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Spring Cookie Decorating Party brings out amateur Rembrandts



Photo Vera Kochan Family fun at the Spring Cookie Decorating Party

By Vera Kochan

Once again, Moraga's Parks and Recreation Department held a family-friendly event to coincide with the season. The Spring Cookie Decorating Party was held April 1 and partnered with Canyon Club Brewery, where the festivities took place.

Priced at \$50 per family, the cost included four large cookies (baked by "Sugar By Shone"), multi-colored icing, sprinkles, one adult drink ticket, and an egg hunt for kids under 13.

Recreation Coordinator Donald Scully helmed the occasion assisted by Camille Gourlin and Vincent Magagna, both of whom predecorated egg, bunny and spring flower-shaped cookies to give the kids an idea as to the possibilities.

CCB's General Manager Kirsten Popcke said, "The family events are always my favorite. It's nice to have a spot where families can come, and Donald sets up the best functions."

First came the Egg Hunt. Eleven families (approximately 50 people), with children ages 2 -11, were given a basket and told to look for 200 plastic eggs filled with candy and small toys. The kids were very focused in their search for the strategically placed eggs hidden throughout the courtyard. Next time you visit CCB keep your eyes "peeled" for an egg or two that may have been left behind.

After the hunt, the young artists settled into the cookie decorating process. Daisy Bieber, 3, was clutching a small Dixie cup and munching on its contents. "What are you eating?" this reporter asked.

"Sprinkles," replied Daisy, showing me her treat in the cup and all over her mouth.

When asked, "Are you trying to decorate yourself?" Daisy nodded with a smile and kept right on eating. Her twin sister, Ruby, was focused on the job at hand.

Brother and sister, Tommy, 8, and Veronica Przybylski, 5, were artistically decorating their cookies with multi-colored icing in a variety of patterns, when Tommy decided to incorporate some of the candy in his egg hunt stash for a more three-dimensional design concept. Now, that's thinking outside of the box!

Many drivers have forgotten the **Rules of the Road**

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Once the light turned green, the same group of cars either eventually turned right onto Moraga Way or drove merrily along continuing south until a few, including MPD (with lights still flashing), made a left-hand turn onto Sanders Drive.

"Unfortunately, there are many times when drivers fail to yield to emergency vehicles that are being driven with the lights and siren activated," stated King. "Drivers are distracted, may not see the emergency vehicle, or may panic and not know what to do ... or there may be other reasons. Regardless, this slows the response, which may not seem like a big deal, unless we are responding to your house for an emergency. It is also very important for officers, firefighters and EMS personnel to drive defensively when responding to an emergency as while we hope drivers will yield -- and many do -- but there are some who do not or make an abrupt movement that we have to avoid. If we get in an accident, we cannot get to the emergency and help whoever is in trouble or worse."

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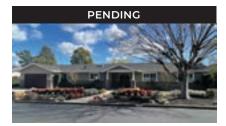
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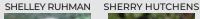


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