

# Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

# Orinda

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, Oct 2	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Sarge Littlehale Conf. Room City Hall, 22 Orinda Way Tuesday, Sept 25	
Park & Rec Comm.	7pm
Community Center Room 7 28 Orinda Way Wednesday, Oct 10	
Hist. Landmark Comm.	3pm
Gallery Room, Upper Level 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, Sept 25	
Liaison 8:30am	
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Monday, Oct 1	
check online: Town of Orinda: <a href="http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us/">http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us/</a> for: • all meeting notes • calendar updates	
Chamber of Commerce: <a href="http://www.orinda-chamber.org/">http://www.orinda-chamber.org/</a> • local businesses • upcoming events	



**Vandalism, 9/12/07** Officers responded to vandalism in progress at 2:15 a.m. at Miramonte High School. Two white males were allegedly breaking windows and throwing garbage cans around. Officers gave chase and caught them approximately ten hours later. The 18 year old was charged with felony vandalism and resisting arrest. Because the other suspect was a juvenile, he was released to the custody of his mother. Seventeen windows were broken.

**Travelers Check Scam, 9/10/07** Suspect entered the Orinda Safeway and attempted to buy over \$200.00 worth of groceries, by cashing a fraudulent American Express Travelers Check. When the Manager contacted Am Ex to get authorization, the suspect fled the store. The suspect was apprehended in the parking lot.

**Burglary, 9/08/07** An unknown suspect entered an older woman's home on Las Vegas Road and took a large amount of jewelry. The homeowner believes the house cleaners did it because they have a key to the home. No fingerprints were found; police are following up on alleged suspects.

**Vehicle Theft, 9/07/07** The manager of Orinda Motors noticed one of the vehicles he rents was missing from his parking lot. The keys were gone as well. Be on the lookout for a 2001 4-door, silver Mitsubishi Mirage.

## Coming Soon, The Festival of Trees

By Cathy Tyson

The Orinda Women's Club will be putting on its annual benefit, "The Festival Of Trees," on November eighth at the San Ramon Marriott. This function, now in its 21st year, features a professional fashion show, luncheon and raffle that raises money to primarily support two worthy causes. The lucky winners are, Holden High School, an alternative high school in Orinda designed to meet the needs of teenagers who don't thrive in traditional economic settings and Opportunity Junction, an organization that fights poverty by helping low income Contra Costa County

residents gain technology and literacy skills to become more self-sufficient.

The event, originally named after the member-decorated artificial holiday trees that were sold for worthy causes, has grown and flourished over the years. The wonderful fashions by Helen Lyall Clothes for Women and Patrick James of Blackhawk Plaza along with raffles for a wide variety of themed gift baskets, trees and wreaths and a silent auction make this a unique event.

Professional models along with some Orinda



Women's Club members and local celebrities will show off the clothes. Entourage Spa and Salon of Orinda is providing hair styling and make up for the catwalkers.

The event is expected to sell out. Tickets available in advance by calling (925) 254-4900.



Last year's Festival of Trees

Photo provided

## Idols Play to a Full House



3rd from the left Jocelyn Purcell - a happy winner!

Photo Andy Schreck

The Orinda Theater was nearly filled to its 750 seat capacity on Sunday, September 9, as the contenders for the coveted title of Orinda Idol, dressed to kill and ready to wow the audience, appeared for the final competition. Four Orinda Idols will be named at the end of the day, in

four different age groups:

- Kindergarten to 2 grade:**  
Jocelyn Purcell
- Grade 3 to Grade 5:**  
Amrita Newton
- Middle School:**  
Neris Newton
- High School:**  
Ben Freeman

Orinda Idol is a project of the Orinda Arts Council, designed to showcase local young vocal talent in support of the performing arts. Program Chair Susan Garell said, "It was a great experience for the community. The children showed great talent and poise, highlighting what a positive experience the performing arts can be for youngsters."

"The event itself could not have been so successful," continued Garell, "without the contributions of Orinda Arts Council members, our technical team, the judges, the emcees, the parents, and Mayor Steve Glazer (and many others), all of whom graciously volunteered their time."

For more information go to: <http://orindaartscouncil.org>

## Pine Grove EIR: Comments Welcome

By Lee Borrowman

The Pine Grove project Environmental Impact Report is available for your reading pleasure on the City of Orinda's website, <http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us/>. Public comment is welcome through Monday, October 22, 2007.

Pine Grove is the Altarinda Road area proposed housing development of seventy-three units, sixty-five of which would be single-family detached homes, with eight duplex units in four buildings. Related to the project are the relocation of city-owned ball fields and the building of a new home for the Orinda Union School District administrative offices on the western portion of the site.

Previous concerns surrounding the proposed development included the loss of views from surrounding properties, increased traffic and safety is-

sues due to the speed of drivers and limited sight distance on Altarinda Road, the loss of on-street parking, emergency vehicle access, utility and storm drainage inadequacies, and construction related issues such as access, noise and pollution.

The EIR identifies potentially significant impacts and mitigation measures in the following areas: Transportation, Circulation and Parking; Air Quality; Noise; Geology, Soils, and Seismicity; Hydrology and Water Quality; Hazardous Materials and Public Health and Safety; Biological Resources; Public Services and Facilities; and, Cultural and Paleontological Resources.

The full report weighs in at over 270 pages; novice EIR readers may want to start with the more digestible 20-page Summary.

## Are You Prepared, Orinda....for FIRE?

### Fire Safety Mini-Fair September 29th

Submitted by Bruce Macler

#### Orinda Public Safety Advisory Commission



Orinda and the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, it will be held next to the south end of the Orinda Farmers Market from 9am to 1pm.

As part of Orinda's response for National Emergency Preparedness Month, there will be booths with information on improving defensible space, making your house fire safe, planning for emergencies, and getting additional training. MOFD and the Orinda Public Safety Advisory Commission will have people there to answer your questions and help you get started. Learn how to use a fire extinguisher and practice your aim with the help of MOFD fire fighters. Find out the wildfire risk to your neighborhood and house. Know what to do when you smell smoke in the air. Buy an emergency bag for your home and cars. Get step-by-step directions for a wildfire emergency. We need you to be able to say "Yes, I'm ready."

We all know how dry this summer has been and that September and October are the prime fire months. The fog goes away. The winds shift to the northeast. The fire danger signs change from "high" to "Red Flag". Are you prepared? Is your house as safe as it can be? Do you know what to do if a wildfire strikes? If you answered "no" to any of these, come to the Orinda Fire Safety Mini-Fair on September 29th. Sponsored by the City of

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