: Carrillo) (Inventory of Sites: Fiorenza) (3.g) Form subcommittees as needed to support specific art requests that come forward (All)
Project Area 4 Library Outreach and Support	Supporting our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community Enhancing Diversity and Inclusiveness	Library Staff (minimal)	(4.a) Support Library outreach and advocacy as needed (All) (4.b) Participate in annual Library Commissioners Forum (All) (4.c) Support Children's art show at the Library (Blanton/Carrillo) (4.d) Support Adaptive programming (Rose/Carrillo) (4.e) Support Storywalk
Project Area 5 Support of Historical Resources	Preserving our Community History	PS Director (minimal)	(5.a) Support outreach and advocacy for the Historical Society as needed (Santiago/Carrillo)

Staff Resources Required:

0-30 hours: Minimal; 31-60 hours: Moderate; 60+ hours: Significant

Future Potential Items (Parking Lot)

- 1) Explore other opportunities for Library art contests in other media (examples: poetry, photography, literature).
- 2) Implement second annual International Celebration utilizing entertainment and food from various cultures
- 3) Explore opportunities for the Commission to support the Morgan Hill Historical Society partnership, including supporting the Black History Project
- 4) Explore public art related to a homelessness outreach mural (Santiago)
- 5) Partner with artist to complete a community mural (Santiago/Blanton/Ganapathy)
- 6) Update identified potential art locations annually after completion of the public Art Master Plan.