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Letters to the Editor



Share your thoughts with our community! Opinions in Letters to the Editor are the express views of the writers and not necessarily those of the Lamorinda Weekly.

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Dear Editor:
 I would like to thank Lamorinda Weekly and especially contributing writer Jean Follmer for the "Got Lice, Get Educated" article. Head lice has been an "active" problem in every elementary school in Lafayette since the start of 2007-08 school year. This year, nothing seems to stop the spread of lice and their nits. Jean Follmer gave great background information on lice, where the problem lies, the unnecessary stigmas, and what could be done to prevent the spread of lice. Unfortunately, regarding the parent volunteer program at Burton Valley Elementary, the article stated it was discontinued because of privacy concerns, specifically: "many parents didn't want other parents checking their child's hair for lice". The opposite was actually the case: only a FEW parents had privacy concerns. The School District Governing Board has recently approved the revised lice policy. School staff, teachers, students and parents will start receiving more and better information regarding head lice. Also, Parent Clubs will be able to organize and train parent volunteers who will be able to perform school-wide head lice checks several times a year as a major method of prevention of the spread of lice. Because of this, I thought it would be important to clarify that the vast majority of the parents in Lafayette are in favor school-wide lice checks being run by parents. Let's be realistic, who else is going to do it? We all know the current state of the school budget... With the help of our incredible parents, we will hopefully follow Piedmont School District's success in combating lice... and win this fight too!
 Anouschka Wardy, Lafayette

Editor:
 A recent letter to the editor stated that the 2001 Orinda Library parcel tax was for "start-up costs" for the library. Perhaps the writer does not remember that the tax, Measure H, was aimed primarily toward library hours (H for Hours! was the slogan), since

the county only funded 35 hours a week of library services. Because the library has been open 60 hours a week since 2001, we know that the money was actually spent on those open hours. That is accountability! The writer also stated that "a partnership of private fund-raising is conspicuously absent." If he were a member of the Friends of the Orinda Library, a volunteer non-profit organization, he would know that the Friends and the City of Orinda indeed had such a partnership from 1994 through 2001, when each of them funded half of the cost to keep the library open 40 hours a week. (At that time, the county only funded 28 hours a week.) The Friends had an Adopt-an-Hour campaign. A \$90 donation paid for one hour. That fundraising was replaced by Measure H, so now the Friends can focus on buying new library books. Also, from 1997 through 2001, the Friends raised \$5,000,000 in donations to pay half the cost of the new library building. This was the largest fundraising campaign ever undertaken in Orinda. The other half of the building cost came from developer fees which Gateway/Wilder paid to the city for public facilities. Certainly that is a public-private partnership! Apparently some people write letters to the editor without finding out the facts. The facts are clear to me. Orindans love their library, and will pass Measure E on June 3.
 Jim Landau, Orinda

Dear Editor,
 "A library is like a giant magic shop with transformations in every aisle. I see them as monuments to curiosity and the imagination in the human soul that needs to ask why, again and again."
 With these words, Jon Carroll opened our new library on October 7, 2001. He painted a picture that our library, along with the staff and volunteers that support it, has delivered to our community from the moment its

doors opened. Even in Orinda, with our wealth of home computers and internet access, our library has something for so many. It is a place for meeting and research. It is a comfortable place to enjoy perusing a newspaper or magazine that you do not subscribe to at home. It is a place to get audio books for long commutes or for those who prefer to listen, rather than read. For the cost of four lattes, we can help keep our library open and resourced all year long. Even if you do not use the library yourself, someone you care about probably does. Vote for Measure E and continue to feed the curiosity and imagination of our community.
 Sandy Gross and Paula Reinman
 Orinda

Editor,
 A new Orinda Library Tax increase will be on the June 2008 Orinda ballot. This new tax of \$39 per year and will have no sunset or ending. It will go on forever. The only way of ending it would be an initiative requiring signatures of 10% of all Orinda voters to place it on the ballot - a virtually impossible task.

There is no justification for such a tax increase. The existing Orinda Library Tax income for fiscal 2006-2007 was \$213,346, which is 29 thousand dollars more than the cost of keeping the library open 60 hours per week. The Library Tax reserve is 187 thousand dollars. Obviously, no tax increase is needed. The proposed Tax Increase is 44%. There is no exception in this Tax Increase for seniors or low-income residents. Not only are we in a major recession, but inflation is rampant, especially in food and gasoline costs. Investment income is approaching zero. Recently the garbage collection tax increased 14.7%. The City Council should be cutting expenses. They have not done so. Instead, the Council has spent 42 thousand dollars on a poll and the cost of this election. If we pass this unnecessary tax it will encourage the Council to raise other taxes instead of cutting expenses.

This tax will not be the end of the demand for more taxes for the new library; it is only the beginning. If this tax increase passes, look forward to a series of future library tax increases as the City Council tries to shift more and more of the library building utility costs onto the Orinda taxpayers. This wasteful tax illustrates the tendency to never be satisfied but to always demand more. Please send a message to the City Council: No more unnecessary taxes. Please Vote NO on the Library Tax Increase, Measure E.
 Clyde Vaughn, Orinda

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Dear Editor,
 I am sorry that Mr. Lagache is misinformed (May 14 Letters). The parcel tax that the generous citizens of Orinda passed was never intended for start-up funds but always to keep the library open more than the County budget would allow. For many years Friends' volunteers approached Orinda residents to see who might be willing to adopt an hour - and the old library was kept open beyond the allotted hours by private citizens underwriting each of those hours so that the rest of us could have more access. When the new library was built the Friends decided to ask that the expense of the additional hours be shared by the community, and the community overwhelmingly agreed to do so by voting for Measure H. A YES vote on Measure E will continue having the library open for sixty hours a week rather than just the County-provided 35 hours a week. Many volunteers contribute thousands of hours annually to the Orinda Library. They do so with high standards of public service and with great affection for the library and the community. Working with these volunteers is the perfect antidote to cynicism.
 Sincerely, Carol W. Brown
 Measure H Committee, Measure E Committee. Volunteer researcher of donated books for FOL
 Orinda Library Commissioner

Dear Editor,
 As an Orinda resident for over 53-years, I am once again amazed at the recent Measure and Bond- happy Orinda City Council! To put Measure E on the Ballot for June, I understand it has cost Orinda citizens \$42,000! This Measure E, increases our library tax by 44%. In addition, this open end measure has no sunset! It is permanent! Why keep open for 60 hours a week? What is wrong with 35 hours? Library users should schedule their time to suit. How many hours a week is the Post Office, your bank, and the DMV, etc, open per week? We never received an accounting of the tax money we paid for the last 7 years, on the library. Aren't there any volunteers to work in the library?
 The forthcoming increase in our Orinda tax base, by the addition of new homes at both Wilder, (formerly Gateway), and high density Pine Grove, will significantly assist the library cause. Our new Mayor, the Honorable Victoria Smith, I am confident, brings both innovation and expertise, to our City Council, instead of just more costly ballot measures and propositions.
 Vote NO on Measure E.
 Roland M. Andersen, Orinda

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