

Civic News Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way
Workshop at 6:00 pm Garden Room

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• Police Report •



watery eyes and slurred speech and arrested her. Lucky she didn't end up in Lake Cascade.

Standing while drunk, 11/23/10 A middle-aged gentleman was standing in front of CVS store making rude and aggressive remarks to passers by. He showed objective signs of intoxication and had a blood alcohol content more than twice the legal limit. Deemed unable to care for himself – he was arrested. Maybe he was celebrating in a cranky way, "Because it's Tuesday" – apologies to Davidson and Licht.

Drunk in public, 11/20/10 A different middle-aged man was staggering around Brookwood Road, something out of the ordinary for Orinda. "Tis the season – apparently. The cop questioning him had to hold him up to keep him from falling over. He had an open 12-pack of beer next to him on the ground. "I drink all the time," said the fellow. He also had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear – so he was arrested and bail was set at \$20,000.

D.U.I., 11/22/10 A 69-year-old woman was driving on Camino Sobrante at almost 11:00 p.m. when she ran off the roadway and struck a house. She was confused and still in the driver's seat when police arrived. Officers noted red

Nursery robbed, 11/18/10 An unknown suspect smashed a window panel on the front door of McDonnell Nursery. Petty cash from the register was taken and the office was ransacked. No information as yet on missing plants and pots.

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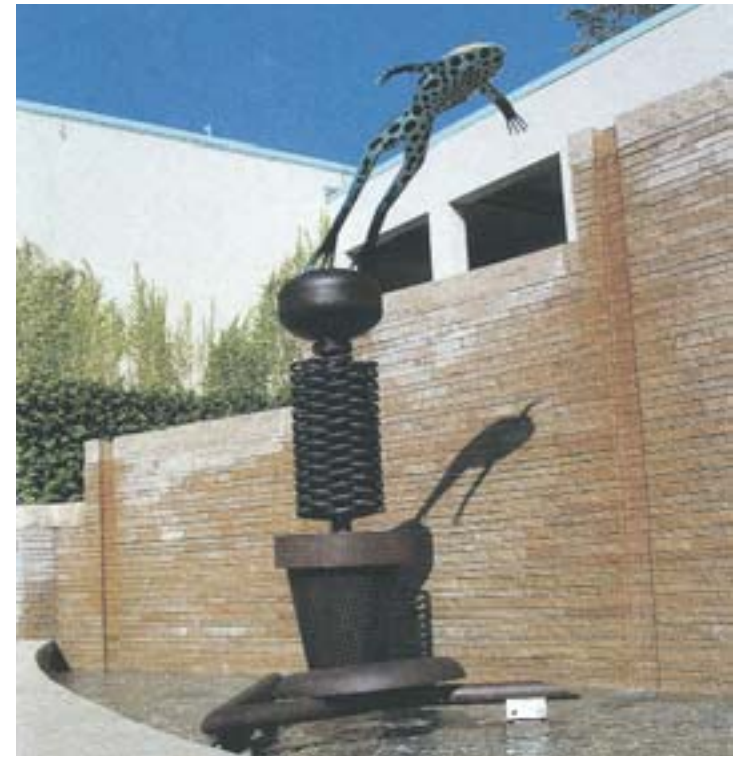
Going, Going...Sold

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John Toki's *Springtime* is located in front of the Community Center. Photo provided

The primary focus of the APCC is to obtain art on loan and regularly rotate what is displayed in the City's public spaces around the Library and Community Center, explained Urban. "But residents have become attached to some of the pieces and did not want to lose them." Half of the contributions



Gale Wagner's *Outta Here* will continue to leap over the Library fountain. Photo provided

came from individuals and half from organizations including the Orinda Community Foundation and the Friends of the Orinda Library, said Urban. "This is a fine use of these funds for a program that really enhances our City," stated Council Member Steve Glazer.

Orinda's Officers to the Rescue



Pictured from L to R are Officers Neil Rafanan, Kevin Mooney, Ron Westhorpe, and Yvonne McDaniel (by the podium). A.Firth

One day in late October, Orinda resident Yvonne McDaniel wasn't feeling well. A call from concerned family members to the Orinda police that day may have saved her life. When Officers Ron Westhorpe and Kevin Mooney arrived at McDaniel's home, they saw her stumble around and fall. Westhorpe proceeded to kick down the door to the home in order to gain access to McDaniel while Mooney

called for medical assistance. "They were just marvelous," said McDaniel in her comments to the Orinda City Council on November 29th when the two officers were recognized by the City for their life saving efforts. McDaniel suffered a stroke that day but has experienced no sequelae, which she attributes to the fact that she was transported quickly to the hospital and was able to receive a clot-busting drug.

The Orinda Sign Finds a Home

By Andrea A. Firth



taken down in 1969 and was stored under the stage in the Community Center for a number of years. The real estate building has long been gone.

In our last issue, we ran a photo of the Orinda sign that popped up in the triangular garden plot across from Orinda Motors on Orinda Way. It turns out this sign has quite a provenance, and the City and the Orinda Historical Society have been in search of a permanent home for the sign for many years.

Over the past 15 years, the Orinda Historical Society, the most recent custodian of the sign, worked with the City to identify a public place for the sign to reside, and a number of locations were explored. But as the old adage goes, "there's no place like home," and the sign has found its way back to where it started.

"The great day has arrived," said Carl Weber, a member of the City's Historic Landmark's Committee, enthusiastically adding, "It's special. It's historical. This sign goes back 75, maybe 80 years."

While there was some discussion regarding the design for the platform to permanently set the sign in place and whether the sign would be more aesthetically pleasing in another color such as brown or a less glossy green, the Council voted four to one, with Mayor McCormick dissenting, to make the triangular garden plot at the intersection of Orinda Way and El Sobrante the permanent home for the currently green Orinda sign. Stay tuned for news of a color change.

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