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Fun Time For All at First 'Concerts at the Park' Event



The first of the Concerts at the Park series featured DND Band June 9 at the Orinda Community Park. Photo Ohlen Alexander

Babies were bouncing, toddlers were hopping and the Orinda Community Park was jumping at the first in the series of Summer Concerts at the Park June 9. Families and friends gathered on the grass to hear DND Band belt out rock 'n' roll tunes like "One Way or Another" by Blondie and other favorites.

Not many hands went up when the band asked how many in the audience were Warriors fans since the concert coincided with game three of the NBA Finals, but there was at least one in the crowd. Moraga resident Yvonne Dunning showed her Warriors T-shirt with pride as she sat with a group of three friends and her mother, Peggy Brothers, who was visiting from Idaho. "We're taping the game," she said with a smile, "then we're going home to watch."

Like many others who came out to picnic in the park, the group sat around a small table filled with cheeses, salami, bread and wine. Dunning's

friend MJ Kenny, from Walnut Creek, used to come eight or nine years ago, and was glad to be returning. Friend Jill Riter of Moraga said, "I love the concerts because it's easy to get to, has good music and is a perfect excuse for a great picnic."

For those who would rather buy food than pack it in, there were hotdogs and other goodies being sold by StreetDogTruck, as well as booths selling kettle corn and Loard's Ice Cream. The concerts, which are sponsored by the Orinda Parks and Recreation Foundation and supported by the Orinda Community Foundation, Rotary Club of Orinda and City of Orinda, continue Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. through Aug. 11.

Dunning's mom seemed happy with the outdoor musical experience. "We thought we'd show her how it's done," Dunning said.

For a full schedule of concerts, visit cityoforinda.org and enter "Orinda's Upcoming Events" in the search bar. J. Wake



From left, Cheryl Gross, MJ Kenny, Jill Riter, Yvonne Dunning and Peggy Brothers, visiting from Idaho, enjoy a picnic on the grass while listening to the band. Photo J. Wake

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