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## Spring Fun in Moraga

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### The 3rd annual Treeline Triathlon will be held on April 25.

Last year saw a very successful event and this year again sportsmen and women of all ages will compete in a combination of a 400 meter swim, 22k bike ride and 5k run. The swim will start at 7 a.m. at the Soda Aquatic Center. The bike route will then take the athletes down Moraga Road to Canyon Road, right on Pinehurst to the Canyon School

turnaround and then back into Town. The last part is the run that takes participants racing thru the Campolindo neighborhood ending in Campo stadium. Athletes are warned to save some energy, because the last leg is a victory lap around the track, ending in front of the Grandstand. Last year 115 women participated, as well as 116 men and 15 relay teams (we here at your friendly neighborhood newspaper have opted to observe this year rather than participate.) As of April 9 there were 205 registered participants, comparable to this time last year according to Parks and Rec Director Jay Ingram. 100 volunteers have signed up to help run a very smooth event; a few spots are still available; call Ingram at 888-7034 if you are interested in helping out. The Town of Moraga, Village Associates Real Estate and the other sponsors will host a post-race awards ceremony and celebration with food and music. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each category. Registration ends on April 20, online registration is available at [www.moragatri.com](http://www.moragatri.com).

### Moraga Beautiful Days - starting May 2

Come help make your town beautiful and help spruce up Rancho Laguna Park for the summer. The day starts at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday at the park. Tasks for all levels of ages and abilities will be available. Wear old clothes, and bring gloves. From May 4th -8th curbside re-use and large garbage pick-up will be provided by Allied Waste Services for homeowner clean-up days.

### 1st Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival

The Hacienda Foundation and the Town of Moraga Parks & Recreation Department will offer an afternoon of celebration and fun on Tuesday May 5, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The celebration of the Mexican victory of May 5 1862 against Napoleon III is an opportunity in Moraga for entertainment and amusement for the whole family. There will be music, tortilla making, piñatas and activities for kids managed by the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee and adult volunteers. The Mariachi band that will be performing plays at La Cabana

Restaurant in Concord every week. Food will be served at nominal cost for the event to be affordable for families. Quesadillas, Nachos, Margaritas, beer, and soft drinks will be available for purchase. The Hacienda Foundation board members & friends are staffing & providing the food and beverage. "With this event, the Hacienda Foundation wants to promote the community awareness and use of the Hacienda buildings," says Judy Dinkle, President of the Foundation. The Foundation hopes to make Cinco de Mayo celebration a new tradition in Moraga.

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### 3rd annual Moraga Community Faire on May 9

This third edition of the Faire at Rheem is centered on entertainment for all ages with many new events. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Moraga Chamber of Commerce has arranged for performances by local music groups, including Little Dog 2 and the Jazz Bands from both Campolindo High School and Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School; opportunities to buy arts, crafts and jewelry from a wide variety of artists; and a chance to sample food from local restaurants and wine from five or six area vintners. For the very first time the Moraga Juniors will sponsor a sidewalk chalk art contest. Up to 100 individuals or teams of individuals ages 3-18 may enter. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. the day of the event. A \$1 participation fee covers the cost of the chalk. The theme is "Beautiful Moraga," and prizes will be awarded to winners in each age group: 3-5, 5-8, 9-12 & 13-18. Another Moraga first, a car show, will highlight classic cars owned by Lamorinda residents and give attendees a chance to see types of cars that aren't often seen on the streets and talk to the owners who have carefully restored them. In addition, there will be a climbing wall for the adventurous of all ages, as well as a bounce house and other children's activities. As always, many local retail and businesspeople will be on hand to showcase the wealth of resources in Moraga and will be joined by local nonprofit organizations. The event is supported by the Town of Moraga.





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