

Welcome

To "Lamorinda"

Orinda



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HISTORY



Sea elephants, wild horses, camels - each played a part in the pre-Indian history of the area that we now call Orinda. However, many local historians begin the history of Orinda with the Mexican colonization of California about 200 years ago.

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. **Moraga's Adobe**, built in 1841, remains today on a hill site above the present Del Rey Elementary School in Orinda. Although the adobe is part of a private residence, it is a local and California state historic landmark.

The area south of Orinda lies on a portion of Rancho Laguna de los Palos Colorados. Orinda's northern part lies on the 22,000-acre land grant known as Rancho El Sobrante, which was received by Victor and Juan Castro from the Mexican government in 1841.

After the era of the great ranchos, with their vast herds of cattle, Orinda passed into a farming period. Ownership of the Castro Sobrante land changed several times; and by 1876, William Walker Cameron had become the major landowner in the northern Orinda area. His wife, Alice Marsh Cameron (daughter of pioneer California settler and land owner John Marsh), was interested in the writings of 17th century poetess Katherine Fowler Philips. Miss Philips was known by her friends as the "Matchless Orinda". The magic of the name appealed to the Camerons as is evident in the naming of their tract, Orinda Park.

Then, in 1887, approximately 1200 acres north of the present freeway were purchased by Jose and Miguel deLaveaga of San Francisco. A son, E.I. deLaveaga, subdivided the property and established the town site of Orinda in the 1920's. The deLaveaga family was responsible for much of the development and character of the community as it is today.

After the Caldecott Tunnel opened in 1937, the area north and south of the freeway began to develop more rapidly. On July 1, 1985, Orinda was incorporated with a five-member City Council as head of government.

Today, Orinda is primarily a single-family residential community with a population of about 17,000. Many of the names of the past are still familiar to the community. Among them are: Glorietta, Casa Vieja, Nelson, Fish Ranch, Bryant, Miner, Lauterwasser, Wagner and de Laveaga. Appreciation for Orinda's fascinating history is reflected in a growing number of official historic landmarks. The deLaveaga Station, the only remaining station of the California & Nevada Railroad, was declared an historic landmark in the year 2000. Additional Orinda landmarks include a 14+ acre site within the original Miner Ranch property and original Orinda Store on Orinda Way. When Orindans proudly dedicated Theatre Square and the California Shakespeare Festival Amphitheater, they were watching history being made. Orinda's present, and its future, will someday be appreciated as its history.

DEMOGRAPHICS



Age:

1-17 years: 22% 18-34 years: 14% 35-54 years: 35% 55 years and over: 29%

Household size:

57% of households in Orinda are occupied by one or two people. 18% of households in Orinda are occupied by three people. 26% of households are occupied by 4 or more people.

Education:

39% of adult residents over age 24 have bachelor's degrees. 3,459 (73% of those with Bachelors degrees) have advanced graduate degrees. Test scores from Orinda's public schools are ranked in the top 2% statewide.

Income:

55% of households earn in excess of \$75,000 in annual income. 38% of households earn in excess of \$100,000 annually.

Home values:

Of the 5,393 homes in Orinda, 28% are valued between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Another 28% are valued between \$400,000 and \$500,000. 32% of homes in Orinda are valued in excess of \$500,000.



CONTACT LIST



Mailing Address City of Orinda
P.O. Box 2000
Orinda CA 94563

Main City Offices
(925) 253-4200

City Council
City Manager
Administration
253-4220

Community Development Department
253-4210

Planning Department
253-4210

Public Works Department
253-4273

Engineering Department
253-4231

Parks and Recreation Dept
254-2445

Police Services
254-4220

Police Dispatcher
646-2441



RESIDENT SERVICES



Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)..... (800)743-5000
 Telephone (Pacific Bell)(800)310-2355
 Garbage Pickup (Pleasant Hill Bayshore Disposal)603-1144
 Water (East Bay Municipal Utilities District)(925)820-6600
 Cable TV (Comcast Cable Services) (800)945-2288

MAIL SERVICES

Mail Boxes Etc.
 21-C Orinda Way
 254-4490 - fax 254-8123

United States Post Office
 29 Orinda Way
 254-2595 - fax 254-6427

Orinda Library

24 Orinda Way 94563-2555
 Phone: (925) 254-2184

Hours

Mon & Tue 10-8
 Wed &, Thu 12-8
 Fri & Sat 10-5
 Sun 1-5

Department Of Motor Vehicles

1910 N. Broadway, 94596 , Walnut Creek (925) 935-4464

- General Information (800) 777-0133
- Services Provided

Vehicle Registration

Driver License and Information (ID) Card Processing

Days and Hours Open

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:00 - 5:00	8:00 - 5:00	9:00 - 5:00	8:00 - 6:30	8:00 - 5:00		Closed



HOSPITALS



Hospitals

JOHN MUIR/MT DIABLO HLTH SYST
1400 TREAT BOULEVARD
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-2142
(925) 939-3000

KAISER FOUNDATION HOSPITAL
1425 S MAIN ST
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596
(925) 295-4000



NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers
 Contra Costa Sun 284-4444
 Contra Costa Times 935-2525
 San Francisco Chronicle 800-281-2476
 San Francisco Examiner 800-281-3926
 The Oakland Tribune 208-6300

WEATHER

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Avg. High	57°	60°	62°	66°	68°	72°	74°	75°	76°	72°	64°	57°
Avg. Low	40°	42°	43°	44°	47°	51°	52°	53°	53°	50°	45°	40°
Mean 49°	52°	53°	55°	58°	62°	64°	65°	65°	62°	55°	49°	
Avg. Prec.	4.8	3.7	3.9	1.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.4	1.9	3.9	3.9



PLACES TO WORSHIP



Santa Maria Church (925) 254-0554 Faith Formation Office 40 Santa Maria Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Santa Maria Church (925) 254-2426 20 Santa Maria Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Christian Science Churches (925) 254-5757 First Church Of Christ Scientist --
Orinda -- Reading Room 31 Moraga Way Orinda, CA 94563

Christian Science Churches (925) 254-4212 First Church Of Christ Scientist --
Orinda -- Church 22 Orinda Way Orinda, CA 94563

Orinda Community Church (925) 254-4906 10 Irwin Way
Orinda, CA 94563

St Stephens Episcopal Church (925) 254-3770 66 Saint Stephens Dr
Orinda, CA 94563

Korean Community Church (925) 254-0515 433 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church (925) 254-3422 433 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

St Marks United Methodist Church (925) 254-5965 451 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Unity Of The Spirit (925) 254-7760 Orinda, CA 94563

St John The Evangelist Orthodox Church (925) 254-3815 501 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

St John The Evangelist Orthodox Church (925) 258-4255 501 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

PARKS



The nearby EBMUD (East Bay Municipal Utilities District) Lafayette Reservoir Recreation Area can be reached from Highway 24 off the Acalanes Mt Diablo Blvd exit (just north of the Orinda exit). Follow Mt Diablo Blvd north about 1 mile to the entrance on the right. Recreational activities include hiking, picnicking, boating and fishing. For more information about regional parks, to subscribe to their Activities Guide, "Regional in Nature," contact the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) at (925) 562-PARK.

Briones (510) 562-PARK

With its rolling, grassy hills and secluded, shady canyons, Briones is a secret wilderness surrounded by the towns of central Contra Costa County. Although the park is close to Lafayette, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, and Martinez, there are peaks within it from which you can see only park and watershed lands for miles in every direction. Briones is an ideal park for hikers, runners, and horseback riders. There are five major access points, of which the two most developed are the Alhambra Creek Valley Staging Area off Reliez Valley Road near Martinez, and the Bear Creek Road Staging Area near Orinda and Lafayette.

Lafayette Reservoir (510) 562-PARK

A favorite jogging spot in contra costs county. Great for fishing , boating and picnics. Lafayette's Main street to Mt Diablo Blvd.

Mount Diablo State park (510) 562-PARK

dominates the landscape of the East Bay as its summit towers to an elevation of 3,849 feet above sea level. The roads on each side of the mountain are a cyclist's delight, carrying little car traffic and exposing backcountry scenery, which belies their proximity to the dense population centers nearby. The hill climbs are challenging and the remoteness is extraordinary. Call For Directions (925) 837-2525



GOLF COURSES

Orinda Country Club
 315 Camino Sobrante
 Orinda 954-4313

Private

Blackhawk Country Club
 599 Blackhawk Club Dr
 Blackhawk 736-6500

Contra Costa Country Club
 801 Golf Rd
 Pleasanton Hill 680-9887

Crow Canyon Country Club
 711 Silver Lake Dr
 Danville 735-8200

Diablo Country Club
 1700 Clubhouse Rd
 Diablo 837-4221

Discovery Bay Country Club
 1475 Club House Dr
 Byron 634-0700

Public

Bethel Island 3303 Gateway Rd. Bethel Island
Boundary Oak 3800 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek
Buchanan Fields 3330 Concord Ave Concord
Canyon Lakes 640 Bollinger Canyon San Ramon
Diablo Creek 4050 Port Chicago Hwy Concord
Diablo Hills 1551 Marchbanks Dr Walnut Creek
Franklin Canyon Highway 4 Rodeo
Lone Tree 1200 Lone Tree Way Antioch
Oakhurst 2500 Indian Head Way Clayton
Pine Mountain 451 Vine Hill Way Martinez
Pittsburg Golf Club Rd Pittsburg
San Ramon Royal 9430 Fircrest San Ramon

Mira Vista Golf & Country Club
 7900 Cutting Blvd
 El Cerrito 233-7550

Orinda Country Club
 315 Camino Sobrante
 Orinda 954-4313

Pleasant Hill Country Club
 1093 Grayson Rd
 Pleasant Hill 932-2615

Richmond Country Club
 3900 Giant Rd
 Richmond 232-1080

Rossmoor
 Rossmoor Parkway & Stanley Dollar Dr
 Walnut Creek 933-2607

Round Hill Golf & Country Club
 3169 Round Hill Rd
 Alamo 934-8211

684-2654
934-6211
682-1846
735-6511
686-6262
939-7272
799-6169
757-5200
762-0044
372-9559
427-4950
828-6100





TRANSPORTATION

Travel Transcripts

Call City Manager's Secretary

(925) 253-4220.

The fee for transcript processing is \$5.

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transport)

The **BART** website provides complete online information regarding BART services, including scheduling at the Orinda and other stations.

Oakland/Berkeley/Orinda BART information: (510) 465-2278, **Other local numbers**

The Orinda BART station is located at the Hwy 24 Orinda and Orinda Village exits. The station is adjacent to the Orinda Crossroads Downtown area, and a 5 minute walk to the Orinda Village shopping area and **Farmers Market**.

Bus transport

County Connection

(925) 676-7500

The **County Connection** website has complete online information regarding routes and schedules, including a map and complete schedule for Route 106, which serves Orinda, Lafayette and Moraga.

AIRPORTS

Oakland Airport 577-4015

San Francisco Airport 415-761-0800

San Jose Airport 408-277-4759

Chicago Title

BABY CARE/ DAYCARE



Contra Costa Child Care Council (referrals)

925-676-5437

Flagg's Happy Times School
1 Ardor Dr
925-254-2097

Fountainhead Montessori
30 Santa Maria Way
925-254-7110

Holy Sheppard Christian Preschool
433 Moraga Way
925-254-3429

Orinda Preschool
10 Irwin Way
925-254-2551

St John Preschool
501 Moraga Way
925-254-4470

St Marks Nursery
451 Moraga Way
925-254-5965

St Stephens Nursery School
66 St Stephens Dr
925-254-3770



SENIOR SERVICES



HOSPICE

Hospice & Palliative Care
of Contra Costa
2051 Harrison Street
Concord, CA 94520
609-1830 - fax 609-1841

ASSISTED LIVING

Aegis
950 Country Club Drive
Moraga, CA 94556
377-7900 - fax 377-7929

Living for Seniors

55 Camino del Diablo
253-1288 - fax 253-1389
living4seniors@home.com





PET SERVICES

VETERINARIAN

Orinda Veterinary Clinic
23-MFK Orinda Way
254-0211 - fax 254-0137
orindavet@aol.com

Control

Contra Costa County Animal Services Department, (925) 646-2995 (10-5 M-Sat).
4849 Imhoff Drive, Martinez.

Noisy or vicious animals (There is a County but no local Nuisance Ordinance.)
Are your neighbors aware there is a problem? They may not be if dogs bark only in their owners' absence.

Police will respond to immediate problems. Call CCC Animal Services for help with longer term problems.

Dead, to report, including deer

For traffic hazards, especially after hours, contact Police for assistance.

Call CCC Animal Services to pick up dead animals; after hours leave a message for next morning response.

Licenses: Contra Costa County requires dog licenses for dogs older than 5 months or within 30 days of acquisition for dogs 5 months or older. Proof of shots is required. Licensing is done through CCC Animal Services, in person or by mail.

Spay/neuter or vaccinate low cost program: (925) 646-4484.

Stray or lost, to report: ID tags or license, report to CCC Animal Services, otherwise call lost and found volunteers, (925) 798-1773 (9-5).

Wild, injured: Lindsay Museum, 1931 First Ave, Walnut Creek, (925) 935-1978.

Pest abatement: County Mosquito & Vector Control (925) 685-9301

FUN STUFF FOR KIDS



DAY CAMP

Roughing It
P.O.Box 1266
283-3795 - fax 283-3795
camp@roughingit.com

ICE CREAM & CANDIES

Loards Ice Cream & Candies
230 Brookwood Road
254-3434 - fax ---

ANNUAL SPORTS CALENDAR:

January: Youth Basketball Begins - Grades 1st - 8th

January: Mid Baseball/Softball Registration

February: Spring Soccer Registration

March: Mid Baseball/Softball Begins

April: Basketball Season Ends, Spring Soccer Begins

May: Fall Soccer Registration

June: Baseball/Softball Ends

September: Soccer Begins

October: Basketball Registration

November: Soccer Ends



PLACES TO EAT



Alekos Restaurant (925) 254-5670 Orinda, CA 94563

Casa Orinda Restrnt (925) 254-2981 Orinda Xrd
Orinda, CA 94563

Cugini Restaurant (925) 258-3888 65 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Empress Express (925) 258-9839 2 Theatre Sq
Orinda, CA 94563

Flavios Pasta Forum (925) 258-9042 2 Theatre Sq
Orinda, CA 94563

High Tech Burrito (925) 254-8884 Orinda 2 Theatre Sq
Orinda, CA 94563

Hsiangs Mandarin Cuisine (925) 253-9852 1 Orinda Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Kaspers Hot Dogs (925) 254-2908 99 Brookwood Rd
Orinda, CA 94563

La Piazza (925) 253-9191 15 Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Mikes Place (925) 254-8822 99 Orinda Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Nations Giant Hamburgers & Great Pies (925) 254-8888 Orinda 76
Moraga Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Niwa Restaurant (925) 254-1606 1 Camino Sobrante
Orinda, CA 94563

Orinda Grill The (925) 254-3611 87 Orinda Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Orindas Sports Bar & Grill (925) 258-9842 1 Orinda Way
Orinda, CA 94563

Pine Grove Cafe (925) 254-7613 4 Orinda Way
Orinda, CA 94563



SHOPPING



SHOPPING CENTER

Orinda Village Square
Orinda Way
284-4382 - fax 283-7855

FARMERS MARKET Orinda Farmers Market

97 Oakvue Road,
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
431-8361 - fax 933-2552

CLOTHING , WOMENS CLOTHING , MISC.

b.b. gear
2 Theatre Square, Suite 110
254-6111 - fax 254-4427

DEPARTMENT STORE , FINE GIFTS DEPARTMENT STORE , MISC. Phairs

10 Avenida de Orinda
254-4381 - fax 254-6735

NURSERY , RETAIL McDonnell Nursery

196 Moraga Way
254-3713 - fax 254-9168
mcdnsy@earthlink.net

JEWELER , RETAIL Morrisons Jewelers

35 Moraga Way
253-9227 - fax 253-9346
web: www.MorrisonsJewelry.com
david@morrisonjewelry.com



SIGHTSEEING



Historic Sites of Orinda, revised 2001, is now available.

Produced by the City of Orinda's Historic Landmark Committee, with support from the Orinda Historical Society, this revision of the 1991 brochure has greatly expanded maps and photographs. Copies may be purchased for \$5 from the Orinda City Offices at 14 Altarinda Rd; the Orinda Community Center, 26 Orinda Way; from the Orinda Historical Society, PO Box 82, Orinda, CA 94563; the Orinda Bookstore, 276 Village Square off Orinda Way; and Orinda Village Antiques, 107 Orinda Way.

East Brother Light Station (510) 233-2385

A Bed & Breakfast located just north of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Situated on a small Island it includes great bay views, museum and antiques and old lighthouse equipment. The boat leaves from point San Pablo. Day Trips also available. call for reservations

John Muir Home & Martinez Adobe (925) 228-8860

From the days of Olde. Take Alhambra Ave off Hwy 4

Regional Center For The Arts (925) 943-7469

Musicals, Drama, Comedy & Symphonies

St Mary's College (925) 631-4000

A mission /college reminiscent of the 15th century cathedrals in Mexico. Beautiful architecture and works of art. Picnic grounds make for the perfect Sunday stroll.

Lafayette Art and Wine Festival

The Lafayette Art & Wine & Festival was launched in 1996 and the two-day celebration quickly became the city's largest and most successful downtown event. More than 65,000 persons attended in 2001, strolling among stalls of art handmade crafts, sampling foods from top local restaurants, and enjoying quality wines and microbrews. Nonstop musical entertainment on two stages throughout the weekend helped spark the block party ambiance.





SCHOOLS



Orinda Union School District,
8 Altarinda Rd, Orinda, (925) 254-4901

Del Rey Elementary School (K-5),
25 El Camino Moraga, Orinda, (925) 376-4478

Glorietta Elementary School (K-5),
12 Martha Rd, Orinda, (925) 254-8770

Sleepy Hollow Elementary School (K-5),
20 Washington Lane, Orinda, (925) 254-8711

Joaquin Moraga
1010 Camino Pablo Blvd. Grades 6 - 8, Phone 376-7206

Moraga School District Offices
1540 School St., Phone 376-5943

Miramonte High School
750 Moraga Way, Phone 376-4423

SCHOOL SCORES

Understanding State School Rankings

The scores assigned range from a low of 1 to a high of 99. The scores represent percentage of how each school has scored in relationship to the other schools in California.

For Example. A school scoring an 80 has done 80% better than the other schools in California

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Del Rey										
Reading	82	84	75	86						
Language	80	83	81	87						
Math	93	90	87	90						
Spelling	78	76	73	81						
Glorietta										
Reading	85	82	77	81						
Language	77	84	80	86						
Math	91	87	87	89						
Spelling	72	77	79	79						
Sleepy Hollow										
Reading	76	85	83	89						
Language	78	87	82	92						
Math	93	91	88	95						
Spelling	64	80	80	82						
Joaquin Moraga										
Reading					78	77	75			
Language					81	75	72			
Math					83	78	80			
Spelling					80	67	83			
Miramonte										
Reading								82	79	83
Language								82	80	84
Math								87	82	84
Spelling								80	83	82