

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Orinda

Calendar

City Council 7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way
Tuesday, Nov 27
(Tuesday, Nov 20 canceled)

Planning Comm. 7pm
Founder's Auditorium, Orinda
Community Center, 28 Orinda Way
Tuesday, Nov 27

Hist. Landmark Comm. 3pm
Gallery Room, Upper Level
26 Orinda Way
Tuesday, Nov 27

Liaison 8:30am
Community Room at City Hall
22 Orinda Way
Monday, Dec 3

check online:
Town of Orinda:
<http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us/>
• all meeting notes
• calendar updates

Chamber of Commerce:
<http://www.orinda-chamber.org/>
• local businesses
• upcoming events

Scouts And A Big Check Come To The Orinda City Hall

By Cathy Tyson



Pictured are (left to right): Daniel Huston, Kyle Wallace, Phillip Hoxie, Jack Jorgensen, Jonathon Date-Chong, Max McCulloch, Mayor Glazer, Daniel Davis, Mitch Brooks, Kyle McKeen & Alex Smith

Submitted by Cathleen Huston
Cub Scout Co-den leaders Cathleen Huston and Jennifer Wallace had the distinct pleasure of leading fourth grade Webelos from Wagner Ranch El-

an overview of local government and answer questions.

"The City was very accommodating, letting us use one of their meeting rooms, and showing us the facility" according to Huston. "It was one of the best meetings of the year. Thank you to the City of Orinda for this terrific opportunity and learning experience." City Clerk Michele Olsen arranged everything. The tour was set up to satisfy part of the Webelos advancement requirements, gaining a citizenship pin to move up to the next level.

The Orinda City Council received something even more special than their citizenship pin at last Tuesday's City Council meeting. P G & E presented a rebate check for \$63,936.00 for meeting the requirements of their incentive program, Savings by Design. This program encourages energy-efficient building design and construction statewide



P G & E representatives present rebate check to Mayor Glazer and the City Council

for commercial, industrial and agricultural customers. The new building exceeds Title 24 standards by over 60%. Title 24, is a section of the California Code of Regulations, also known as the California Building Standards Code regarding energy efficient building standards.

"We are pleased the City of Orinda has been recognized and honored for our energy efficient project. This recognition under-

scores the importance of designing systems that integrate energy efficiency while maintaining a pleasant work environment. We hope this project will serve as a model for other companies or individuals who are considering new construction or remodeling plans in the community and throughout the region," said Glazer.

It's like Christmas in November.

Orinda Saves Old Bricks for New City Hall

By Andrea A. Firth



Todd Skinner and Ann O'Connell-Nye outside City hall where the new bricks will be installed

When Orinda incorporated as a city in 1985, the city offices were located in an annex to the Community Center (the former Orinda Union Elementary School site) with the main entrance just steps from Orinda Way. Todd Skinner, current Director of the Parks and Recreation Department for Orinda, was working in the city offices back then. He recalls that the entrance to the building was greatly en-

hanced through the efforts and generosity of a number of Orinda residents. "Individuals and families purchased engraved bricks to help fund the project. The bricks were then incorporated into the building of the steps, fountain, and landscaping of the entrance-way," explained Todd.

About eight years ago, when the building that housed the city offices was demolished in order to build the Orinda Library,

the bricks were on a path to the landfill. In stepped longtime Orinda resident Ann O'Connell-Nye. As a former member of the Historical Society and Chair of the Historic Landmarks Committee, Ann values the preservation of the city's past. "My family purchased one of those bricks over 20 years ago. So when I learned that the bricks were to be removed, I contacted the City Council with a proposal to salvage the bricks and to reuse them in the building of the new City Hall," said O'Connell-Nye, "And they agreed."

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ORINDA POLICE

Stranger Danger, 11/6/07 A young man had walked his sister to Glorietta Elementary and was walking home on Hillcrest when a white pick-up truck with a black lumber rack came nearby. The driver, allegedly a white male, with blond hair approximately 43 years old wearing a black baseball cap yelled, "kid, do you want a ride?" The boy yelled, "no!" and kept walking. The driver pulled up again and said, "Get in the truck now." The boy ran to the nearest house.

Pot Okay, 11/02/07 Police dog Chef knew something was amiss with a car parked in the Del Rey parking lot at 10:30 at night. The pooch sniffed out 2 ounces of marijuana and a large wad of bills. The 20-year old sitting in the driver's seat happened to have a medical marijuana card. The officer counseled and advised the young man before releasing him.

D.U.I., 11/02/07 A police officer stopped a car for various violations at Camino Pablo and Santa Maria, not all that far from the police department. The officer noticed a strong odor of alcohol. The driver tested poorly on field sobriety tests and had a blood alcohol level of .18. He was taken to Martinez and booked.

Who's Running This City, Anyway?

If you've got the time and the interest, the City of Orinda has the right volunteer position for you!

By Lee Borrowman

It takes more than dedicated elected officials and a competent and very busy city staff to make things happen in Orinda. Mayor Steve Glazer hopes Orindans will "look for an opportunity to participate so we can make our community an even better place to live, work and recreate." And there may never be a better time to look. Several City Commissions, Committees and even a Task Force will have positions to fill in 2008.

"The only way for our government 'of the people' to work is to have citizens volunteer to participate. These Orinda committees undertake critical matters affecting

the well being of our community," Glazer said.

Interested? Available Commission spots include two on the Planning Commission, two on the Parks and Recreation Commission, three on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, two on the Citizen's Infrastructure Oversight Commission, three on the Public Safety Advisory Commission and one on the Art in Public Places Committee.

In addition, the newly-created Budget and Finance Committee will be composed of seven residents, and will review the City's proposed Operating and

Capital budget and provide recommendations to the City Council and City Manager.

But wait, there's more. The Revenue Enhancement Task Force, also new, needs four residents with a background in areas such as financial institutions, municipal financing or bond agencies. The goal of the Task Force will be to make recommendations to the City Council and City Manager on revenue enhancements to supplement current revenues. These could span an array of sources to provide funding for infrastructure challenges, downtown revitalization and other projects.

The application deadline for the Budget and Finance Committee and the Revenue Enhancement Task Force is 5:00pm on December 14, 2007. All other applications are due on Friday, January 11, 2008. Applications are available on the City website, www.ci.orinda.ca.us or from the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 2000, 22 Orinda Way, email molsen@ci.orinda.ca.us, phone 253-4221.

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