Orinda Mayor Kicks off Brown Bag Lunch Series May 16

By Laurie Snyder

ther recent State of the City May 16 in the Sarge Littlehale Address, Orinda mayor Sue Community Room at City Hall, Severson announced that Orin- and will give Orindans the chance dans would soon have a new way to talk about Crime Prevention to interact with community lead- with the mayor and Mark Nagel, ers - relaxed and informally via Orinda's police chief. The prothe Mayor's Brown Bag Lunch gram is being presented free of series. The first session of that charge. No RSVP is needed – just new series will begin at noon on bring your lunch and your brain.

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Orinda Library Celebrates a Century of Civic and Community Engagement

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By 1956, Orinda's collection numbered nearly 61,000, library hours their new structure would be built on the corner of Irwin Way and what is now Orinda Way. Fundraising ramped up further as the Orinda Association, churches, Chamber of Commerce members, and other organizations came on board, and 400 block captains began nudging neighbors to give and give again. Even the State Board of Education joined in, offering to provide oversight of door-

to-door solicitation. dedicated. It housed 94,700 books. The Friends of the Orinda Library – an organization known today for its innovative programming of concerts the library at its present location on orindalibrary.org/.

and other special events – was Oct. 7, 2001. founded in 1959. An addition to the were increasing, and planners knew library opened in 1971. The City of gins its second century of life, the Orinda assumed responsibility for library maintenance in 1995.

A year later, the community would take another giant leap forward as the City of Orinda animated the "Heart of Orinda" – a plan destined to transform the Orinda Village by moving the library into a new structure to be built near the Orinda Community Center and new city offices. After raising \$5 million within a 2-year period to fund most of the new library's Finally, on Nov. 14, 1958, the construction while also leading the new \$125,000 Orinda Library was charge to pass an 8-year, \$27 city parcel tax to fund programs and staffing, Friends of the Library and their fellow Orindans celebrated the opening of Library visit: www.friendsofhte-

Today, as the Orinda Library becomplex is a beehive of activity with patrons buzzing through 1,981 shelves filled with books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, and other materials, and visitors from across the Bay Area flitting from city council meetings to art exhibitions to toddler yoga to winter concerts in front of the fireplace or Chamber of Commerce and Orinda Historical Society activities before relaxing over coffee with friends at the ground floor café.

"If you have a garden and a library," said Cicero, "you have everything you need."

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- Garden Room (inside): Quilting talk and display by award-winning Orinda quilter, Liz Platt.
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