

# Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

# Orinda

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, Oct 16	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Sarge Littlehale Conf. Room City Hall, 22 Orinda Way Tuesday, Oct 9	
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, Oct 23	
Liaison	8:30am
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Monday, Nov 5	
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## Orinda Grove Development Rounds the Final Lap

A mix of housing, community recreation, open space, and offices for a harmonious transition between Downtown and Orindawoods

By Andy Scheck



The map above illustrates the site; the old and new location of the ball park, OUSD office, new retaining walls and also the position of the new access roads Graphic Andy Scheck

In December 2003, JFK University at 8 Altarinda Rd. closed its doors and about 1,400 students left empty classrooms. Three months ago the City of Orinda moved out of trailers and into its new building at 22 Orinda Way, leaving an empty site behind. Only the nearby ball park is still in use by a variety of softball, baseball, soccer and other teams several times per week, but the field is no longer in prime condition.

Housing developer Pulte Homes, a Michigan-based company with an office in Pleasanton, presented last week the revised design for the 73 unit (65 detached and 8 attached) development named Orinda Grove to the Planning Commission. Scott Pacheco from Pulte presented the main elements of the projects and Shannon Allen, Project Manager with LSA Associates,

which prepared the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), explained the draft EIR.

Orinda Grove, located on 8 Altarinda Rd, encompasses 14.2 acres. 11.1 acres are currently owned by the Orinda Union School District, which will keep 0.4 acre for an office building. The City of Orinda owns the remaining 3.1 acres; the city-owned ball park will be relocated closer to street and to the south west corner of the site and will remain as City property. The new ball park will replace the old school buildings and the old ballpark area will become housing.

In the north, a cut into the existing slope will make room for seven residences and a series of retaining walls that will be between 140 and 200 feet from the east property line. These homes will be at an elevation of approx-

## Fall Art Fair

By Lee Borrowman

As you enjoy the fall colors and produce at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 13, a nearby venue will be offering a visual treat of a different sort. The Lamorinda Art Alliance will present its Fall Art Fair at the Orinda Community Center that Saturday from 10:00-3:00. Artwork and photography by several area artists will be available for purchase.

According to the Art Alliance's Susan Kendall, who will present some of her own work at the Fair, the not-for-profit Lamorinda Art Alliance was founded over 13 years ago by famed Orinda artist and teacher Dorothy Davis, who at age 77 can still be found teaching art at the Community Center. The Art Alliance is an artistic community-building organization offering local artists the opportunity to support each other through peer-critique and networking, and the chance to participate in group shows and events.

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Meet just a few of the participating artists:

**Margaret Lucas-Hill, artist**

"My paintings are about light and color. I like painting natural objects and landscapes, giving them strong, vibrant colors. I am particularly intrigued by the mystical quality conveyed through light. It moves across the temperature spectrum, from icy cold to blazing hot, changing the appearance of the things it touches. Like a good novel, my paintings can have many meanings. My hope is for my images to be emotionally and spiritually uplifting. Creating art and viewing it are both part of the continuous learning process of life."



"Watertown" by Margaret Lucas-Hill



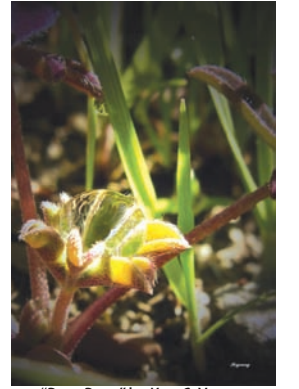
"Sunflower Bouquet" by Susan Kendall

**Susan Kendall, artist**

"Susan's painting journey started in 1994 after she transplanted to the East Bay from the East Coast. Her studies include classes at the Orinda Community Center and workshops with many local artists including "Outsider's" Pam Glover and Niki Basch Davis. She is influenced greatly by the Fauves and any painter that is brave with color and brushstrokes."

**Ken Young, photographer**

"Ever since I met the Sierra with my baby brownie I have tried to present a point of view with my photographs rather than simply a record of events. I prefer high contrast and unusual perspectives in my subjects. Transmitted light adds new details and color, an unexpected kaleidoscope. I am fascinated with the macro world in the fields around us. Rather than simply "illustrating what I see," I try to capture moments of discovery and communicate them to the viewer."



"Dew Drop" by Ken C. Young

## ORINDA POLICE

**Wallet Gone, 9/25/07** Unknown suspects came into an office at Theater Square, sometime between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. A black leather wallet sitting on a table near the front door was taken. Inside were several credit cards, a driver's license, and some cash.

**Auto Burglary, 9/25/07** Someone entered a locked vehicle on Sleepy Hollow Lane and removed some property. Items from the glove box and ashtray were strewn about the interior, only a Comcast cable box, valued at approximately \$200, was taken. There was no sign of forced entry.

**Graffiti, 9/25/07** Police were called by Miramonte staff to report two or three suspects painted graffiti on several areas of the school. A surveillance camera identified suspects. Associate Principal Bartlett thinks the suspects are members of an area soccer group.

**Bomb Threat, 9/24/07** An unknown male called a local bank with a bomb threat saying, "I just wanted to let you know a bomb will go off before noon, it's a box of TNT." Police were at the bank in three minutes, the bank was evacuated. Officers and bomb sniffing dogs checked the premises with negative results. The bank was opened later that afternoon.

## Men In Trees?

By Wendy Scheck



Photo Tod Fierner

A concerned citizen called last week to alert us to the felling of redwood trees along Highway 24 in Orinda and Lafayette. According to Caltrans spokeswoman Brigetta Smith, the trees were deemed diseased by a certified arborist and their removal is part of a safety project that Caltrans is undertaking which encompasses 1020 trees in four counties. The trees that were determined to be too far gone to save have already been removed and the rest are being pruned. The project along 24 will be completed this week and the men in trees will move to Highway 580.

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