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New Parks Department recreation supervisor takes over

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Jasmine Bateson Photo Vera Kochan

Jasmine Bateson comes to Moraga as the new recreation supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department, having had previous experience in the cities of Dublin and San Leandro, where she managed two facilities.

A graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, she makes her home with her family in Castro Valley where she grew up. Bateson is not unfamiliar with Moraga. Her husband, Trevor, attended Campolindo High School and played for the basketball team. Her in-laws have lived in town for several years, and she got to know the area through the many visits to their home.

Bateson received the nod to come to the Hacienda due to her experience working in San Leandro with Breyana Brandt, Moraga's parks and recreation director. She said, "I already knew about Moraga. I love it here. It's great to work in a community that has a lot of pride."

From the short time that Bateson has been at the Hacienda (she started late November), she has learned that each event is special and makes good memories. Her latest role in venue management was to coordinate a Dec. 29 wedding. "Luckily, the weather was perfect," she said. Typically, the Hacienda hosts 75 such special events during the peak seasons between spring and early fall.

Additionally, some of Bateson's responsibilities for 2019 will include Hacienda Nights, Summer Concerts and

a Movie Night at the Commons, holiday events such as the Holiday Tree Lighting and many other community events.

The latest upcoming event that she is excited about is the Teddy Bear Tea, formerly known as the Mother-Daughter Tea. This year's tea will offer a special treat for children. There will be a mobile build-your-own-teddy-bear machine for kids to create their own teddy bear to take home. Seating is limited for the Saturday, Feb. 2 event, held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hacienda de las Flores, 2100 Donald Dr., Moraga. For more information/reservations visit www.moragarec.com or call (925) 888-7045.

Bateson added, "I'm excited and very fortunate to be here. I look forward to bringing in new events and building onto existing ones."

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