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## Orinda Mayor's 2013 Awards for Excellence

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Orinda Intermediate School (OIS) Green Team  
Acknowledged with cheers and applause, the Orinda Intermediate School Green Team was given the Community Improvement Award for promoting recycling and conservation on the OIS campus and increasing awareness by their fellow students of environmental issues via field trips, composting and recycling activities, film screenings, Orinda Action Day, and Bike-to-School Day.



Seniors Around Town, the only program of its kind in Contra Costa County, was honored for keeping residents active and engaged by connecting older Orindans who no longer drive with younger community members who still do. Hundreds of appointments were kept and new friendships made thanks to free, volunteer, door-to-door transportation. "It has helped build community," said Worth. Kate Wiley and Eartha Newsong accepted the award for the program which began with a grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.



Lamorinda Idol Soloist Tosca Maltzman, a Miramonte High School junior and winner in the Lamorinda Idol high school soloist category, rocked the council chamber with her rendition of "The House of the Rising Sun."

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