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## 2022 Moraga Citizen of the Year - Karen Reed

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Karen Reed - Moraga's 2022 Citizen of the Year  
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Back from a two-year hiatus due to COVID mandates, the 2022 Moraga Citizen of the Year honor is awarded to Moraga resident Karen Reed.

The basic criteria were that nominees could not be a current elected member or paid staff of the town or any other local public agency; must have a Moraga mailing address; must have given their time and talent to help make Moraga a vibrant community (one where people want to live, work and shop); and must be instrumental in bringing the community together and instill residential pride.

The Selection Committee recognized Reed for her broad scope of involvement with regards to the Moraga Park Foundation (holding office within the organization, Summer Concert Series, fundraising during the Pear Festival); Moraga Valley Kiwanis (holding office within the organization, Crab/Lobster Fest, See's Candy fundraiser, organizer of the annual Pear Harvest and tree pruning, daffodil planting, Fourth of July festivities); Park and Recreation Commission (research capacity); and Moraga Library (bookstore volunteer).

Many, if not all, of Reed's contributions to the town occur on an annual basis and the committee members felt that her positive energy and long-term volunteerism year-in and year-out embodied the characteristics of an overall exemplary Moraga citizen.

The 2022 Moraga Citizen of the Year Celebration Dinner will be held Friday, May 6 in the Soda Center at Saint Mary's College. The festivities begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner starting at 7 p.m., and the recognition program beginning at 8 p.m.

Pre-paid reservations are now available and required through co-sponsor Moraga Valley Kiwanis. The cost of a ticket is \$75 per person, and reserved tables of eight may be purchased for \$600. Tickets may be purchased online at: [moragavalleykiwanis.org](http://moragavalleykiwanis.org) where one can make a reservation; specify an entrée choice of either filet mignon or four-cheese ravioli; and pay for tickets with a credit card.

Reservations and tickets can also be handled by phone. Call Kiwanis member Chris McGuffin at (510) 499-0243. Provide credit card information or mail a check payable to "Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley" (mail to: Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 503, Moraga, CA 94556) and don't forget to specify choice of entrée.

Deadline to make reservations and purchase tickets is noon on Monday, May 2.

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