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New playground equipment installed at Moraga Commons Park

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For kids, going to the Moraga Commons Park has just become a little more fun with the completed installation of new playground equipment. Taking the place of a past-its-prime aging swing set, the new equipment had to wait five years due to funding issues. However, that's not the last of the improvements coming to the Commons. The nearby group picnic area will see a face-lift thanks to its scheduled budgeting in Fiscal Year 2022-23.

This project was part of the town council's goals to enhance the parks, open spaces and facilities with the public in mind, as part of the FY 2021-22 Capital Improvements Program Budget (\$33,000). The final cost of the project came in at around \$20,502.

New play structures replace old swings at Moraga Commons Park. Photo provided

According to a Dec. 14, 2022 staff report by Parks and Recreation Director Mackenzie Brady and Public Works Director/Town Engineer Shawn Knapp, "An agreement

was signed on March 30, 2022, with Ross Recreation Equipment, Inc., a vendor/dealer for Landscape Structures. All four existing playground structures in Moraga Commons Park were manufactured and installed by Landscape Structures or one of their vendors. Use of the same manufacturer ensures consistency in repairs, maintenance, and the ability to have replacement parts (nuts, screws, bolts, etc.) on hand to repair equipment quickly and efficiently as needed."

The installation of the three new play structures was completed on Oct. 21, 2022. A safety surface made of engineered wood fiber was later installed on Nov. 2, making the new equipment ready for use by the community. On Dec. 14, the town council unanimously accepted the new equipment as completed.

Topsy Turny Spinner; Curva Spinner; and ReviWheel Spinner are the highly descriptive names of the new equipment. Although, based on the names alone, it might be wise not to ride these immediately after a meal.

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