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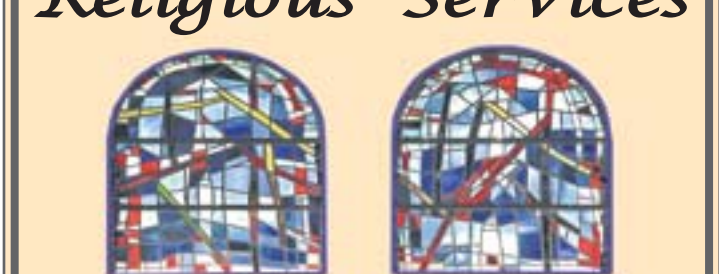


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10:30 a.m. Nursery Closes

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Adult Education, 10:30-11:15 am
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Editor:
On June 23 my dog and I returned to my car after walking on the trail. The car would not start. I am 80 and Precious is 12. It was very hot. We walked to the Commons. A lady called Ron at Moraga Motors in Rheem.
Ron started the car. The gear was not all the way in park. I offered to pay him. He refused. I asked if he should check out the car. He said there was nothing wrong with it.
I have been going to his shop for over 10 years.

Sincerely,
Shirley Lawrence
Moraga

Editor,
There are a few things that have been overlooked with regard to comments made about Rancho Laguna Park's off-leash hours.
I would encourage putting a short fence around the playground, not just to protect children from dogs, but to keep them from running into the parking lot right next to both play areas. I have seen this happen several times and have corralled other people's children myself.
The limited hours for dogs to be off leash (before 9 am and two hours prior to sunset) are not prime hours for small children to be playing at the park. Those of us who do take both our children and our dogs to the park during those hours want the dogs and children to play together, but are not naive enough to hand tuna sandwiches to our children at that particular time.
Dogs who are adequately socialized and exercised are far less likely to bite anyone than dogs that are not. A dog that is on leash tends to be more de-

fensive, and frankly, can still bite.
Rancho Laguna is most heavily used during the off-leash hours. If the Parks and Recreation Committee and the City Council really want the park to be used as they claim, they have their wish before 9 am and two hours prior to sunset. There is a lovely community of dogs and their people using that park every day.
Diana Stephens - Rancho Laguna regular for almost 10 years
Orinda

Editor:
BART employees average nearly \$100,000 a year in salary. Booth attendants make over \$65,000. Factor in health care, defined benefit pension plans and fringe benefits and average compensation tops \$120,000. Now BART employees want to strike because officials want to freeze raises for 3 years, with a guaranteed increase in the fourth year. What?! How arrogant, when so many people can't find work!
Let them strike and replace them all; it wouldn't be too hard. We pay high ticket prices, property tax, 1/2% of our sales tax, and income tax, (through state programs) into BART's kitty. We shouldn't be asked to pony up more. Instead, BART needs to look at other transit agencies like Tri-Delta Transit and West Cat. They contract out to provide decent, living - but sustainable - wages and benefits to a unionized staff. Why can't BART do the same?

Sincerely,
Gabriel Froymovich
Lafayette

Editor,
Orindans should be aware of the terms of the pension of the last Fire Chief to retire from the Moraga/Orinda Fire District (MOFD). This Chief is in his early 50's. Before retirement he was the MOFD Fire Chief for approximately 3 years.
On July 2, 2009 the Fire Fighters' Union wrote a letter to the MOFD Board of Directors. According to this letter the MOFD Board Directors amended the Chief's contract on 12/10/08. This amendment used tools such as backdated vacation accrual, etc., to increase his last year's salary compensation from \$184,000 to \$241,000. This hefty \$56,000 pension increase was all done by amendment three (3) days before the Chief announced his retirement and started drawing from his newly inflated pension.
This \$56,000 bonus spike over the Chief's original \$184,000 contract increases his retirement pay by approximately \$2.8M over 30 years with cost of living increases.
After the Chief retired and started collecting his \$241,000 pension, the Board hired him back on a 9-month contract at approximately \$14,000 per month. It is unfair that Orinda annually pays approximately \$800,000 more for each of 3 Orinda fire stations than Moraga pays for each of their 2 stations. Orinda could use this \$2.4M (\$800,000 x 3) to fix roads if Orinda detached from MOFD and formed an all Orinda Fire District.
Each Orinda household annually pays approximately \$400 more for MOFD than each Moraga household pays. The fleecing of Orinda taxpayers has gone on too long.

Vince Maiorana
Orinda

Orinda Historical Society Restores Bridge

By Andrea A. Firth



San Pablo Creek Bridge at Camino Pablo and Orinda Way, circa 1924. Photo provided by the Orinda Historical Society.

History takes time. History makes memory... Gertrude Stein

Charlie Vollmar was looking for something to sink his teeth into. He wanted his children, seven year-old twin girls, to have a sense of grounding, a sense of place. Running his own culinary business, Epicurean Exchange, and helping to manage his young family did not quite fill every minute of his day. And so, the Orinda Historical Society will probably never quite look the same.
Vollmar, recruited by long-time Historical Society President Lucy Hupp-Williams, recently came on board as the Historical Society's Vice President. "Orinda's history is a part of the 3rd grade curriculum for my children," states Vollmar, who has been actively reaching out to his own personal network of friends and associates to increase awareness and recruit young families as members of the Orinda Historical Society. "We live our history everyday," he adds.
Vollmar spent his early years in Orinda. "I lived here from age two to five before moving to the foothills. I attended nursery school at the Community Center," he explains, "I came back in 1992 with my wife to set down some roots." As Vollmar became more in-

involved with the Historical Society he looked for small projects that could encourage the involvement of young families, like his own, in the Society's activities. Obstacles such as time, insurance, and money did not pose as barriers to Vollmar's enthusiasm and drive. When he presented the restoration of the San Pablo Creek Bridge as a project that the City and Historical Society could work on together, he was pleased and reaffirmed by the City's positive response.
The San Pablo Creek Bridge, situated at the intersection of Camino Pablo and Orinda Way adjacent to Orinda Country Club golf course and at the entrance of Orinda Village, was built in 1920. The City designated the bridge as a historic landmark in 1990, but crumbling pillars and peeling paint has left the passageway in need of some tender loving care.
The City agreed to manage the bigger repair work, and Vollmar has recruited a team of residents to add a fresh coat of white paint to complete the restoration job. Members of the Historical Society and friends will meet on Saturday, August 1st between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. to paint the bridge. All are welcome. Bring a brush or roller, paint will be provided. To get involved, contact Charlie Vollmer at Charlie@epicureanexchange.com.



Members of the Orinda Historical Society and friends preparing for the bridge restoration on Saturday, August 1st. Photo A. Firth

Orinda's Miner Road Open!

By Andrea A. Firth

"The Miner Road project is going very well. We are pleased to say that we are ahead of schedule," stated Nora Harlow, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Community Affairs liaison, in her report to Orinda's City Council in early July. Harlow's words were affirmed last week when Miner Road was re-opened to traffic a full week ahead of schedule. "There will be finish and clean-up work happening for the next few weeks. This work will involve lane closures only, no more road closures or detours," states Harlow. This portion of

the EBMUD Miner Road project runs from Oak Arbor Road to Lombardy Lane and is scheduled for completion by August 21st.
The Central Costa County Sanitary District will be doing minor repairs on Miner Road, between Camino Pablo to Oak Arbor Road, this week and working on the sewer main beginning the week of July 27 for two weeks. "If all goes well, they expect to finish by August 7th," states Harlow. There will be single-lane closures with traffic controls in place, and no road closures.

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