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Los Perales Elementary School's Ink Recycling Program

By Vera Kochan



Used cartridges Photo Vera Kochan

Don't throw away your used toner and inkjet printer cartridges. Los Perales Elementary School, 22 Wakefield Dr., Moraga, (925) 631-0105, has found a way to earn extra cash from used cartridges without spending a dime.

Dana Ludwig, the school's site technology coordinator, estimates that Los Perales has earned between \$100-\$150 per year by recycling the cartridges through Funding Factory. Ludwig said, "The nice feature about this program is that the company provides UPS shipping labels for free. I just pack up the cartridges in a box, affix a shipping label, and then it gets picked up along with the other UPS packages at the school."

Funding Factory (www.fund-

ingfactory.com), was founded in 1997. According to its website, the company and its participants "have helped keep over 43.3 million pounds of items out of landfills, simply by collecting used toner and inkjet printer cartridges. Our mission is to recycle and re-manufacture used toner and cartridges, giving items the second life they deserve, while providing a simple way for organizations to earn money."

Ludwig said Los Perales has been partnered with Funding Factory for almost 20 years. The only item they don't accept is copy machine toner tubes. While the amount paid for each cartridge may vary according to the brand, model number and type of cartridge (laser or inkjet), the program itself is 100 percent free.

If you have cartridges piling up around the house or office, bring them to Los Perales Elementary's office, and Ludwig will gratefully accept them. "It is nice to know that we are doing something to help the environment while earning a little money for the school," she said.

Moraga Town Council reorganizes

By Vera Kochan



Marty McInturf administers oath of office to Mike McCluer and Steve Woehleke
Photos Vera Kochan

Marty McInturf, Moraga's town clerk, administered the oath of office to newly elected council members Mike McCluer and Steve Woehleke during the latter part of the Dec. 12 town council meeting, followed by the nomination and election of a new mayor and vice mayor. Moraga's new mayor is Roger Wykle, whose term expires December 2019 and council term expires December 2020. The new vice mayor is Kimberleigh Korpus, whose term expires December 2019 and council term expires December 2020.

Recently appointed council member, Renata Sos, also has her council term expire in December 2020, and she is now joined by McCluer and Woehleke, whose terms both expire December of 2022.

Wykle said, "Thanks for my second time as mayor and the trust and confidence. I think we're going to do great things. And, welcome to Mike and Steve."

"I'm feeling in awe and very privileged to be here," Korpus said. "I'm looking very much forward to getting to know our new town council members better and having us pull together as a team and work for the betterment of the town."

McCluer stated, "It's great to be here. ... continued on Page A10



Vice Mayor Kimberleigh Korpus and Mayor Roger Wykle

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