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## Orinda Community Foundation Celebrates 5 Years

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The foundation hopes it will say "Welcome home" to all citizens, and "Welcome to the second friendliest city in America" to all visitors. For information about the Orinda Community Foundation and to learn how you can help, visit [www.orindafoundation.org](http://www.orindafoundation.org).

The Orinda Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the life of all Orinda residents, will celebrate its fifth anniversary at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at the Heggie Plaza on the upper floor of the Orinda Library. The Orinda Community Foundation supports numerous local initiatives such as the Fourth of July parade, Lamorinda Idol and the purchase of outdoor art found in various parts of town. Over the past five years, more than \$150,000 from the Orinda Community Foundation has gone to support children's writing classes, all four Orinda garden clubs, Music in the Park and Opera in the Park programs, and much more. This year OCF is taking on the lead role of raising several hundred thousand dollars to create a new entry to Orinda with a tasteful, yet impactful welcome into the city as you get off of the eastbound exit of Highway 24.

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