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Families gather for some spring fun during respite from rain

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Over 400 children took turns hunting for eggs on March 25 during the Moraga Junior Women's Club Spring Festival at the Commons. Photo Jeff Heyman

After more severe winter weather than many young Lamorindans can remember, the skies cleared up for the community to enjoy a bouquet of fun spring events over the weekend before the rains returned with a vengeance. Moraga kicked things off March 25 with the 40th annual Spring Festival at Moraga Commons Park, where over 400 basket-wielding children gathered for the hunt. Presented by the Moraga Junior Women's Club, the festival featured egg hunts for three groups of children, ages 0-2, 3-4 and 5-8, who were allowed to scramble for eggs at three scheduled times. In addition, the event offered food, face painting and a bounce house. The \$15 per child ticket proceeds will go to benefit local schools and community organizations.

For those who may have missed the Moraga event, two more spring events are happening in Lamorinda on April 8. Orinda Rotary will host their annual Spring Egg Hunt for children through second grade on Saturday, April 8, from 10:45 a.m. to noon at the Orinda Community Park. Rotary warns that while the Egg Hunt will start promptly

at 11 a.m., it generally ends promptly 30 seconds later. Make sure you are there to hear the word "go!" The Bunny will be there before and after the hunt for pictures and high fives and rumor has it that this year's bunny will be a perfect fit.

In Lafayette, the annual Lafayette Rotary Candy Scramble will start at 10 a.m. on April 8, and is to be held, rain or shine, at Plaza Park. After the candy scramble, there will be opportunities to take photos with the Bunny, a fire truck and a police car, and kids can check out the emergency vehicles.

And lest you think that fun was only meant for kids, in Moraga there was also a first annual event sponsored by the Parks and Rec Department, Bunnies & Brews: a Hacienda Hoppy Hour on Sunday, March 26. Limited tickets were sold for this special event, and included a souvenir event glass for unlimited pours from local breweries and live entertainment. Childcare was provided onsite by the Moraga Youth Involvement Committee.



Easter bunny at Moraga Commons Photo Jeff Heyman

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