

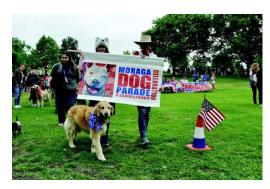
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Day-long Fourth of July celebrations scheduled at Moraga Commons

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It's that time of year again! Put on your red, white and blues for the annual Fourth of July festivities happening from morning to night at Moraga Commons Park located at 1425 St. Mary's Road.

There will be entertainment, food and activities for all ages including three categories of Fun Runs: Kiddie Run, 5 Mile Run and 2 Mile Run (register at moragafunrun.com).

In the commons, the day starts out with a 7:30 a.m. pancake breakfast, followed by a dog parade at 9 and a kid's bike parade at 10:30. Community booths along with food, wine and beer booths will be on hand. Also, the ever-popular inflatables should keep the youngsters amused in addition to family entertainment at the band shell.

Last year's dog parade Photo Andy Scheck

The National Anthem will set the tone for the evening at 6:45 p.m. followed by the mayor's welcome speech. Before the fireworks show, a 7 p.m. concert by the band House Rockers will be on hand to get the party started. The fireworks are estimated to begin at 9:30 p.m. After the "bombs bursting in air" display concludes, House Rockers will once again perform to close out America's 243rd birthday.

If you don't want the fireworks display to be a "dud," make a contribution to the Buy-A-Rocket fund. The goal is to raise \$30,000 for a truly spectacular light show. Send a check payable to: Town of Moraga, Buy-A-Rocket and mail it to 2100 Donald Dr., Moraga, CA 94556. Online donations are also welcome. Visit moragarec.com.

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