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## **Celebrate Orinda Night Out on 9/15**

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It is time to start planning your potluck, ice cream social, happy hour, block party or barbeque. On Thursday, September 15th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Orinda is celebrating the 4th Orinda Night Out. Last year 34 neighborhoods sponsored 15 events. Don't miss this opportunity to get together with your neighborhood group and have fun building your community.

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and a good time to get together and get to know your neighbors. This annual event will help you prevent crime and make your neighborhood safer in an emergency. Orindans are encouraged to collectively support each other, neighbor to neighbor, in planning and preparing for a disaster. Learn how to prepare an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, and become informed about emergencies and their appropriate response. Concrete, simple steps do make a difference.

By getting involved with local community efforts, anyone can ensure that everyone becomes better prepared. Contact your neighbors- plan an event for your neighborhood. Keep it simple and fun, whatever works for you. Need help? Don't have a Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness group? Want to have a representative from the Orinda Police Department, Orinda City Council, Moraga Orinda Fire District, or the Orinda Citizen Corps Council visit your neighborhood event? Please call or email Rebecca Kunzman: (925) 254-1849 or rkunzman@comcast.net.

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