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FALL 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Dear Moorpark Residents and Visitors,

Happy autumn, Moorpark! California's diverse weather conditions remind us of the importance of year-round preparedness. With forecasts calling for a strong El Niño winter and increased potential for rain and flooding, now is the time to clear gutters, inspect roofs and windows, and prepare your home. Residents are also encouraged to create emergency plans and participate in programs like Community Emergency Response Team training.

With the start of a new school year, please drive carefully around schools, watch for children crossing streets, and follow traffic laws during drop-off and pick-up times. E-bike safety remains a priority, and the City continues working with the Sheriff's Office and Moorpark Unified School District to educate families about safe and legal e-bike use, including proper equipment and compliance with regulations.

Several major projects are also moving forward. Construction of the new Moorpark Library is progressing on schedule, with the foundation completed and walls taking shape. The project remains on schedule for completion next summer. The new inclusive playground at Tierra Rejada Park is also underway, with demolition in progress and installation of new equipment beginning soon. Completion is expected by mid-November. Additionally, the City will repair the sewer line and repave the Chamber of Commerce parking lot on 18 East High Street, improving downtown parking and accessibility as well as use of the building.

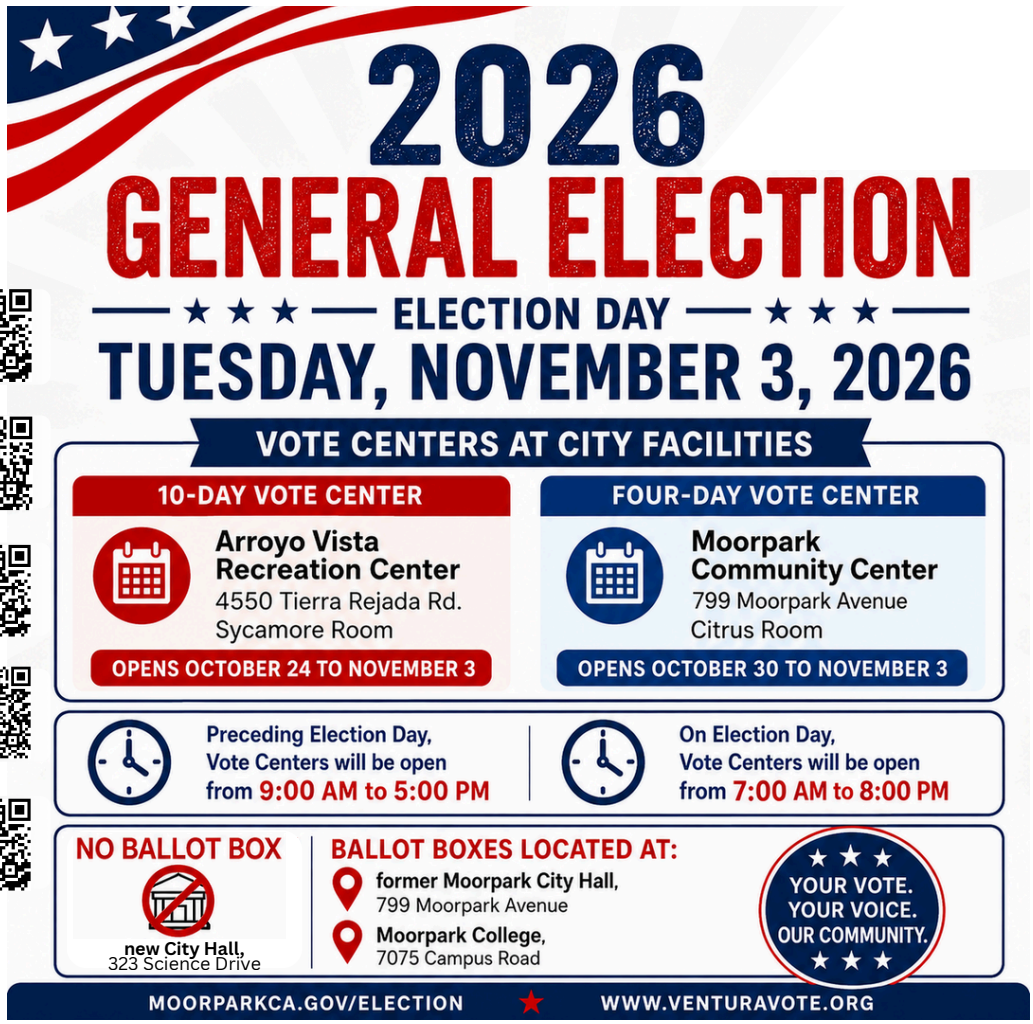
We are very fortunate to be living in an incredible community like Moorpark and I thank you for helping make Moorpark such a wonderful place to live, work, and enjoy!

Yours in service,

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*__Cover Photo:__ Moorpark College Biomanufacturing Bachelor's Degree New Student Welcome by Heidi Martin

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An Unexpected Escape in Moorpark

From championship golf to fireside dining and unforgettable events, Tierra Rejada Golf Club offers one of Moorpark's most scenic and welcoming destinations.



The Ranch offers fireside dining in a relaxed, scenic setting.



AT A GLANCE

- Public golf facility
- Opened in 1999
- 18-hole, par-72 course
- Designed by Robert E. Cupp
- The Ranch serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Private events available

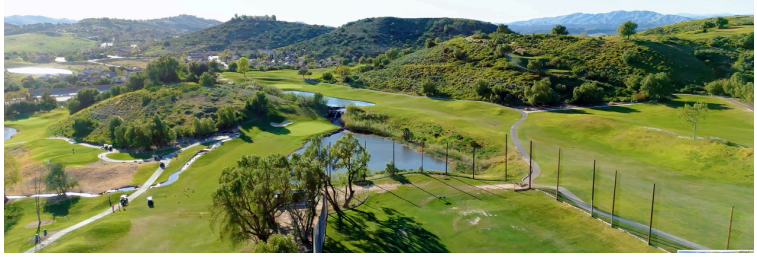
Tierra Rejada Golf Club is a public golf facility opened in December 1999 and is located just outside City limits. Nationally renowned architect Robert E. Cupp designed this 18-hole, par-72 championship course nestled in the foothills with rolling terrain and stunning natural views.

Five sets of tees ranging from 5,148 to more than 7,000 yards allow golfers of every skill level to enjoy a course tailored to their abilities. Premium practice amenities include a grass driving range, multiple short game areas and a large putting green. This scenic course delivers a memorable day of golf in a truly beautiful Southern California setting.

The course's full-service restaurant and bar, The Ranch, is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Friday nights often feature live music, creating the perfect setting for guests to unwind around the firepit and enjoy an evening under the stars. A hidden gem for private events, combining scenic natural surroundings with personalized service. The event team works closely with you to ensure a seamless experience, making it easy to create unforgettable moments with family and friends in a beautiful, scenic setting.

> *"A welcoming setting where golf, dining, and celebration come together in the foothills of Moorpark."*

Play, dine, and celebrate at Tierra Rejada Golf Club, where a welcoming setting makes it easy to enjoy the best of Moorpark living.



Rolling fairways and panoramic views define the Tierra Rejada experience.



Natural beuaty and personalized service make the venue ideal for gatherings

Understanding E-BIKES, E-SCOOTER'S, E-MOTORCYCLES

As electric bicycles and scooters become increasingly popular throughout Moorpark, it's more important than ever for residents, especially families, to understand how these devices are classified and where they can be used safely and legally.

With more young riders on the streets, bike lanes, and paths, the Moorpark Police Department wants to ensure everyone knows the rules designed to keep our community safe.

VEHICLE SPECS			USER REQUIREMENTS			
VEHICLE TYPE	PEDAL OPERATED	MAXIMUM MOTOR-ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	MINIMUM AGE (YEARS)	DRIVER'S LICENSE	LICENSE PLATE	HELMET
BICYCLE	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	17 & UNDER
TYPE 1 E-BIKE	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	17 & UNDER
TYPE 2 E-BIKE	NO	20	N/A	NO	NO	17 & UNDER
TYPE 3 E-BIKE	YES	28	16	YES	YES	YES
MOPED	NO	N/A	16	YES	YES	YES

Under California law, e-bikes are bicycles with fully operable pedals and an electric motor under 750 watts. To help riders better understand what they own and what rules apply, California separates e-bikes into three classes:

CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
Pedal assist only, with the motor turning off once the bicycle reaches 20 miles per hour.	Throttle capable bicycles, also limited to 20 miles per hour, and able to propel the bike without pedaling.	Pedal assist with a speedometer, offering assistance up to 28 miles per hour. Riders of Class 3 bikes must be at least sixteen years old, wear a helmet at all times, and may not carry passengers.

All e-bikes must include a manufacturer-applied label indicating their class, and riders of every class must follow the same traffic rules that apply to traditional bicycles. While Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are generally allowed on bike paths and lanes, Class 3 e-bikes may use those areas only if local ordinances allow it.



E-SCOOTERS

E-scooters are governed by separate California Vehicle Code requirements. Riders must have a valid driver's license or instruction permit, and those under 18 must wear a helmet. E-scooters generally cannot be ridden on sidewalks or streets with speed limits over 25 mph unless within a designated Class II or IV bike lane. They may not exceed 15 mph, carry passengers, or be operated in a way that prevents the rider from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars. Scooters must also be parked so they do not block sidewalks or create pedestrian hazards.

Local law enforcement agencies have seen a sharp increase in youth e-bike and scooter use, along with related collisions. In response, the Moorpark Police Department is emphasizing education and outreach, partnering with schools and community groups to promote safe riding, helmet use, and compliance with applicable laws. While education remains the preferred approach, unsafe or unlawful operation, particularly involving electric motorcycles, may result in citations, impoundment, or arrest when necessary to protect public safety.

E-MOTORCYCLES

E-motorcycles, including brands such as Sur-Ron, Talaria, and Segway, are not e-bikes or scooters and are classified as motorcycles under state law. **They are not street-legal in California and may only be used in designated off-highway vehicle areas with proper DMV registration.** Riding them on city streets, sidewalks, or in parks may result in citations and impoundment.

As these devices grow in popularity, the City of Moorpark and Moorpark Police Department encourage riders and parents to know the rules, ride responsibly, and help keep our streets safe. Understanding the differences between e-bikes, e-scooters, and electric motorcycles can help prevent injuries and protect the community.

For questions about e-bikes, e-scooters, or electric motorcycles, contact the Moorpark Police Department Traffic Bureau at 805-532-2700.



Habitat Ventura's Home Repair Program

Habitat Ventura's Home Repair Program helps homeowners stay safe, secure, and independent in their homes by addressing critical health and safety repairs. Since 2011, the program has helped 400+ individuals and families across Ventura County remain in the homes they love.

Repairs may include:

- roof work
- smoke detector installation
- accessibility improvements
- window and door replacements
- flooring
- plumbing
- electrical work
- paint
- fencing
- weatherization improvements

Please note: this program does not provide immediate emergency repairs.

To qualify, applicants must own and live in the home needing repairs, it must be a single-family home, have homeowner's insurance, meet income guidelines below 80% of Ventura County's median income, demonstrate a specific repair need, submit required supporting documents, complete 8 hours of sweat equity, and agree to live in the repaired home for at least three years after repairs are completed.

To apply, complete the FY 26/27 Home Repair Application available at habitatventura.org/homerepairs and submit all required documents. Completed applications may be emailed to homerepair@habitatventura.org or mailed to Habitat for Humanity of Ventura County, 1840 Eastman Avenue, Oxnard, CA 93030. For questions, call 805-485-6065 ext. 111.

Help Shape Ventura County's Hazard Mitigation Priorities

Ventura County is seeking public input to help update the 2027 Ventura County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Residents are encouraged to complete a brief survey to identify the hazards that concern them most and the community assets they believe should be protected.

Survey responses will help guide future mitigation strategies and investments that reduce disaster risk and improve resilience throughout Ventura County.

Please help spread the word by sharing the survey with residents, community organizations, and stakeholders. The survey is available at **Ready.VenturaCounty.gov.**



TAKE THIS QUICK SURVEY

TELL US YOUR MITIGATION PRIORITIES!

The survey is available at **Ready.VenturaCounty.gov.**



Earn a Bachelor's Degree Without Leaving Moorpark

As Moorpark College prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary in September 2027, we honor a legacy of helping students launch careers, earn certificates and associate degrees, and transfer to four-year universities. Now, students can take the next step without leaving our community.

Too many people put their bachelor's degree on hold because of the cost, the commute, family obligations, or work commitments - yet completing one can significantly increase lifetime earning potential and open the door to greater career opportunities.

Moorpark College is changing that.

With two innovative bachelor's degree programs - Biomanufacturing and Applied Cyberdefense and Network Operations - students can earn a respected, affordable degree while continuing to work, care for family, and stay close to home.

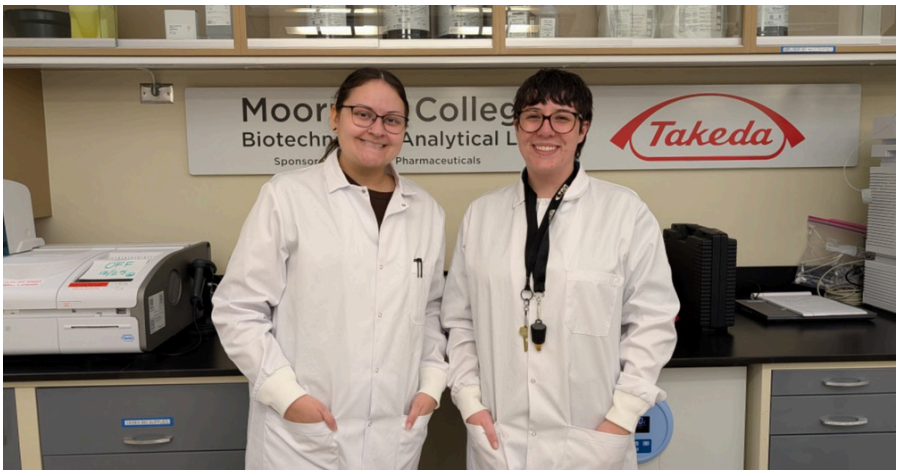
A Bachelor's Degree is:

- **Affordable:** Just **$130 per unit**—about **$7,800** for upper-division coursework. Many students qualify for financial assistance.
- **Fast:** Programs are designed to be completed in **two years**. Many students continue to work full-time.
- **Career-Focused:** Gain in-demand skills for careers in biotherapeutics, diagnostics, cybersecurity, and critical infrastructure.
- **Applicable:** Degrees are recognized by the CSU and UC systems for students inspired to pursue a graduate degree.





Learning Where Innovation Happens.



Biomanufacturing

Biomanufacturing students train in Moorpark College's state-of-the-art biotechnology analytical laboratory, unveiled in 2024 through the generous support of Takeda. The cutting-edge facility provides hands-on experience using industry-standard equipment, preparing students for today's rapidly growing biotech workforce.

Applied Cyberdefense and Network Operations

Cyberdefense students benefit from a program recognized at the highest level. In 2025, Moorpark College was designated a **National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (NCAE-CD)** by the **U.S. National Security Agency (NSA)** - a distinction earned by only a select number of colleges nationwide.







Applications Are Open

- **Applied Cyberdefense and Network Operations:** Applications are currently open for a **Spring 2027** start.
- **Biomanufacturing:** Programs are underway. Accepting new students for Fall 2028.

Scan to Apply

A bachelor's degree is closer - and more affordable - than ever.
Apply today: https://www.moorparkcollege.edu/departments/student-services/bachelor-degree-program

Student Success Stories

"I learned about the Biomanufacturing bachelor's degree program when I was still unsure of my career path, and after taking Intro to Biotech I immediately fell in love. The curriculum is preparing me for a successful career after Moorpark, and with our equipment and attentive professors, I don't believe I could get better hands-on training anywhere else."
-Sidnie

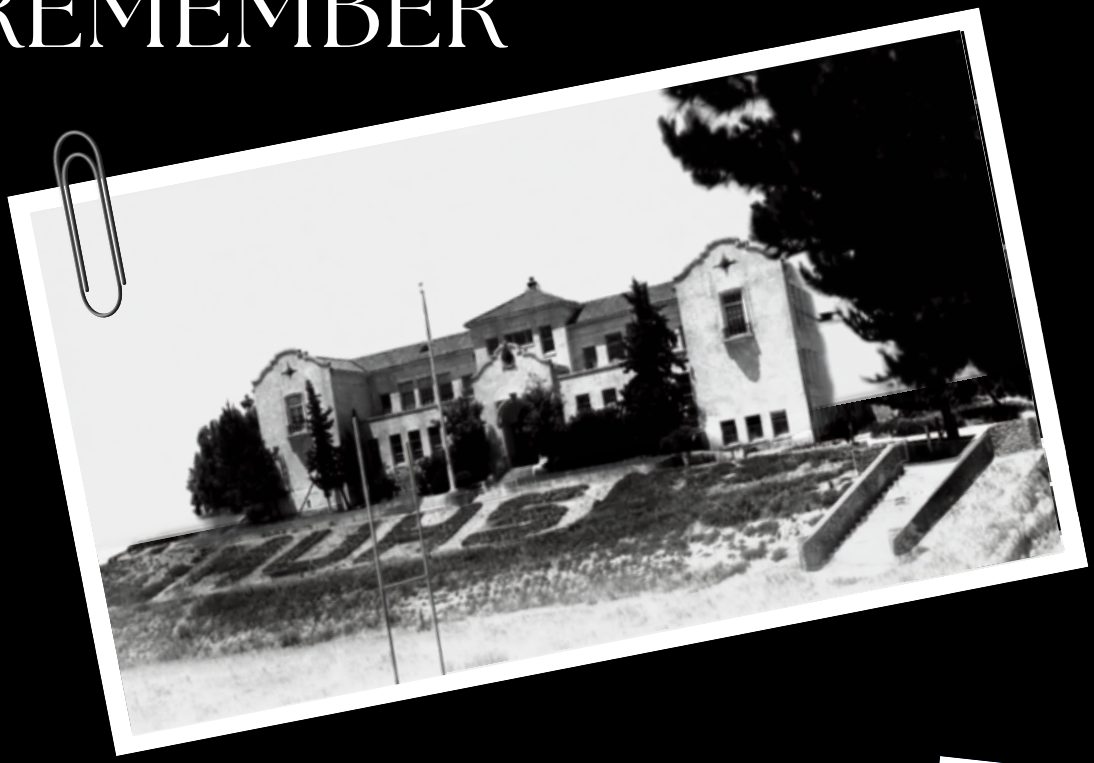
"As a single mother with limited financial resources, this new bachelor's program at Moorpark College means everything to me. Having a high-quality, cost-efficient option makes earning a bachelor's degree feel possible in a way I truly could not have considered otherwise."
-Marisa

A Degree That Fits Real Life

"For many of our students, attending a CSU isn't just inconvenient—it's impossible. This program lets talented, hardworking students earn a bachelor's degree without leaving their jobs, families, or community."

-Kevin Rickard, Professor

THE MEANING BEHIND MEMORIAL: MOORPARK'S FIRST HIGH SCHOOL WAS BUILT TO REMEMBER



Before Moorpark had a public high school, local families took education into their own hands. After Ventura County denied the community's request for a high school district in 1909, residents opened a private high school inside the Moorpark Women's Fortnightly Clubhouse. Students attended tuition-free but contributed $10 each year to help pay their teacher.

That changed in 1920, when Moorpark voters approved an $85,000 bond for a new public high school. The cornerstone was laid on October 30, 1920, at the location where Walnut Canyon Arts & Technology Magnet School stands today. The new school carried a meaningful name: Moorpark Memorial Union High School. "Memorial" was included to remember those who lost their lives during World War I. Even transportation arrived quickly—by September 1921, two Ford buses were carrying students to and from the new campus.

The original Mission-style building served the community until 1939, when earthquake damage forced its closure. A replacement high school was built at approximately the same location and continued serving Moorpark until the present Moorpark High School opened on Tierra Rejada Road in 1988.

Today, the original building is gone, but its former site—and the meaning behind its name—remain part of Moorpark's story.



Walnut Canyon Arts & Technology Magnet School today occupies the same historic site where Moorpak Memorial Union High SChool was built in 1920.

**Photos courtesy of the Moorpark Historical Society and the Moorpark Unified School District*

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Behind the Files: Meet Moorpark's First Records Supervisor

Good records management often happens behind the scenes, but it plays an important role in preserving Moorpark's history, supporting transparency, saving staff time, and helping the City serve the community more efficiently. Michelle McMurtry has been with the City for just over a year and a half, serving as Moorpark's first Records Supervisor. We recently spoke with Michelle about her work, the improvements she has helped implement, and what she enjoys most about public service.

What does your job involve, and why is records management important?
My role is to preserve the City's records, ensure they are retained or destroyed according to legal requirements, and make them easy for staff to access when needed. Good records management often happens behind the scenes, but it saves staff time, protects the City's history, supports transparency, and reduces administrative burdens.

What was involved in reorganizing records during the City Hall relocation?
The relocation was an opportunity to consolidate records from multiple locations and create a more organized, accessible system. I developed a color-coding system by department and worked closely with the movers to place records in intentional locations that would make future retrieval easier. The effort required collaboration across the organization, and supportive departments helped make the transition a success.

What improvements have you helped implement?
I have helped consolidate records into a centralized location, expand digitization, streamline records management processes, and ensure records are properly destroyed in accordance with the City's Records Retention Schedule. We also launched a new records request portal that provides the public with a more convenient way to submit requests, communicate with staff, and access released records. These efforts have improved accessibility while lowering annual off-site storage costs by 92%.

What are you most proud of, and what do you enjoy most about your work?
I am most proud of the relationships I have built and the culture of collaboration that has developed around records management. Every accomplishment reflects the people I have the privilege of working alongside. Public service has always been a passion of mine, and I enjoy knowing that my work contributes to a stronger, more efficient organization and helps the City better serve the Moorpark community.

By the Numbers

92%
Reduction in annual off-site records storage costs

8.6 to 1.6 days
Decrease in average public records request closure time

46 requests
Processed through NextRequest since its July 1, 2026 launch

