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Moraga Parks and Rec reduces rates for Hacienda facility rentals



Reduced rates coming for Hacienda kitchen use. Photo Vera Kochan

By Vera Kochan

The Parks and Recreation Department will reduce facility rental rates for the Hacienda de las Flores effective July 7.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Breyana Brandt, the decision to lower hourly rates was made “to boost revenue and keep the space activated.” The event rental season has also been expanded to include the month of April.

The Hacienda kitchen rental fees will be reduced to \$30 per hour for all renters (nonprofit, private and com-

mercial), a substantial decrease from \$40, \$45 and \$110 respectively. The kitchen staging fee, currently a \$60 flat rate for all renters, will be eliminated completely.

The Casita, while currently closed for renovations thanks to the generous \$120,000 donation from the Hacienda Foundation of Moraga, will reopen by late August to welcome the Moraga Day Camp. The Casita’s hourly rental rates will be \$35 nonprofit, \$40 private and \$85 commercial. Brandt noted, “After the Casita repairs, we’ll still have money left to work

on the gas inserts for the fireplaces in the Hacienda and Pavilion.”

Also available for rental is the La Sala facility. Most often used for birthday parties and classes, La Sala comes equipped with a residential-sized kitchen. Hourly rental rates are \$35 nonprofit, \$40 private and \$85 commercial.

With reduced facility rental rates in a historic and beautiful setting, residents and out-of-towners can make their special occasions more memorable with an event at the Hacienda de las Flores.

The Moraga Community Faire – an unofficial marker for the start of summer

By Vera Kochan

Moraga residents came out to the Community Faire on May 11 to soak up the sun and partake of a little bit of town camaraderie.

Held in the parking lot of the Rheem Shopping Center, there was something for everybody to enjoy. The Classic Car Show boasted nearly 70 cars on display; community organizations and businesses had booths with giveaway items; the Moraga-Orinda Fire District displayed a fire truck with all of

its doors and panels open for a closer look; food trucks and booths offered an assortment of mouthwatering delicacies; and for the kids, a gigantic inflatable slide with games and pony rides. One 5-year-old, Adi, was thrilled with her turn on a pony, admitting that it wasn’t her first time on horseback.

With smiles in abundance and good cheer all around, the Moraga Community Faire is just another reminder of what’s great about this town.



Rides and games for the kids

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