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Bubble Palooza event delights children with white foamy fun at Moraga Commons Park

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Local kids enjoy a morning of fun May 30 during Bubble Palooza at Moraga Commons. Photo Vera Kochan

Moraga's Parks and Recreation Department has, once again, put on an event to keep the townsfolk entertained in an unusual way.

The brainchild of Recreation Supervisor Jasmine Bateson, Bubble Palooza's May 30 festivities at the Moraga Commons Park saw approximately 70 kids (5 years old and younger), throughout the morning plunge into a huge mound of bubbles across a 20-foot by 20-foot area produced by an electric machine that closely resembled a leaf blower, but without the noise.

A concentrated bubble solution was poured into a tank where water was added to create the foamy white bubbles one would see during a bubble bath at home. There was no "tub" per se. The bubbles were sprayed onto the grass under what serves as the town's Holiday Tree in December. There were also several small machines around the perimeter that blew the kind of bubbles made from a typical bubble-blowing toy.

Children played for about an hour in the two-foot-deep bubbles wearing their clothes and enormous

smiles. One can't help but wonder if bath time at home is met with as much enthusiasm. Parents watched with expressions that could have said, "I wish I could jump in there, too!"

Isabelle (3) could barely muster up a few words for an interview when asked if she was enjoying herself. Rather, she kept pointing to the bubble pile as if to explain that's where she wanted to be, and the interview was over.

Emily, Isabelle's mom, said that her daughter was initially hesitant to go into the foam, let alone touch it. "Now she's putting piles of bubbles on her head."

While a new batch of bubble solution was being made, the small revelers stood around the dwindling remains with expectant looks on their faces and refused to leave the area in the hopes that a fresh batch of suds would soon be manufactured.

"It's kind of hokey," said Bateson, "but if it's 15 minutes of smiles for the day, then it's worth it."

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