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## Moraga's public facilities and community events update

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While the public yearns for the resumption of normal activities, the town of Moraga is adhering to the guidelines issued by the Contra Costa County Health Officer. At this point in time the town offices, Hacienda de las Flores and the Moraga Library remain closed through May 31. The Moraga police department continues to remain open.

With regards to park facilities, all parks, open space, trails, park restrooms, the skate park and most parking lots are open with the reminder to observe physical distancing of 6 feet when near non-household members and to wear a mask.

Still on the closed list are playgrounds and play structures, picnic areas, off-leash hours at Rancho Laguna Park, basketball/volleyball courts and the main parking lot at Moraga Commons.

Unfortunately, the town has had to cancel its summertime family favorite events. The Hacienda Nights food trucks (June/July) and the Summer Concert Series will have to wait for next year. The Fourth of July celebration and fireworks have been canceled as well, but according to Parks and Recreation Director Breyana Brandt plans are in the works for a virtual celebration event. The Family Campout originally scheduled in June has been postponed for now. The Moraga Community Fair and Classic Car Show, typically held the second Saturday in May, hopes to make an appearance later in the year.

"The county has not allowed social events to resume," stated Brandt. "The private events/rentals scheduled at the Hacienda through June have all been canceled or postponed. With the COVID-19 impacts on the 2020 event season, the 2021 season is booking up fast. The Hacienda will be available for viewing by appointment only starting June 1."

Parks and Rec still plans on launching the Moraga Day Camp for families who will need summer childcare. Strict guidelines set forth by Contra Costa County Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be maintained. The program will run June 8 to Aug. 7.

Enrichment Camps at the Hacienda have been canceled for the summer due to space constraints related to social distancing requirements. One exception is the Skateboard Academy to be offered at Moraga Commons with additional precautions. Many enrichment opportunities will be offered virtually.

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