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## Draft Orinda Housing Element is now available for public review

By Sora O'Doherty

After a number of appearances at city council meetings, and through a combination of staff analysis of sites and public input, Orinda now has a draft Housing Element that identifies land to accommodate the number of new housing units required by the

state of California for the next Housing Element cycle. The sixth cycle since the Housing Element became a requirement, will cover the eight-year period from 2023 to 2031. Orinda will have to provide for 1,506 new units within the city limits.

The next step in the process will be a review of the draft by the city council at

its meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 19. There are many steps, however, before the Housing Element is finalized. In December 2022 and January 2023, the city council will adopt the Downtown Precise Plan, the Housing Element and the Safety Element. From January to March, 2023, Orinda must submit the final adopted Housing Element to

the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review and certification.

Orinda's draft housing element was released at the end of March for public review and can be found at [www.PlanOrinda.com/housing-element](http://www.PlanOrinda.com/housing-element).

## With record-breaking heat and iced desserts, Orinda welcomes return of Food Truck Thursdays

By Sora O'Doherty

Orinda residents were happy to be outdoors on a very warm Thursday evening to welcome the return of the Taste of the World Market food truck event on April 7. Neighbors visited, kids played, and everyone enjoyed the freedom of being outdoors. Cousin's Maine Lobster put in a first appearance in Orinda for the event. Other trucks included Rosie's Mexican Food, Golden Gate

Gyro, The Guzzler, and More Life Ice. The event will continue each Thursday

evening from 5 to 8 p.m. in front of the Orinda Community Center.



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## Orinda's Day of Action returns in 2022

The public is invited to lend a hand to help clean up Orinda and beautify the community Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is sponsored by the city of Orinda in partnership with the Orinda Community Foundation. Snacks and a light lunch will be provided to volunteers. Volunteers can sign up for a variety of tasks, from trash and debris removal to painting the restroom or adding sand to the sandbox at the Orinda Community Park. Volunteers should meet at the Library Plaza at 10 a.m. on the day.

Volunteer sign-ups are available at [www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4baba629a02-orinda6](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4baba629a02-orinda6) - S. O'Doherty

## Host home sought for visiting Czech student for next academic year

By Sora O'Doherty

A 16-year-old student from Tabor in the Czech Republic has been selected as the visiting student for academic year 2022-23. Sofie studies English, German and Italian. She is also a gymnast and a runner. Sofie says that she is "deeply interested in international relations." She submitted her biographical essay in English and passed an in-person English interview before a three-member board of English speakers in Tabor. She was chosen by the board of the Orinda/Tabor Sister City Foundation over 15 other applicants.

Regulations require that visiting students be provided

with their own bed, a place to study, and three meals a day. Sofie looks forward to living with an Orinda host family, preferably one with a student at Miramonte High School, where she will study.

Sofie will be the 21st student from Tabor sponsored by the sister city foundation to study for a semester in Orinda. If you might like to host Sofie, and are interested in the details of her stay, please contact Bobbie Landers ([bobbieanders@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbieanders@yahoo.com)). According to Landers, you will embark on a memorable experience! Potential hosts can also speak to previous host families about their experiences with past visiting students.

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**City Council Regular Meeting:**  
 Tuesday, April 19, 7 p.m.  
 By Teleconference Only

**Planning Commission**  
 Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.  
 By Teleconference Only

**Supplemental Sales Tax Oversight Commission**  
 Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.  
 By Teleconference Only