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New website debuts with announcement of photo contest winners

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A screen shot of Orinda's new website. Below is a list of the Adore Orinda photo contest winners.

Orinda launched its new and improved website in April, and announced the winners of the Adore Orinda photo contest. A slideshow of the photos is available on the website, which can be found at www.cityoforinda.org.

The city says that the new website was designed with the user in mind and features intuitive navigation, directing users to the information they most need. City departments are listed on the navigation menu, commonly used services are listed by function under the "Services" menu, and most commonly asked questions and sought after information are located under the "How Do I" menu.

council, committee and commission meetings and an Archive Center featuring council and commission agendas and minutes.

The new website includes improved functionality to boost the ability of visitors to interact with city offices. The enhanced functionality includes a "Notify Me" system where users can sign up for a number of updates including emergency alerts, news, and upcoming city

The City of Orinda partnered with government website specialist CivicPlus to create the new site. CivicPlus has developed more than 2,000 government websites across the country, and its content management system allows the staff to quickly and easily update the website.

Site users can also save favorite pages within MyDashboard, encouraging more-frequent visits and making important information even easier to find. Check out MyDashboard and customize your own page at www.cityoforinda.org/MyDashBoard.

The city's website was last updated more than eight years ago. "Modernization of our city's website was long overdue," said Mayor Eve Phillips. "We are excited to offer our citizens a more professional website utilizing better technology to enhance civic engagement and provide a mobile website for easier accessibility and use."

The website debuted with winners of the Adore Orinda photo contest. They are:

Photo Category Entrant Name Photo Title/Description

18+ Built Environment Sue Clark Severson Welcome to Orinda

18+ Community Life Bruce Van Voorhis Classic Car Show

18+ Digitally Altered Jane Bordalo Orinda Downtown at Dawn

18+ Parks and Open Space Bruce Van Voorhis Overlooking Orinda

17 & Under Built Environment Kolton Tang Theater Square

17 & Under Community Life Cole Stieglitz Peacock in Early Morning Light

17 & Under Parks and Open Space Kolton Tang Orindawood's Woodhall

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