



## Orinda

### Public Meetings

#### City Council

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m.  
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library  
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.  
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library  
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m.  
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,  
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### School Board Meetings

##### Orinda Union School District

Monday, Sept. 10, 6 p.m.  
Regular Board Meeting  
8 Altarinda Rd., Orinda  
www.orindaschools.org  
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

#### City of Orinda:

www.cityoforinda.org

Phone (925) 253-4200

#### Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

#### The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org



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Lance Beeson

It has been recognized as a California State Historic Landmark since 1954, and was designated as an Orinda City Landmark in 1995. The Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe are dedicated to preserving it as an important landmark and working to provide community access to the building and grounds.

Beeson is passionate about the Moraga Adobe and wishes that it was open to all, like the Alviso Adobe in Pleasanton, built in 1854. "The attic is so exciting," he says. "The adobe bricks and woodwork are original and still there." He wishes that the entire 17-acre parcel could be renovated, in the same way that the Alviso Adobe became a public park. He noted that even his own family has not seen the adobe.

In 1854, Beeson's great-great-grandmother was born in the Moraga Adobe. A granddaughter of Jose Joaquin Moraga, Maria Gomacinda de los Santos Moraga, was the daughter of Jose de Jesus Moraga and Cruz Sibrian. Her son, Beeson's great-grandfather, Joseph Frank Avila, was killed by a train in 1906. His grandmother was 4 months old at the time. Beeson's great-grandmother gave Gomacinda up for adoption to her Portuguese godparents, the de Costas, who raised her in Berkeley, while her sister lived in Oakland. The girls saw each other until 1919, when there was a rift in the family and Gomacinda was cut out of a will.

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## Orinda City Council election gets competitive – five candidates, three seats

By Sora O'Doherty

The filing deadline for nomination papers was extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 15 when incumbent Dean Orr, who pulled nomination papers, failed to file. Orr was first elected to the Orinda City Council in 2010, and has served two terms. Prior to the city council, Orr served two terms on the Orinda Planning Commission. Melissa Roeder, who has been a frequent speaker at city council meetings this year, also pulled papers but did not file.

At the close of the nomination period the candidates who returned nomination papers were incumbents Eve Phillips and Amy Worth, and candidates Dennis Fay, Nick Kosla and Kathleen Jenkins. All of their nomination papers qualified, so these are the candidates who will appear on the ballot. An in-depth story on the candidates' positions on the issues will be included in the Sept. 19 issue of Lamorinda Weekly.

At the Orinda Union School

District board, there is also an incumbent who is not running for re-election: Julie Rossiter, who has decided not to run for a third term on the board. Before being elected to the board in 2010, Rossiter was an active volunteer in Orinda schools. She served as treasurer of the school fundraising drive for two years and representative for the parcel tax campaign at Del Rey Elementary School, chairing committees for the Parent Club and auction, and working in the class-

room. She was also the school's legislative representative to the Las Trampas Creek Council.

Incumbents Carole Brown and Jason Kaune, and new candidate Elizabeth Daoust, have agreed to run as a slate, each endorsing the others' election. Since no other candidate filed nomination papers by the close of the nomination period, Brown, Kaune and Daoust will automatically be deemed elected to the board, which will save the board the cost of an election.

## Run on the Wilder Side to benefit Orinda parks

By Sora O'Doherty

In an effort to raise funds toward the renovation at the Orinda Community Park, the Orinda Park and Recreation Foundation will hold its first annual Run on the Wilder Side starting at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 3. The course will extend through the Wilder development and consist of a 5k and 1.4-mile run.

The two races will start at the driveway into the Garden Center and finish at the Ranch House. The 5k (or just over three mile) run starts at 8 a.m. and costs \$35, while the one-mile run, which costs \$25, will start at 8:40 a.m. Both

runs will finish at the Ranch House where prizes will be awarded to the winners of each race and food will be available.

Families are invited to come out and enjoy a morning of running or walking at the Wilder Development. Runners will receive T-shirts and goodie bags filled with various energy treats and bottled water. Costumes are welcome.

The Orinda Park and Rec Foundation was founded more than 40 years ago in 1975 when the Orinda Union Elementary School became available as a community center. The foundation was formed to raise money toward the purchase of the school and play field. Over the years the foundation raised money to make improvements at the Community Center and create the Orinda Community Park. Since 1975 the foundation has raised more than \$2 million for recreational and park purposes, including the purchase of 111 acres of open space, as well as contributing toward regional recreational and open space needs.



Runners participating in the 1.4-mile run will start at the New Art and Garden Center near the driveway, then run on Big Leaf to Quarry Road, make a left, run up to Big Rock, make a right and loop around to head back down to Big Rock, to Big Leaf and then a right on Wilder Road to run down and around and left to the Wilder Fields entrance, just past the Ranch House to the finish.

The 5k will also start at the New Art and Garden Center near the driveway, continuing on Big Leaf

to Rabble Road and around the circle, then down to Wilder Road. Runners will make a left on Wilder Road, go down to Dairy Creek Road and down to the big house at the end, then loop back and make a quick right turn, past the bridge and then back around to Wilder Road. They will take Wilder Road down and around to the Wilder Fields entrance, pass the Ranch House and arrive at the finish.

For more information or to sign up, visit <http://www.OPRFoundation.org>.

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