

Welcome to ORINDA

Orinda, with a population of approximately 18,000 (1995), is the first city east of the Caldecott Tunnel. It encompasses an area of 12.8 square miles. Orinda is one of the most prestigious towns in Contra Costa County. It attracts many of the Bay Area's professional and executives who live there because of its proximity to San Francisco as well as to other areas of business and leisure. The city of Orinda is nestled in a valley on the east side of the Oakland-Berkeley hills. It offers its residents a quiet,

value of property in Orinda exceeds that of most Contra Costa communities. The average price of a home in Orinda is around \$500,000. Undeveloped land ranges from \$75,000 for one-half acre to almost \$300,000 for a 4.5 acre lot. This, coupled with the cost of development, will cause the price of available properties to reinforce Orinda's reputation for affluence.

The beautiful Orinda Theater was declared an Historical Landmark and has been refurbished to its



peaceful setting away from the hubbub often associates with many other parts of the central county. In 1985, Orinda was incorporated as a city. A five member City Council is the governing body. Elections are held every two years, and members serve four-year terms on a staggered basis. Council members serve without financial compensation. The City Mayor is elected annually by the Council from among its members.

Due to its close proximity to San Francisco, and the aesthetic beauty of its tree-studded hillsides, the

original beauty of the Art Deco style. The theater reopened to the public in 1989. The Theater Square complex around it opened in 1991. The Theater Square is a combination of professional offices and retail stores and restaurants in a charming environment.

All things considered, its beauty, easy commute, excellent schools, history, culture, affluence and serenity make Orinda a wonderful place to live.

HISTORY of Orinda

In 1835, the Mexican government granted 13,326 acres of land to Joaquin Moraga and his cousin Juan Bernal. This land grant was identified as Rancho Laguna de los Palos Colorados. Senor Moraga's adobe, built in 1841, remains today on a hillside above Del Rey Elementary School in Orinda. Although the adobe is privately owned, it is a California Historical Landmark (#509).

The northern portion of Orinda lies on the 22,000 acre land grant known as Rancho El Sobrante, received by Victor and Juan Castro from the Mexican government in 1841. Victor Castro was later elected as one of the five men to serve on the first Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, formed by an act of the California State Legislature in 1850.

From the period of the great ranchos, with their vast herds of cattle, Orinda passed into a farming period which lasted until the 1920's. Many of the names from the past are remembered today in local landmarks, among them: Glorietta, Casa Viejo, Nelson, Fish Ranch, Bryant, Lauterwassler, Charles, Miner, Sleepy Hollow, Wagner, Sullivan and deLaveaga.

Ownership of the Castro Sobrante land changed hands several times and by 1876, William Walker

Camron had become the major landowner in the north Orinda area. His wife, Alice Marsh Camron (daughter of the pioneer California settler and land owner, John Marsh), had become interested in the writings of the 17th Century poetess, Katherine Fowler Phillips. Ms. Phillips was known in her circle of friends as the Matchless Orindan. The magic of the name appealed to the Camrons as evidenced in the naming of their new tract, Orinda Park.

In 1887, approximately 1200 acres in the area north of the present Highway 24 were purchased by Jose and Miguel deLaveaga of San Francisco. Their son, E. E. deLaveaga, subdivided the property and established the town site of Orinda in the 1920's. The deLaveaga family, who still reside in Orinda at their estate, "Bien Venida", which was declared an Historical Landmark in 1990, was responsible for much of the development and character of the community as it exists today. After the Caldecott Tunnel opened in 1937, connecting Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, the area south of the freeway, as well as that to the North, began to develop rapidly. Today, Orinda is primarily a single-family residential community with a population of approximately 18,000.

Important PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY911
(Ambulance, Police, Fire, Rescue)

ASSISTANCE

Chamber
of Commerce.....254.3909
Post Office254.2298
Library.....254.2184
Community Center.....254.2445
Orinda Association254.0800

CITY OFFICES

City Office.....253.4200
City Council
(message)253.4220
Fire
(non-emergency)254.1110
General Services254.3900
City Manager253.4220
Planning253.4210
Public Works
Department.....253.4231
Police
Business Phone (9-5) .254.6820
Parks & Recreation
Department.....254.2445

SERVICES

Pacific Bell
(telephone)..... 1.800.894.2355
E.B.M.U.D.
(water)..... 820.6600
Garbage..... 603.1144
Pacific Gas
& Electric..... 1.800.743.5000
AT&T Broadband1.800.945.2288

TRANSPORTATION

County Connection
(bus) 676.7500
BART
(Rapid Transit)..... 676.2278
Department
of Motor Vehicles1.800.777.0133

Orinda STATISTICS

Population.....	18,000
Area.....	12.8 Square Miles
Elevation.....	500 Feet
Average Annual Rainfall:.....	32.24 inches
Summer Climate	average 78 degrees
Winter Climate	average 58 degrees
Driving Time To	
S.F. Bay Bridge	10 Miles
BART Commute Times To:	
Oakland.....	10 minutes
Berkeley.....	17 minutes
San Francisco.....	27 minutes
Number Of	
Households	Approx. 6,500
Voter Registration:	
Republicans	6,487
Democrats	4,941
Declined to state	1,036

Places of WORSHIP

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian
Church
49 Knox Drive
Lafayette
254.6211

Santa Maria Church
20 Santa Maria Way
Orinda
254.2426

St. Mark's United Methodist
Church
451 Moraga Way
Orinda
254.5965

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
66 St. Stephen's Drive
Orinda
254.3770

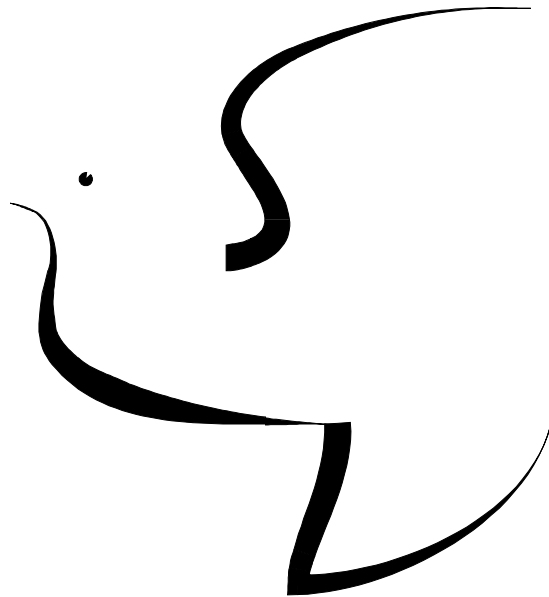
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
433 Moraga Way
Orinda
254.3422

Christian Science Church
22 Orinda Way
Orinda
254.4212

Orinda Community Church
10 Irwin Way
Orinda
254.4906

St. John the Evangelist Orthodox
Church
501 Moraga Way
Orinda
254.3815

Temple Isaiah
3800 Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Lafayette
284.8453



Orinda ACTIVITIES

EASTER FAIRE

Annually held the Thursday of the week prior to Easter.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Held every Tuesday in July,
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
in the Community Park, 26 Orinda
Way.



FOURTH OF JULY

Includes a Fun Run, Pancake
Breakfast, Parade, Activities in the
Park, and a concert in the evening.

ANNUAL FUND-RAISER

Sponsored by the Chamber of
Commerce

BOOK FAIR

Held annually on the first Saturday
of October in the Community
Center parking lot, 10 a.m. to 3
p.m.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Sponsored by the Community
Center Auxiliary, the Bazaar is
held in November at the Orinda
Community Center.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Orinda Community Center is
the hub of Orinda's recreational
activities. A wide range of classes
(including special programs for
seniors) are offered, as well as an
outstanding youth sports program.
The Center offers a beautiful park,
public tennis courts, two tot lot
playgrounds, a small amphitheater,
parcourse, barbecue area and a
kindergym. For information, call
254.2445.

Police & Fire PROTECTION

The Orinda Fire Protection District was established in 1933. The Board of Fire Commissions is appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. Orinda has three fire stations, including the headquarters at 33 Orinda Way, and substations at Orchard Road and Moraga Way, and also at Via Las Cruces and Honey Hill Road. In addition to fire protection services, the District operates rescue vehicles with highly qualified emergency medical technicians.

Orinda Police Services, located within the City Offices at 26 Orinda Way, was established following incorporation. The department includes a Police Manager, one Sergeant, one Detective, and ten Police Officers utilizing five marked patrol cars. For life-threatening emergencies or burglaries in progress, call **911**. For non-emergency situations requiring police attention, call 228.8282. For information and business, call 254.6820, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Orinda PRESCHOOLS

FOUNTAINHEAD
MONTESSORI
30 Santa Maria Way
254.7110

HOLY SHEPHERD CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL SCHOOL
433 Moraga Way
(located at the Lutheran Church)
254.3429

ORINDA PRE-SCHOOL
10 Irwin Way
254.2551

SAKLAN VALLEY SCHOOL
1678 School Street
Moraga
Preschool - 6th grade
376.7900

ST. JOHN PRESCHOOL
AND DAY CARE
501 Moraga Way
254.4470

ST. MARK'S NURSERY
SCHOOL
451 Moraga Way
(located at the Methodist Church)
254.5963

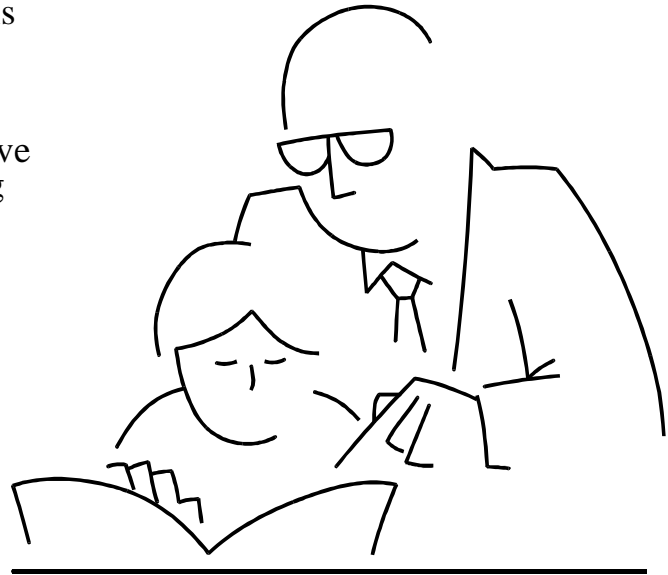
ST. STEPHEN'S PRE-SCHOOL
66 St. Stephen's Drive
(located at the Episcopal Church)
254.3770



EDUCATION in Orinda

The atmosphere of the schools in the Orinda Union School District is warm and caring. The active Parents Clubs and Orinda Education Foundation have collectively, through fund raising and donations, raised money to support science, art, music and physical education specialists, as well as staffing and materials for the environmental education, computer and library programs.

The teaching faculty is a strong, dedicated, creative and talented group of individuals who care deeply about their students and schools. The Orinda schools maintain a student-teacher ratio of 26:1, and have a present enrollment of approximately 2000 students. Academic standards are high, and school test scores are consistently above the State's 95th percentile in all grades. Each of the elementary schools and the Intermediate school have been selected by the State Board of Education as a California Distinguished School based on its quality education program.



The Orinda Union School
District
8 Altarinda Road
254.4901

Del Rey Elementary School
25 El Camino Moraga
376.4478

Glorietta Elementary School
15 Martha Road
254.8770

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School
20 Washington Lane
254.8711

Wagner Ranch Elementary School
350 Camino Pablo
258.0016

Orinda Intermediate School
80 Ivy Drive

376.4402

HIGH SCHOOL in Orinda

Miramonte High School, of the Acalanes High School District, serves the educational needs of students who currently come from communities of Orinda, Moraga, and Canyon. Students, teachers and parents work together to provide a positive climate for learning where mutual respect and trust are valued. Since over 90% of the graduates go on to college, Miramonte has a strong college preparatory program which includes Advanced Placement (AP) courses in English, French, Latin, Spanish, Calculus, Biology, Physics and U.S. History.



In June of 1987, Miramonte High School was named one of the top 271 secondary schools in the nation by the United States Department of Education as part of their National School Recognition Program. In May 1988, Miramonte was also named

as one of the 120 Distinguished High Schools in California by the State Department of Education.

In November of 1989, the State Department of Education named Miramonte a Distinguished School in the 1990 California School Recognition Program on the basis of sustained achievement of high performance by students on the California Assessment Program (CAP) test scores and Miramonte's success in achieving Quality Indicator targets in the Performance Report of California Schools.

**Acalanes Union High
School District**
1212 Pleasant Hill Road
Lafayette 94549
935.2800

Miramonte High School
750 Moraga Way
Orinda 94563
376.4423

John F. Kennedy University

JOHAN F. KENNEDY UNIVERSITY was founded in 1964 as one of the first universities in the United States dedicated solely to adult education. Today the University's five schools provide graduate and undergraduate programs in the fields of management, law, liberal and professional arts, psychology and the study of human consciousness.

The University's programs are designed to meet the personal, professional and academic needs of adult students. Innovative curricula open new areas of study, providing an education that will be as pertinent tomorrow as it is today. Having classes that meeting during late afternoon, evening and weekend hours allows students to integrate their studies with family and work responsibilities. Small classes promote student participation.

While most academic programs at JFK lead to a graduate or undergraduate degree, the University also offers a number of

short-term certificate programs in the fields of management and psychology. In addition, a number of University courses each academic quarter are open to auditors.

People come to JFK from all walks of life: professional, academic, business, government and artistic. The diversity of their life experiences enriches the classroom experience. Many return to school to gain new expertise for a new career. Others earn the advanced degree that can help them go further in their current profession.



The University's blend of full-time and adjunct faculty allows JFK to offer a dynamic mix of perspectives and knowledge. Students at JFK can study the law with a Superior Court judge, learn financial management from the vice president of a major bank or explore the healing arts with licensed clinical psychologists and health counselors.

The University offers a number of community services. The Career

Orinda

Development Center in Walnut Creek operates a career library that includes both job listings and a 2,000 volume reference collection. The center offers individual career counseling and a series of workshops that explore career options and issues and teach the nuts and bolts of a successful job search.

At the Community Counseling Center in Pleasant Hill and the Center for Transpersonal and Holistic Counseling in Oakland, advanced graduate students provide low-cost, supervised counseling to individuals, couples, families and groups.

Throughout the year, the University offers a variety of symposia, workshops, lectures and other events that are open to the public. Faculty from the School of Law are available to community organizations through the school's Speakers' Bureau. University Camps, offered since 1982 by the Graduate School of Professional Psychology, offer an exciting, meaningful alternative to traditional summer camps, and include an Expressive Arts Camp for young children and a Teen Challenge Camp.

John F. Kennedy University
12 Altarinda Road
Orinda, California 94563
510.254.0200

SERVICE CLUBS and ORGANIZATIONS

AAUW
(American Association of
University Women)
Orinda/Moraga/Lafayette

COMMUNITY CENTER
AUXILIARY

CONTRA COSTA CHORALE

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
OF ORINDA

FRIENDS OF THE ORINDA
LIBRARY

LAMORINDA MOM'S CLUB

LAMORINDA TOASTMASTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MIRAMONTE PARENT'S CLUB

MONTELINDO GARDEN CLUB

ORINDA ART COUNCIL

ORINDA ASSOCIATION

ORINDA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

ORINDA GARDEN CLUB

ORINDA HIKING

ORINDA HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

ORINDA JUNIOR WOMEN'S
CLUB

ORINDA LIONS CLUB

ORINDA NEWCOMERS' CLUB

MOL (Moraga, Orinda, Lafayette
Athletic Assoc.)
Flag Football, Grades 3-8

ORINDA PARK &
RECREATION FOUNDATION

ORINDA SENIORS

ORINDA- MORAGA GIRL
SCOUT ASSOCIATION

ORINDA STARLIGHT
VILLAGE PLAYERS

ORINDA WOMEN'S CLUB

ORINDA YOUTH
ASSOCIATION

ROTARY CLUB ORINDA

ROTARY CLUB OF
LAMORINDA – SUNRISE

WOMEN SING

The officers and membership of these organizations change frequently. For Officers names and phone numbers we suggest that you contact the Orinda Chamber of Commerce at 925 / 254.3909.

SWIM & TENNIS, AND GOLF CLUBS

SWIM & TENNIS CLUBS

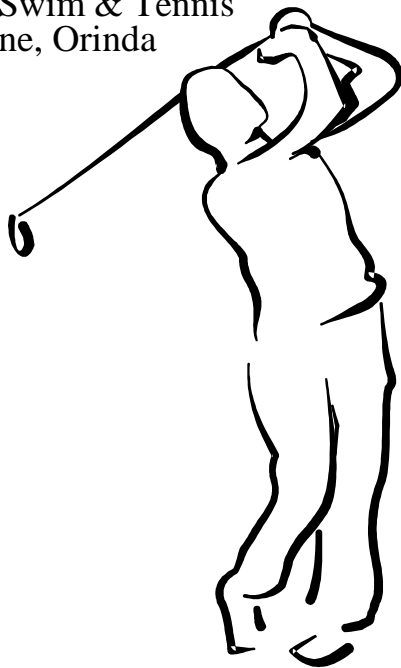
Meadow Swim and Tennis Club
Valley Drive, Orinda
254.3860

Orinda Country Club
315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda
254.4313

Orindawoods
650 Orindawoods Drive, Orinda
254.1065

Park Pool, Orinda
254.5988

Sleepy Hollow Swim & Tennis
1 Sunnyside Lane, Orinda
254.1126



GOLF CLUBS

Boundary Oaks
3800 Valley Vista Rd.,
Walnut Creek
934.6211

Orinda Country Club
315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda
254.4313

Moraga Country Club
1600 St. Andrews Drive, Moraga
376.2200

Tilden Regional Park
Grizzly Peak and Shasta Road,
Berkeley
848.7373

Information

Courtesy of Placer Title Company

2 Theater Square, Orinda, CA 94563

925-253-4810

Judy Dickey,

Licensed Real Estate Broker,

State of California

BUYER/SELLER COACH

925-376-9458