



Egg hunters at the Moraga Commons Park last Saturday

Photo Andy Scheck

Sunny skies for Spring Egg Hunt

By Vera Kochan

A big topic among the adults at the April 13 Spring Egg Hunt was the weather. Everyone remembered last year's rainy event and were grateful for the pause in the current rainy season.

The Moraga Junior Women's Club organized the festivities held at the spacious Moraga Commons Park. Club members filled over 7,000 plastic, multicolored eggs with stickers, small toys and bracelets. A handful of eggs had a ticket with the word "win ner" written on it. These special eggs could be redeemed for a basket filled with a stuffed animal and flavored bags of popcorn.

ing the emptied eggs in specially marked receptacles.

There was plenty to keep the revelers busy before the big egg hunt. The Moraga Police Department and Moraga-Orinda Fire District came in their respective vehicles for a close-up look. The Easter Bunny was on hand to take photos with the kids. A huge bounce house and rock climbing wall were available for the more adventurous in the crowd.

Game booths featured Plinko, a bean bag toss, a fishing game, ring toss and pick-a-lucky- lollipop. An arts and crafts section provided face painting, assembling bunny faces out of paper plates and coloring pictures of bunnies. The snack bar added Starbuck's coffee to the menu and local businesses had giveaways for young and old alike. Elena Hood Real Estate Group offered

magic picture painting options and bubble blowing wands; Axelrode Orthodontics gave away toothbrushes and multi-flavored lip balm along with "winner" ticket baskets filled with picture books and stuffed animals; Green Leaf Psychology offered fidget stars, pens and Magna Tiles; Nurtury PreSchool at MVPC provided all of the decorative balloons around the park as well as for the kids, along with colorful wrist bands; and Lamorinda Tooth Buds had a spin-the-wheel game offering lip balm, pencils and grand prize bags of goodies.

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This year, the participants were asked to help recycle the plastic eggs for next year's hunt by plac-

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When 5-year-old Vanessa, who was celebrating her birthday, was asked how many eggs she expected to collect, she shyly held up 10 fingers. When family members questioned, "That's all?" Vanessa countered with, "A hundred."

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Cam Burks steps down as Lafayette mayor



Photo Pippa Fisher Mayor Cam Burks will continue to serve on the city council after he steps down as mayor April 20.

By Pippa Fisher

Mayor Cam Burks is stepping down from the mayoral role as of April 20. He will continue to serve out his term on the council.

Burks, who is four months into his first term as mayor, made the announcement at the end of the April 8 Lafayette City Council meeting, explaining that he has taken a new professional op-

portunity that he described as a "tremendous opportunity in my private life" that will demand his time.

"Starting this endeavor successfully, along with my primary commitment of being an actively present and supportive dad and husband (the most important value in my life), are absolutely huge," he explained, continuing, "Our mayor should be able to commit to the position 100plus percent (of which my

past mayor colleagues have done so ably), and I just won't be able to do this given these circumstances."

Burks expressed appreciation to city staff and to his colleagues on the council. "I'm profoundly thankful to my council colleagues, city staff and community for the unbelievable support (and fun). I intend to remain fully engaged and will complete my term as a council member through 2020."

Burks spoke of the honor and privilege it has been for him to serve Lafayette. "Certainly the most rewarding four months I've had in public service," he said referring to all the residents he has met at the many coffee mornings, reservoir walks and business visits he has taken part in. Replacing Burks as mayor will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

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