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Lamorinda Fourth of July festivities will finish with a bang

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Get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July in a big way as Moraga and Orinda plan on keeping residents and visitors alike busy throughout the entire day.

Orinda starts the day's festivities with an "Orinda Keep On Truckin'" theme. Show up hungry between 7:30 to 10 a.m. for the pancake breakfast at the Library Plaza, but don't miss the flag raising at 7:55 a.m.

Stretch those calf muscles for the 8 a.m. Fun Run For A Reason (more info at www.sudc.org/wesley), or help exercise your brain with a 9 a.m. visit to the Library Book Sale. The parade starts at 10 a.m. on the Theatre side, followed by Music In The Park at 11:30 a.m. (bring your own picnic or order ahead from local restaurants). For more info and a map of the parade route visit: www.orindaassociation.org.

Moraga continues the July 4th celebration with a one-stop party at the Moraga Commons Park located at the corner of St. Mary's Road and Moraga Road. The Dog Parade at 11 a.m. gets the day off to a howling good start (registration at the bandshell). Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. folks can visit the many community booths, and kids can hop-til-they-drop on the inflatable jumpies. Food, wine and beer booths will be on hand to serve hungry and thirsty revelers between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., and everyone can take part in the family activities (throughout the park) between noon and 3 p.m.

As evening starts to settle in, the entertainment begins at 6:45 p.m. when the National Anthem and mayor's welcome take place at the bandshell followed with a 7 p.m. concert by House Rockers. No Fourth of July celebration would be complete without fireworks, so end the evening with a bang as the night sky lights up with the rockets' red glare at approximately 9:30 p.m. For more info or to help Buy-A-Rocket visit: www.moragarec.com.

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