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The Rainbow of Public Service

By Laurie Snyder

“Be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.” – Maya Angelou



Two unsightly Job Johnnies inhabit this Lost Valley substation.



The same area after Orinda Mayor Steve Glazer worked with PG&E over the holidays, finding a solution. Photos courtesy the City of Orinda

New York may be “the city that never sleeps,” but Orinda is “the city that never closes” – at least where city leaders are concerned – even when the sign on City Hall says “closed for the holidays.” Whether it’s a sinkhole forming beneath a street as happened on Tarabrook Drive following torrential rains in December 2013 or a private property raising the blood pressure of neighbors as it morphs from woody to eyesore, Orinda’s elected officials and city staff are frequently called in as “fixers” while their fellow Orindans are home enjoying family time.

Recently, in response to one neighborhood’s letter to the city regarding the shabby condition of PG&E’s supply yard and adjacent pasture near its Lost Valley substation, Mayor Steve Glazer stepped in over the holidays to improve the climate between the utility and Orindans who had grown increasingly frustrated as they watched a power pole replacement project staging area outside of the substation’s gate sprout more and more clutter while a single Job Johnny originally thought to be temporary became two. The following photos provide an example of one problem and its resolution.

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