

LEADERSHIP MORGAN HILL

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NEWSLETTER

FALL 2026 EDITION

Hello Alumni, Class and Community Members

We hope this Fall Edition of our newsletter finds you well!

The Leadership Morgan Hill Board is sending out seasonal newsletters that highlight the organization's many ongoing activities. We look forward to hearing from you to find out if this newsletter is helpful and interesting.

If you have any suggestions, questions or requests feel free to reach out to info@leadershipmorganhill.com or reach out to us on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn. Find more information at leadershipmorganhill.com



"A lot of that success that we see as a city is based on volunteerism and people who have a passion for serving… so Leadership Morgan Hill is a great starting point to learn about where [you] can get involved beyond that."

– **Mark Turner, Mayor of Morgan Hill**



Public Statement

Board President, Daniel J Sanidad

Leadership Morgan Hill is proud to celebrate this year's leadership class and their extraordinary class project, "Many Stories, One Morgan Hill." Their work reflects something fundamental about leadership: meaningful impact is rarely created in a single moment. It is built through consistent action, relationships, curiosity, and a willingness to contribute.

Last year, as Leadership Morgan Hill celebrated its 30th anniversary, we embraced the message "Honoring the Past, Inspiring Our Future." As I reflected on that milestone and this year's accomplishments, I kept returning to a quote from George Van Valkenburg:

"Leadership is doing what is right, when no one is watching."

In a world where so much is highly visible and instantly measured, it can be easy to overlook the accumulated work behind meaningful accomplishments. Nine months of commitment. Countless conversations. Emails, text messages, meetings, decisions, challenges, adjustments, and collaboration. Much of that work will never be seen publicly, yet every action helped bring this class and its project to where they are today.

I believe leadership is a practice of behavior. It is demonstrated through the consistency of our actions and the value those actions create over time.

That belief is also at the heart of why Leadership Morgan Hill matters.

Our program empowers local leaders and fosters meaningful community connections, but its impact reaches further. We create opportunities for people to understand their community, engage with one another, build relationships across organizations and perspectives, and turn those relationships into positive and lasting impact throughout Morgan Hill.

As we celebrate this year's class, I encourage each of us to continue practicing leadership: stay curious, engage with one another, do the work that matters, and intentionally build the legacy we want to leave behind.

For those inspired to take the next step, Leadership Morgan Hill is now recruiting for the Class of 2027. And to everyone who continues to give their time, energy, ideas, and leadership toward strengthening our community: thank you. Together, our many stories continue to shape one Morgan Hill.







Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2026

The Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2026 officially graduated on September 14! After nine months of learning, connecting, and serving the Morgan Hill community, the class celebrated their graduation at Guglielmo Winery surrounded by friends and family.

The class' nine months of commitment and effort culminated in their class project "Many Stories, One Morgan Hill," a permanent self-guided history trail for the public to experience Morgan Hill's rich local heritage through 10 walking stops and 9 driving spots beginning at the historic Votaw Building. The trailhead sign is stationed at the Third Street Plaza and you can visit the trail with the QR to the right.

Congratulations Class of 2026!

Anja Hamilton, Ashleigh Bittle, Auxilia William, Carol Sheets, Heather Gallegos, Jeremy Medeiros, JoAnne Markowska, Reina R. Gonzalez, Sharon Wagner, Shellee Fisher, Sue Coakley, Tina Weinberger, Vanesa Fernandez, Wendelyn Scherbart

morganhillhistoricalsociety.org/history-trail





CLASS OF 2027
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Program Begins January



Discover your potential by joining a community of leaders working to **Inspire**, **Connect**, and **Serve** Morgan Hill.

Our nine-month program connects participants with local leaders, explores community challenges, and culminates in a service project that creates a lasting impact on Morgan Hill.

Scan Here to Learn More!

leadershipmorganhill.com/our-program

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Looking for Board Members

Our Leadership Morgan Hill Board is always looking for new members to join.

If you're passionate about giving back and helping shape the next generation of leaders in Morgan Hill, we'd love to connect.

Join the Leadership Morgan Hill Board to support local leadership development, strengthen community connections, and help guide a program rooted in service.

Email us at info@leadershipmorganhill.com or message us on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn. You can also find the board application here or scan the QR code below.

Upcoming Events

- **LMH First Fridays**
  First Friday of every month at 6 PM
  Bubbles & Brew
  Come stop by Bubbles & Brew on First Fridays beginning again on October 2 at 6 PM! Connect with and learn about your community with fellow LMH members, feel free to bring anyone you think may be interested in Leadership Morgan Hill!

Recent Events

- **LMH History Banners**
  Sunday, August 9
  Downtown Morgan Hill - Monterey Road
  LMH created and displayed large banners on poles along Monterey Road showcasing important moments, places and people in Morgan Hill history with images provide by the Morgan Hill Historical Society.





- **“Many Stories, One Morgan Hill” Ribbon Cutting**
  Saturday, August 29
  The LMH Class of 2026 officially launched their class project, a history trail featuring nine walking stops and 10 driving stops that explore Morgan Hill’s rich local heritage. The ribbon-cutting celebration included remarks from class members and project stakeholders, followed by a guided tour of the first six stops.





- **LMH Class of 2026 Graduation**
  Monday, September 14
  Guglielmo Winery
  The class officially graduated on September 14, marking the end of nine months of learning, connecting, and serving the community. The event was celebrated alongside friends, family and community members topped off with catering by Guglielmo Winery.

- **LMH Information Sessions**
  August 26 & September 24
  Community & Cultural Center
  LMH held information sessions for those interested in joining future classes. If you, or someone you know, are interested in attending future information sessions; email recruiting@leadershipmorganhill.org



Sign up for Leadership Morgan Hill 2027 Class

Classes are scheduled at sites throughout Morgan Hill January through September. A welcome session and overnight retreat starts the course in early January. Monthly Monday evening classes, monthly Friday classes, an overnight session in Sacramento for State Government and a graduation ceremony and reception is scheduled in September at the Guglielmo Winery. An integral part of the experience includes participation in the class community project. This is a critical engagement experience and most planning occurs outside of pre-scheduled class dates.

Successful completion of the Leadership Morgan Hill program is based on attendance and full participation in the curriculum. A limited number of scholarships are available to assist participants. Fill out the class application here or scan the QR code to the right.





Opportunities in Morgan Hill

Morgan Hill Historical Society
Established 1971

- **Morgan Hill Historical Society - Board Member**

  The Morgan Hill Historical Society is seeking passionate community members to serve on their Board of Directors. They are looking for individuals with an interest in local history who enjoy collaborative teamwork and are eager to learn about our organization and mission. As a board member, you'll help shape the future of historical preservation in Morgan Hill while working alongside dedicated colleagues who share your passion for our community's heritage. Apply here. morganhillhistoricalsociety.org/volunteer

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Donations/Contributing to Leadership Morgan Hill

Leadership Morgan Hill focuses on development of next generation leaders and volunteers who are called to serve in our community, Morgan Hill. Tuition covers less than half the cost of the program. Will you help us build community in Morgan Hill?

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