

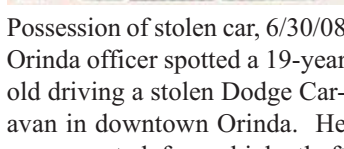
Lamorinda Community Calendar, Notes, News

Orinda

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Thursday, July 10	
Planning Comm.	7:00pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, July 22	
Planning Process Review	8:00am
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Friday, July 18	
Public Safety Comm.	7pm
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Thursday, July 10	
Mayor's Com. Liaison	9am
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Monday, July 14	

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Town of Orinda:
<http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us/>
• all meeting notes
• calendar updates

Chamber of Commerce:
<http://www.orindachamber.org/>
• local businesses
• upcoming events



Possession of stolen car, 6/30/08
Orinda officer spotted a 19-year old driving a stolen Dodge Caravan in downtown Orinda. He was arrested for vehicle theft and possession as well as a probation violation in Alameda County.

MacFee shop robbed, 6/29/08
An unknown person entered Catherine MacFee decorating business at 2 Theater Square during the night and removed property valued at \$10,850. There was no sign of forced entry and nothing was seen or heard. A key to the business had been discovered missing since approximately a month ago. The locks had not been re-keyed and there was no alarm system.

Driving with drugs, 6/25/08
A red Acura with no license plates pulled out of the Chevron station right in front of a police officer at midnight. The thoughtless driver had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. When police asked him if he had any drugs, he replied in the negative. After further questioning he decided he actually did have some methamphetamine on his person. As it turns out he had six small baggies that contained a white crystal-like substance inside of one larger baggie in his gym shorts.

Razor thief caught, 6/24/08
A young man from Oakland was caught outside of the Orinda Safeway with a canvas backpack full of stolen razors and razor refills. He had an outstanding warrant from Oakland police department for corporal injury to a spouse and also an outstanding Alameda police warrant. The last thing this guy needs is a clean close shave.

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Orinda's City Engineer is at the Core of What's Happening

By Andrea A. Firth



Janice Carey, Orinda's City Engineer

Photo Andrea A. Firth

Just back from a week-long Alaskan cruise, Janice Carey, Orinda's City Engineer, has little time to stop and chat and share her vacation photos of the whales. Long days and some nights are part of managing the workload for Carey and the two half-time engineers that comprise Orinda's Engineering Department. "There's a lot going on with trying to comply with City

Council's number one priority—to address Orinda's infrastructure needs," notes Carey. To address this priority, Orinda currently has over twenty infrastructure projects related to roads, drainage, and bridges in the works, and these projects fall under Carey's jurisdiction.

"Engineering is the steward to overseeing the infrastructure plan," states Carey. "I manage the Capital

Improvement Plan, development review, the Storm Water Improvement Program, traffic engineering, and ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] compliance," she adds when asked to further describe the responsibilities of her role in the City's Management team.

Despite the size of the job, Carey seems immune to the pressure and capable of tackling the many engineering challenges that face Orinda as they City works to fix the decaying infrastructure most evident in the crumbling roads. Diminutive in stature and quiet in nature, Carey has been working with and for the City of Orinda for over seven years. She worked as a contract employee through a private firm hired by the City for two years, then moved onto the City's payroll as a Senior Engineer for three years, and has served as the City Engineer for the past two years.

Although she admits to playing with Legos as a child, she attributes that interest to having two brothers. She notes that her affinity for numbers and linear thinking were what made engineering a good fit. Carey received her Engineering degree from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and previously worked for the cities of San Ramon and Concord.

In addition to the implementation and oversight of the City's Five-Year Infrastructure Plan,

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Carey has played a significant role in finding creative ways to pay for the City's infrastructure needs. The current Moraga Way repaving project has been funded through two federal state transportation grants that Carey pursued. The City also received \$175,000 toward the repavement of the road through a grant awarded by the California Integrative Waste Management Board. "The asphalt that is being used incorporates recycled rubber tires—a greener product. It also has the added benefits of providing a quieter ride, and it stays darker longer," she explains.

Carey notes that conducting the paving of Moraga Way at night helped to avoid a major disruption of the daytime traffic on the road. "The process went fairly well because the weather cooperated," notes Carey. The rubberized asphalt used in repaving Moraga Way required warm temperatures to be poured, so June's unseasonably warm weather made nighttime paving possible.

With her many years' experience as a civil engineer, Carey understands the process of integrating the needs and wants of various groups when working on development and improvement projects. "It is part of working in a public agency environment," she says. "Not everybody can win, but there may be a winning solution." Further, the level of community interest and involvement in the City's development impresses her. "It's very nice working in Orinda," states Carey. "It's a sophisticated community, and they bring a strong knowledge base to the table."

When not at work Carey enjoys baking and gardening. She proudly displays flowers from her garden on her desk, which is piled high in architectural plans and roadway maps. Although she notes that she does not get to these hobbies as much as she would like to, with a calm smile, she turns her attention to the next engineering task at hand.

9th Annual Three Quarter Century Club Luncheon – June 19th, 2008

(Submitted story)



In addition to crown and satin stole reading "Queen," Helen received a dozen long-stem roses

Photo Tom Black, courtesy of Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary

It seemed like only yesterday that Orinda held its First Three Quarter Century Club Luncheon with eighty Orinda Seniors over seventy five years old attending that gala event. The year was 2000 and now in 2008 a full house of 125 filled the Orinda Community Church to celebrate the 9th Annual Three Quarter Century Club party.

What began as an idea of John Fazel to honor Orinda's Seniors who had contributed toward the development of our great community, has now become a tradition that attendees look forward to each year. The idea is not new, as Fazel remembered how his hometown of Perry, Iowa, has been doing this since 1930. His mother used to take her stepfather and mother to the Perry event dat-

ing back to the early 1950s, then when his parents were old enough they continued to attend.

While the Iowa event was started and sponsored by the local newspaper, the Orinda Luncheon has been sponsored by Orinda Prudential California Realty, Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary and the Orinda Community Church. The Prudential Realtors and Lamorinda Sunrise Rotarians prepared and served a delicious lunch of roast chicken, Caesar salad, rice pilaf, Peet's Coffee, cake and of course the celebratory wine.

A tradition at each Annual Three Quarter Century Luncheon is the introduction of the Royal Court. This year's Royal Court consisted of 'The Baby of The Year', Marilyn Sherwin, who had just turned 75 on June

3rd; Thomas Dahl, who was crowned King for the 2nd year in a row; and our Queen, for the 3rd straight year, was the ever

radiant Helen Vurek who is just two years shy of 100.

When Fazel asked how many couples had been married over fifty years almost all the hands in the room went up. There were still many hands in the air for those over sixty years, but one very charming and handsome couple have been married for an impressive sixty seven years. Our King Thomas and his beautiful wife Aileen were presented with a bottle of champagne, wine glasses and flowers.

All of the members of the Royal Court were presented with plaques and a proclamation from the City of Orinda honoring them and proclaiming Jun 19, 2008, as Official Orinda Three Quarter Century Club Day.

The luncheon attendees were entertained with a behind

the scenes story of the history of the drive to incorporate Orinda. Who better to learn it from than two of the foremost experts on the subject, Dick Heggie, Orinda's first mayor, and Joyce Hawkins, one of the three co-chairs of the Incorporation Committee and also former mayor.

Attempts had made many times in the past dating back to the 1950's, but times changed and the people in Orinda finally decided the time was right. The County Board of Supervisors and Developers were doing what they wanted in Orinda and the Pro Incorporation Committee and over 60% of the voters said it was time for Orinda to make their own decisions.

Those wishing to view the DVD of the event may contact John Fazel at 925-324-2017.

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