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Average Sales Price

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Average Sales Price to List Price

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Miller gives Mayor's Award of Excellence to Mo Mashoon

By Sora O'Doherty

Mo Mashoon may be the first person to spend significant money improving downtown Orinda in the past 30 years. The owner of Mash Petroleum Inc. has not only completely renovated the gas station at 1 Bryant Way, but has moved his corporate headquarters into the beautifully renovated building at 37 Moraga Way in the Theatre District. From the top floor, Mashoon's offices have beautiful views of the historic Orinda Theatre and the surrounding district. Downstairs, Orinda Cleaners remains, and is joined by two new businesses, Christian Ehrhorn Fine Arts and ShareTea. The new gallery is hosting a New Art and Wine Party on Saturday, Jan. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m., and will be serving some fancy libations and exhibiting new paintings by artist and gallery owner Ehrhorn. ShareTea is a boba tea shop started in Taiwan and now has over 500 stores in 18 countries and is rapidly expanding its franchises in California.

Mashoon is also building a new home in Orinda, as he moves his business operations from Oakland to Orinda. Mashoon and his wife have renovated many historic buildings in downtown Oakland, including one of the oldest, tallest buildings in the city. Built in 1904, the property at 1300-1304 Broadway is 11 stories tall, including one underground. He recently sold the building that had housed Mash Petroleum to Goldman Sachs.

During his career, Mashoon has built 100 gas stations since the 1970s. He has sold many, but now owns 15, in-



Mo Mashoon receives Mayor's Award of Excellence from outgoing mayor Inga Miller.



Photos Sora O'Doherty

Mo Mashoon's Mash Gas at 1 Bryant in Orinda.

cluding the one in Orinda. Mashoon said that he is very pleased with the renovated gas station, which now boasts a seating area where patrons can wait for their cars to be finished, while enjoying complimentary beverages from the station. He is also proud of the environmental innovations, such as a retention area that captures all rainwater, which is then filtered before going into storm drains.

Mashoon and his wife love restoring historic buildings, and own many properties around the Bay Area, including a mixed-use commercial/residential

building in downtown San Rafael, and a shopping center in Dixon. Their son graduated from UCLA before obtaining his MBA from Saint Mary's College in Moraga. He has worked for the family company, but is currently expanding his experience working for an online company.

Mashoon is a former chef. During the interview with the Lamorinda Weekly, he took calls from his wife and business partner, advising on the holiday leg of lamb, and swapped recipes with this reporter.

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New library manager is a familiar face



Photo Sora O'Doherty

Michael Beller, General Community Library Manager, Orinda

By Sora O'Doherty

Michael Beller is a colorful,

friendly academic type who has been the interim manager of the Orinda

library since mid-October 2018. Now the wish of the Friends of the Orinda Library has been granted, and Beller is the new, permanent manager of the library. He grew up in Berkeley, son of a faculty member at UC Berkeley, and attended Berkeley High School.

When he was young, his mother was getting an advanced degree at UC Berkeley and Beller spent his time roaming the stacks in the old Doe Library, playing games with his sister. Who could he find the oldest book? The most colorful?

Beller obtained his undergraduate degree in history at the University of Oregon and loves books, reading, all the possibilities

in books. He worked for a year in California book auctions for Butterfields, then worked for Stanford University. While working at Stanford, Beller got a librarian degree at San Jose State University. He had a friend and mentor at Mills College in the Special Collections section of the library. There was an entry level job as a reference librarian, and Beller got it. He was there 15 years, rising to the Head of Reference and Access Services in 2011.

At Mills, Beller taught literary bibliographic instruction. In 2014, he was the recipient of the prestigious "I love my librarian" award. The philanthropic foundation Carnegie Corporation of New

York sponsors the I Love My Librarian Award, which is co-sponsored by The New York Public Library and the New York Times.

But in 2017 Beller wanted to get beyond the academic world and support a broader community with broader needs. He wanted more of the tie to the community and got a job at the Ygnacio Valley branch of the Contra Costa County Library on the border of Concord and Clayton. He loved it, and developed many programs there. He is hoping to use the "great space" at the Orinda branch for lots of lectures and performances.

Beller is married to Karen Paulsen, an Orinda native whose parents still live in the city.

<p>Orinda Public Meetings City Council Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m. Regular Meeting Library Auditorium, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way</p>	<p>Planning Commission Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Library Auditorium, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way</p>	<p>Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission Wednesday, Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m. Sarge Littlehale Community Room, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563</p>	<p>Orinda Union High School District Board Meetings Monday, Jan. 13, 6 p.m. Regular Board Meeting 8 Altarinda Rd., Orinda www.orindaschools.org See also AUHSD meeting page A2</p>
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Public Safety

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 Police Dispatch: 24 Hours
 925-284-5010

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Orinda Police Department:
 22 Orinda Way 925-254-6820
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Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report Dec. 1 - Dec. 14

Alarms	55
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	9
Traffic	125
Suspicious Circumstances	4
Suspicious Subject	17
Suspicious Vehicle	21
Service to Citizen	64
Patrol Req./Security Check	84
Pubic/School Assembly Check	14
Supplemental Report	8
Vacation House Check	26
Welfare Check	6
Vehicle violations	
Abandoned Vehicle	
20 Block Muth Dr.	
Auto Burglary	
Starbucks	
Wilder Sports Fields	
80 Block El Gavilan Ct.	
600 Block Orindawoods Dr. (2)	

DUI Misd

Camino Pablo/El Toyonal	
Reckless Driving	
Moraga Way/Theatre Sq.	
Tamper With Vehicle	
Police Department	
Tc - Property Damage	
200 Block Camino Pablo	
10 Block Camino Pablo	
50 Block Citron Knoll	
Vehicle Embezzlement	
Camino Pablo Rd. School	
Vehicle Theft	
Moraga Way/Ivy Dr.	
Wild Lilac Way/Big Leaf Rd.	
Orinda Theater	
Not Available	
Other criminal activity	
Commercial Burglary	
Wild Lilac Way/Big Leaf Rd.	
Fraud False Pretenses	
50 Block Van Ripper Ln.	
Grand Theft	

Police Department	
Identity Theft	
200 Block Orchard Rd.	
Other Felony	
10 Block Warford Terrace	
Panhandling	
Post Office	
Petty Theft	
50 Block Orinda View Rd.	
Residential Burglary	
70 Block Davis Rd.	
Robbery Strongarm	
100 Block Alice Ln.	
Shoplift	
50 Block Moraga Way	
Warrant Arrest	
Safeway	
Shell Gas	
Santa Maria Way/Altarinda Rd.	
500 Block Moraga Way	
Orinda Convalescent	
Nuisance to the Community	
Disturbing The Peace	

100 Block Brookside Rd.	
Loud Party	
Donald Dr./Hall Dr.	
Phone Harass	
10 Block Aspinwall Ct.	
Public Nuisance	
Starbucks	
Theatre Square	
Vandalism	
Orinda Country Club	
Shell Gas	
700 Block Ironbark Ct.	
Other	
Accident Property	
70 Block Orchard Rd.	
Harassment	
Post Office	
Prom Shoot	
10 Block Mira Monte Rd.	
Unauthorized Possession	
Eb Sr 24 At Acalanes Rd., Laf	
Violation Of Parole	
Theatre Square	