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Fun and Joy on 4th of July

The day dawned cool and foggy, but by parade time everyone was so excited that the lingering fingers of fog in Orinda didn't matter. The newshounds of your friendly neighborhood newspaper were thrilled to be part of the parade this year, and it was great to see so many of you out there! Next year, we will pack more candy; we ran out a bit too early. It was mortifying to pass empty-handed by the open bags of eager children. We tried

handing out newspapers instead, but the younger crowd was not impressed. The day was chock full of fun and games throughout our fair communities. That pesky fog made a repeat appearance just in time for Moraga's fireworks, but from our vantage point on the hill it served only to create a soft after-glow around the brilliant display. It seems that the grand finale gets better each year! See pictures of some of the festivities on page 11.

Photo: Publisher Andy Scheck constructed a wooden replica of an old-fashioned printing press for our float. Rear: Andy Scheck, Amanda Griggs, Wendy Scheck; Front: Cathy Tyson, Ava Tajbakhsh, Hana Sun, Molly Dick (not pictured: Lee Borrowman at the wheel, trying not to run over anyone) Photo Tod Fierner

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Rocky Road No Longer

By Cathy Tyson

The Orinda City Council and City Manager along with staff couldn't be more pleased with the anticipated completion of the Moraga Way Rehabilitation Project one month ahead of schedule on July 18, 2008. This 3.2 mile stretch of rubberized asphalt estimated to cost between \$2.3 and \$2.5 million dollars has never looked better.

"Orinda City Staff worked very hard to start the Moraga Way project early in order to minimize overlap with the EBMUD closure of Moraga Rd., and worked even harder to finish the project a month early. This is a great example of leadership by the City of Orinda staff, in cooperation with EBMUD and Bay City Paving, and the Council is thrilled that Orinda residents have a brand new Moraga Way on which to roll into summer," said Mayor Victoria Smith.

The last couple of items on the contractor's list are "raising the iron" and lane striping. Workers will fill in the gap between the edge of the asphalt and the exposed manhole covers and valves made of iron prior to lane striping. There will be no lane closures during striping this week; the work will be done during the nighttime hours.

The weather cooperated nicely with the project, part of the reason it's coming in ahead of schedule. "We were blessed with some nice warm nights early on in the summer," said Project Manager Janice Carey referring to the need for nighttime temperatures to remain at 55 degrees or warmer in order to lay the asphalt.



View of the new and improved Moraga Way

Photo Cathy Tyson

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