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According to the announcement by Morgan Brennan on Forbes.com, Forbes looked at "500 small metro areas with populations between 5,500 and 150,000." Towns were ranked based on their charitable giving, low crime rates, number of college graduates and percentage of owner-occupied homes. Orindans donate roughly five percent of their annual revenues to charity a fairly significant source of support for non-profit organizations when you consider the community's median income level. The city also just happens to be the fifth safest in California (first for its size category, according to the

Education levels were assessed, said Brennan, because "research has found that collegeeducated folks typically display more civic engagement, with higher rates of voting and volunteering." Communities with higher percentages of owner-occupied homes were ranked higher because "studies have shown a direct correlation between homeownership and neighborhood stability."

Forbes partnered with Nextdoor.com to create its final list. "Since Nextdoor is connected to thousands of neighborhoods across the U.S. that use our service to create happier and friendlier places to call home," said Kelsey Grady, the company's Senior Communications Manager, "it made sense to help Forbes analyze the available data."

The San Francisco-based social media company describes its



sense of community to the neighborhood." Nextdoor offers its private social networks, customized to suit the unique characsaid Grady, as are 19 other Orinda their private Nextdoor site. neighborhoods. "In Lafayette we have 18 neighborhoods on naysayers when Forbes named its Nextdoor and in Moraga we have friendliest towns, most comments

polindo neighbors use their site to send alerts regarding burglaries and other safety issues in Moraga, and other documents, and also reach out about upcoming garage sales and for help with missing pets. "We've found lots of dogs,"

mission as "[bringing] back a he said. Using the site is also proving to be an environmentally friendly alternative to the event users a variety of tools to create flyers and lost puppy posters that often end up littering streets and fouling waterways in other areas. ter and needs of their respective Now roughly half of Campo neighborhoods. Sleepy Hollow neighbors connect via email residents are active on their site, blasts and text messages through

While there were a few in the Twitterverse were upbeat. Chris Maher and his Cam- Ryan, also known as @steezysee, wrote that it was a "Great day to be an Orindan."

And @Orindaproblems happost minutes of board meetings pily Tweeted the social media equivalent of a fist bump with the hashtag "#GoodForUs"? It really was a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

Resources to Make It an Even More Beautiful Day in Your Neighborhood

Compassionate Cities Campaign:

compassionateaction.org/cities

Conversations on Compassion – Stanford University's Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education: ccare.stanford.edu/events/upcoming

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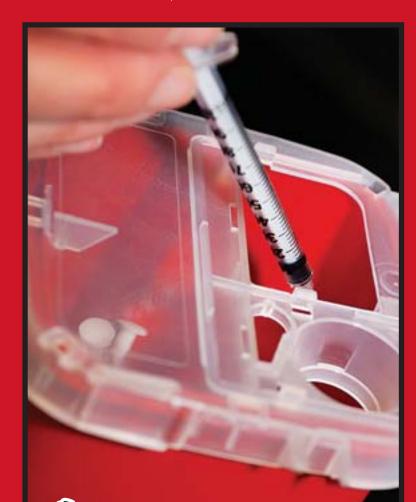




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