

Where to Watch the Fireworks

By Chris Lavin



The Fourth of July is coming up, and Moraga is the only game in town if you want to watch fireworks in this area that night.

The display, by the company Pyro Spectaculars, Inc., will kick off at dark on July 4 over the Moraga Golf Course, on Moraga Way. Parking is available at the Moraga Commons and overflow parking is available near Moraga Center.

“This company has been doing our show for years, and they do a really good job,” said Penelope Leach, director of the Parks and Recreation Department in Moraga.

The whole show costs the Town about \$17,000, which pays for insurance, extra police officers for directing traffic, and the fireworks themselves. Last year the Town went out for bids for a better rate on the fireworks display, but Pyro Spectaculars still won out. The cities of Orinda and Lafayette contribute some monies to the display, although much comes from private donations.

Those donations can be made through

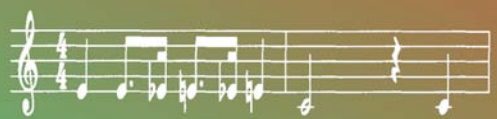
the “Buy a Rocket” campaign by calling by calling 925-631-6842. When an explosive rocket goes up, parents will be able to say, “There’s ours!” ...but only once if you pay the 40 bucks. You can donate any amount, Leach said, and even the smallest amount will be appreciated.

If you are taking your kids, or if you are simply curious, some of the best information about fireworks can be found on the Internet at Wikipedia when you search for “fireworks.” Also, for information about the country’s birthday, you can always consult the Declaration of Independence, which was signed that day in 1776, and read at least the first three lines of the second paragraph and talk about them during the evening barbecue.

Text can be found at <http://usmilitary-history.com/declrind.htm>, among other places, but probably not enough.

Fireworks may then ensue.

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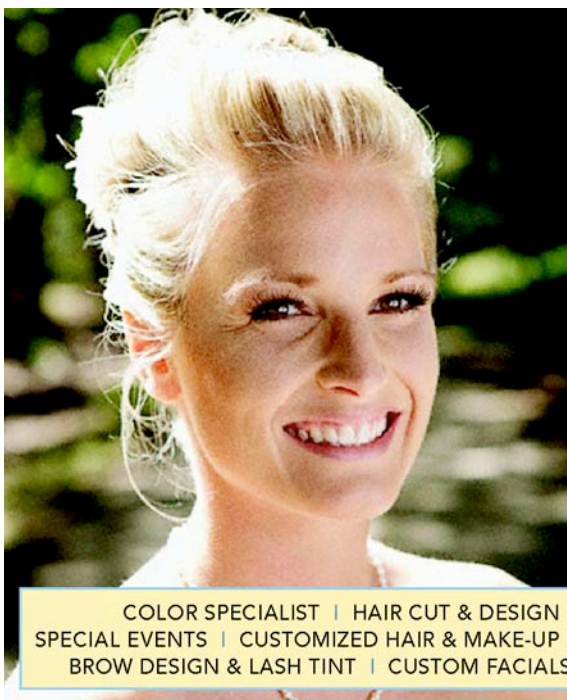
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