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Keeping Orinda beautiful and making residents proud of their community is the vision for Orinda's upcoming service day-Orinda in Action. "We have so much natural beauty that we appreciate in Orinda," states Mayor Sue Severson, "But there are many other ways that we can clean up and further beautify our City," she adds.

About a month ago, Severson placed a call for volunteers and several community groups, businesses, and individuals have already responded. "It's very exciting. We have received a lot of enthusiasm and support from the community," says Severson.

Orinda in Action will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 18th. Volunteers are asked to check-in at Theater Square Plaza between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to be assigned to a beautification project such as roadway litter pick up, flower and tree planting, creek restoration, and trail clean up among others. Volunteers should dress to work and get dirty and bring work gloves and light tools such as rakes. Trash bags and clean up supplies will be provided.

Three additional recycling and community service activities have also been planned for the morning of the 18th.

The Orinda Chamber of Commerce will be collecting electronic waste recycling and used batteries; they will be based in the BART parking lot. Goodwill will collect reusable clothing and household goods and the Contra Costa Food Bank will accept donations of non-perishable food items; both of these activities will based in the parking lot of 25 Orinda Way.

And if you can't make it on the 18th, there is still a way to participate. "Residents have always had the ability to donate to the City through the Orinda Community Improvement Fund," explains Severson. Monies from this fund helped to pay for Orinda's police dog, Shepp. Contributions to the Improvement Fund can be applied to offset costs of the clean up day such as plants. Donation forms are available at the City website (www.cityoforinda.org).

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