



At the Orinda Library Fountain: Ava Tajbakhsh (9), Ben Westphal (10), Amanda Young (4)

At the Moraga Commons: (L to R) Aaron Diggton (6), Meery Bathwal (4), Alish Bathwal (6), Dhilan Shah (4), Mira Shah (2)

A Hot Day - Summer 2007

At his Moraga home: Tommy Richards has some watery fun

Keeping Cool in Lamorinda

By Sophie Braccini

Lamorinda is usually blessed with mild weather; it's rarely too hot to move or too cold to even consider leaving the warmth of our homes. But on those several days that seem to come each summer when the mercury rises above our comfort level, a cool splash in the water is a welcome relief.

It can be hard to find a public place in Lamorinda to frolic in the water. Our area is strewn with private clubs, from the low key "Cabana" of the Campolindo Homeowners Association to the posh Orinda

Country Club. But for those who do not own a pool and are not "members," splashes are scarce.

For the kids, Moraga Commons, at the corner of Moraga Rd and St Mary's Blvd, offers a fun sprinkler-like experience where your little ones can delight themselves for hours. Kids have also been seen splashing gleefully in public fountains, but this is not really the purpose for which these decorative structures were intended.

For public swimming, your only option is the Soda

Aquatic Center, behind Campolindo High School on Moraga Rd; a lap swim can be purchased a ticket at a time. Hours until August 17 are Monday to Friday 7:00-9:30am 12:00- 2:30pm and 11:30 to 2:30 on weekends. There is no recreational swimming at this time, but... stay tuned!

And don't forget the old Slip 'N Slide that can refresh children of all ages, including parents who don't mind the added benefit of providing a source of endless amusement for their neighbors.



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