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## Flag pole dedication, tree planting at Pear & Wine Festival

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After nearly 40 years, a new flagpole was dedicated at Moraga Commons Park Sept. 25, in addition to the planting of a new maple tree, thanks to a donation from the Moraga Community Foundation, with major funding coming from Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and the Eagle Foundation. The ceremony kicked off the return of the annual Pear and Wine Festival, which had taken a yearlong hiatus due to the pandemic. Moraga resident Bob Moore, who was a member of Boy Scout Troop 212 when the original flagpole was dedicated in 1982 commented on how much has changed since then. "The picture from the paper back then had no trees (in the park); now look at it. This is such a beautiful, gorgeous park and it's neat to see the Boy Scouts carry on the tradition, as well as have the Girl Scouts involved," he said, adding that none of this would have been possible without the extreme hard work of Tom "Mac" McIntosh, who recently passed away. "He was `Mr. 212.'" Moraga Mayor Mike McCluer gave special thanks to members of Boy Scout Troop 212, Girl Scout Troop 33780, Cub Scout Troop 351, and Mina Lim, the multiple Lamorinda Idol winner and Campolindo High School sophomore who sang "The Star Spangled Banner."



Scouts surround newly planted maple tree.

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