

Lamorinda Community

Calendar, Notes, News

Orinda

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, April 7	
<i>Strategic Planning Workshop on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 1:00pm in the Community Room at City Hall, 22 Orinda Way</i>	
<i>Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way</i>	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, April 13	
Finance Advisory Committee	
Gallery Room, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way 6pm Wednesday, April 22	
Mayor's Com. Liaison	8:30am
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Monday, April 6	
City of Orinda:	
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Construction site burglary, 3/23/09
A contractor working on an Orchard Road home locked up the place and left for the evening. The next morning he returned to find the garage door ajar and quite a few of his expensive tools missing. Estimated value of loss \$7640.

D.U.I., 3/18/09 A vehicle was pulled over on Camino Sobrante for expired registration tabs at 1:20 in the morning. The officer noticed a strong odor of alcohol. The middle aged driver had a blood alcohol level of .25, more than three times the legal limit. He signed a written promise to appear and was booked.

Drunk in public again, 3/20/09 A 53-year-old woman, not unknown to the police, was banging on the door and causing a disturbance at a home on Moraga Way. When contacted by an officer, she was leaning against a metal pole to keep her balance. The strong smell of vanilla extract, apparently her drink of choice, was noted on her breath and generously spilled on her shirt. She is currently on probation that required refraining from alcohol.

Identity theft, 3/19/09 A Dolores Way resident was surprised when she attempted to pay for items with her Capitol One credit card and it was denied. Apparently bank personnel suspended her account due to a suspicious charge that originated in Israel. The card was cancelled and erroneous charges reversed.



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Orinda Rotary Celebrates 60 Years

By Andrea A. Firth



Orinda Rotary celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2009

Doing good works and having a good time in the process are two of the key elements to the success and longevity of the Orinda Rotary Club.

On March 18th, 2009, sixty years to the day from the date the Club established its charter in 1949, Orinda's Rotarians celebrated the six-decade anniversary with a champagne toast and an enormous red, white, and blue sheet cake. The Club's weekly lunch meeting started with the customary acknowledgement of birthdays and anniversaries among the members, as the Club's Sergeant of Arms, Tony Sloane, roamed the Community Center meeting room to collect the "fines" (a.k.a. contributions) the Rotarians are required to pay for their good fortune. President Marshall Johnson's quick wit and Sloane's quips had both the payers and the audience laughing as the money exchanged hands.

Pete Giers then served as the

Club historian for the day and coordinated a presentation of photos of the Rotarians in action through the years.

First up was Peirce McKee who shared some colorful history of the Club's fourth President, Leighton MacGregor, a contractor turned liquor store chain owner, who was shown dressed as Santa Claus at the Orinda Theater with another Rotarian propped on his lap. Steve Paddock reviewed some of Orinda Rotary's many service projects including the ongoing Rotary Field Days, which was started in 1952 by Frank Isola—a P.E. teacher and later Principal of Orinda Intermediate School, and the Tom Fitch Annual Fishing Outing, which has treated over 1,000 young people from Oakland to a day at the San Pablo Reservoir annually for the past 16 years. And, Ken Woznak described the significant amount of Rotarian man (and woman) power that was used to dig a lake, build a

bridge, and much more at the Wagner Ranch Nature Center.

The Rotary's service projects reached far beyond the California borders through the support of the exchange student and ambassadorial scholar programs. Giers described how the Rotary's support of a local musician enabled the younger singer to realize her dream of becoming an international opera star. And member Jose Avelar expressed his gratitude for the six trips the club has made to Tala, Mexico to support the people of this region. "That's when you really experience what Rotary is about—the community service," stated Avelar.

The Orinda Rotary Club will continue their 60th Anniversary Celebration with a dinner dance and big band gala on Saturday, April 4th at the Orinda Country Club. To attend the event, contact David Pierce (david.pierce@prurealty.com). (See event details in Not to be missed, page 8)



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Orinda in Action—April 18th

By Andrea A. Firth

Keeping Orinda beautiful and making residents proud of their community is the vision for Orinda in Action. "We have so much natural beauty that we appreciate in Orinda," states Mayor Sue Severson, "But there are many other ways that we can clean up and further beautify our City," she adds.

About a month ago, Severson placed a call for volunteers and several community groups, businesses, and individuals have already responded. "It's very exciting. We have received a lot of enthusiasm and support from the community," says Severson.

Orinda in Action will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th. Volunteers are asked to check-in at Theater Square Plaza between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to be assigned to a beautification project such as roadway litter pick up, flower and tree planting, creek restoration, and trail clean up among others. Volunteers should dress to work and get dirty and bring work gloves and light tools such as rakes. Trash bags and clean up supplies will be provided. Three additional recycling and community service activities have also been planned for the morning of the 18th.

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Orinda City Council Contests LAFCO Report Recommendation

By Andrea A. Firth

"The citizens of Orinda have spoken on at least two occasions clearly stating that they were dissatisfied with the level of service from ConFire," stated Council Member Steve Glazer at the March 17th meeting of Orinda's City Council. Glazer was responding to the draft Municipal Service Review (MSR) recently issued by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), which included a suggestion that the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD)

should be annexed to ConFire. After refusing an earlier suggestion to merge with ConFire [in 1994] and subsequently voting to form the Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) [in 1997], Glazer noted that Orinda residents had clearly shown that annexation was not an acceptable solution for the City. Council Member Victoria Smith concurred and added that Orinda's history and position on this issue needed to be communicated to LAFCO.

In response, Orinda City Council voted unanimously to write to LAFCO recommending that the suggestion of annexation to ConFire be rejected. The Council also requested that LAFCO make no final decisions based on the MSR until the Tri-Agency Funding Discussion Committee, consisting of elected officials from Orinda, Moraga, and the MOFD, had completed their fact-finding process.

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