

LEADERSHIP MORGAN HILL

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NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026 EDITION

Hello Alumni, Class and Community Members

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

The Leadership Morgan Hill Board is sending out seasonal newsletters that highlight the many on-going activities of LMH and our 2026 class. 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

As Leadership Morgan Hill moves ahead, we are also intentionally looking back, honoring the history of people, their work and their legacy that have helped to shape our Morgan Hill community. In recognition of Morgan Hill's 120th Anniversary, Leadership Morgan Hill is giving back by supporting the organizations that have helped us continue to inspire the leadership that has continued to impact this community.

This year we are helping sponsor the Wildflower Run which will be held on April 12th. We are also collaborating with the Morgan Hill Historical Society to co host a free event at Villa Mira Monte. The Living History Day will offer our residents a meaningful opportunity to engage with Morgan Hill's rich history and explore the Villa Mira Monte site. This event will be held on: May 2nd from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Don't miss the 'Tea House Trivia Game', 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. where up to 6 teams will compete for a prize - a party at the Morgan Hill House!

In lieu of hosting a traditional tribute dinner this year Leadership Morgan Hill posthumously honored Beth Wyman for her groundbreaking efforts in historical preservation and civic leadership. Beth's work leaves us a lasting impact, and will continue to inspire others to lead Morgan Hill with a purpose and connect their passion with service.

This new direction reflects our commitment to Inspire, Connect, and Serve in ways that are inclusive, accessible, and deeply rooted in Morgan Hill's story. We are grateful for the continued support of our community partners and residents as we evolve how Leadership Morgan Hill continues to inspire change.

Thank you for being part of this journey along with us.







Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2026 Status

The Leadership Morgan Hill Class of 2026 kicked off the year with their Opening Retreat in January at the Los Gatos Lodge, where they connected and gained insight into the upcoming year in the program.

Since then, the class has explored key aspects of the community through board-run events such as Local Education Day and Local & Regional Government Day, culminating in a trip to Sacramento for State Government Day.

The Class has also begun work on their project titled "Many Stories, One Morgan Hill." The project will create a self-guided historical trail through downtown Morgan Hill, featuring approximately 20 stops highlighting important landmarks, people, and events in our city's history. Each stop will include a plaque and a QR code that connects visitors to deeper stories, photos, and audio narration online.

The class's goal is to create a lasting experience that everyone can enjoy for years to come while strengthening appreciation for Morgan Hill's heritage.

Learn more about the class's project and how you can help by visiting the class website. You can also become a sponsor by donating.
leadershipmorganhill.com/class-of-2026

"I talked to a lot of people that had already done it and they had just wonderful things to say about it, how much you learn, how involved you get, the people that you work for and that it's just a wonderful experience and so I thought you know what im going to do it, I don't know if this opportunity will come up again so I'm doing it and I'm very glad I am."

– JoAnne Markowska, LMH Class of 2026



Looking for Board Members

Our Leadership Morgan Hill Board is 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

- **AAUW Wildflower Run**
  Sunday, April 12
  LMH will be sponsoring and attending the annual run. Sign up for the run here.
  wildflowerrun.org/registration/



- **Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Networking Mixer**
  April 16 @ 5:30 pm. - 7 p.m.
  The Morgan Hill Grange
  Join the chamber for a fun night of networking along with an introduction of the LMH class of 2026's project.

- **Living History Day**
  Saturday, May 2 @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
  Villa Mira Monte
  LMH is collaborating with the Morgan Hill Historical society to launch a free-to-attend event with family-friendly activities and and opportunity to step into Morgan Hill's history. We eocnoruage you to dress up historically. If you have any questions email: kdevine@morganhillhistoricalsociety.com



- **Tea House Trivia Game**
  Saturday, May 2 @ 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
  Villa Mira Monte 'Tea House' Tent
  During Living History Day, LMH will be hosting trivia where 6 teams will compete for a prize. Sign up at TeaHouseTrivia.auctria.events or scan the QR code to the right.





Recent Events

- **Beth Wyman Celebration of Life**
  Sunday, February 12
  LMH attended Former Morgan Hill mayor, educator, and passionate advocate, Beth Wyman's, celebration of life. Board president Daniel Sanidad presented Beth's family with a posthumous Honorary Leadership Excellence Award in recognition of Beth's lasting impact on our community.

- **Rotary Grant Award Luncheon**
  Wednesday, March 25
  LMH received a $500 Grant from Rotary to support our Orientation Retreat Weekend in January of this year. We are grateful for Rotary's generous support and acknowledged their gratitude at the Luncheon in late March.

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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