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First Ever Tri-town Community Picnic Tomorrow *Neighbors without borders*

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Local kids join in a hearty game of tug of war at the Moraga Commons. Photo courtesy Jay Ingram

At 6:30 p.m., it's time to settle down a bit and enjoy Zebop, a fantastic Santana cover band. Does it get much better than small town togetherness, a paper cup of wine and children playing on the grass? Commenting on the event, Ingram said, "It's a great opportunity to bring the three communities together and connect with neighbors."

Up for tug of war or a water balloon toss? Tomorrow, Aug. 15, all of Lamorinda is invited to the first-ever Community Picnic at the Moraga Commons. Thanks to Lamorinda Presents - a new organization geared toward bringing our trio of towns together to collaborate on events - organizers banded together to bring the makings of a night to remember.

Community togetherness kicks off at 4 p.m. with a free-for-all; the Parks and Recreation directors of all three municipalities are bringing footballs, Frisbees and all kinds of sporting equipment for residents to play park games at their leisure to get the party started.

Then around 5:30 p.m., Moraga Parks and Recreation Director Jay Ingram will organize old-fashioned games like tug of war, a water balloon toss, a three-legged race, a water melon eating contest and more, similar to the Fourth of July celebration held at the same location. The Park Foundation will begin serving food at that time, but folks with a BYO picnic basket are welcome to dig in at any time. Unlike most parks, the Moraga Commons allows alcohol, but strongly discourages glass containers; thirsty patrons are welcome to responsibly enjoy adult beverages.

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