

Lamorinda Community, Calendar, Agendas, Notes, News

Orinda

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 24 Orinda Way	
Tuesday, Mar 20	
Tuesday, Apr 10	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Community Center, Manzanita Room 500 St Mary's Road	
Tuesday, Mar 27	
Tuesday, Apr 10	
Traffic Advisory	7pm
Mayor's Conf. Rm, City Offices 14 Altarinda Road	
Monday, Mar 19	
Park & Recreation	7pm
Community Center 500 St Mary's Road	
Wednesday, Apr 11	
Wednesday, May 9	
Historic Landmarks	3pm
Gallery Room, Orinda Library 22 Orinda Way	
Tuesday, Mar 27	
Liaison	8:30am
Room 7, Community Center 26 Orinda Way	
Monday, Apr 2	
check online:	
Town of Orinda:	
http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us/	
for:	
• all meeting notes	
• calendar updates	

Agendas: City Council, and Commissions	
City of Orinda, Public Meeting Agenda (Partial) Zoning Administrator Agenda Thursday March 15, 2007, 3:00PM City Offices, Major's Conference Room, 14 Altarinda Rd. Orinda	
2. PUBLIC HEARINGS	
A. Project Site:	322 EL TOYONAL
APN:	264-250-010
Application(s):	Dr 07-014,EDP 06-019
Zoning Designation:	RL-20
Lot Size:	20,020 square feet
Owner:	Ali Karachi
Agent:	
Project Planner:	Shelly Cargo
CEQA Status:	Categorical Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15301 and 15303
B. Project Site:	145 Glorietta Blvd
APN:	2268-020-012
Application(s):	DR 03-027
Zoning Designation:	RL-20, Ridgeline Overlay
Lot Size:	26,627 square feet
Owner:	Sheryl and Jeffrey Kortright
Project Planner:	SAlan W. Parkman
CEQA Status:	Categorical Exempt, Pulic Resources Code (PRC) Section 15301 (e) (2)
3. Public Forum	
4. Adjournment	
Chamber of Commerce: http://www.orindachamber.org/	
• local businesses	
• upcoming events	

Paved with Good Intentions?

by Julie Penfold
Orinda inherited 92 miles of aging roads when the city disengaged itself from county control in 1985. Now that the city has reached the ripe old age of 21, the conditions of those roads has gone from bad to worse, according to Orinda Mayor Steve Glazer. In his State of the City remarks given earlier this year, Glazer noted that "Orinda is tied with Richmond for the dubious honor of having the

worst roads out of 100 cities in the Bay Area." Glazer contends that Orindans are paying every day for its potholes and broke pavement "through excess tire wear and vehicle realignments. And every day we delay fixing our roads the costs of repairs gets higher and higher." The raw costs of repairing roads are expected to increase 10% over the next year. Meanwhile, the cost of repair-

ing streets in poor condition is five times greater than the costs of maintaining a road that's in good condition. More than 60% of Orinda's roads are currently in poor condition, with many more expected to follow. Last year's Measure Q failed by a just a few votes. This year, the Orinda Town Council plans to introduce a new measure to help repair Orinda's roads. To pass, the measure needs two-thirds approval from voters. A special ballot is expected in June.

Pat Soler

Fire District Bids Fond Farewell to Manager

by Lee Borrowman
Pat Soler, who has been the Personnel and Finance Manager for the Moraga-Orinda Fire District since December, 1999, will retire on March 15. Fire Chief Pete Nowicki and the Fire District Board agree that Soler's competence and professionalism will be missed.

Chief Nowicki holds Soler in high regard. "Pat wears so many hats. She was integral to the merger and to making the Moraga-Orinda Fire District a success." Soler's accomplishments included blending the cultures of the two formerly separate fire districts, dealing with seismic upgrades to the facilities, and "learning the difference between a ladder truck and a brush truck." Her coworkers credit Soler with a special ability to effectively communicate with a diverse group of constituents, and she "recognizes and upholds our commitment to the community. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with her." Soler "un-retired from the banking industry to help out in a position that was as yet undefined. She began by taking financial and administrative tasks off of the Chief's desk and assumed new duties and responsibilities as they emerged. Soler admits that the hiring of her successor, Susan Casey, "lifted two tons off my shoulders, because I knew I would be leaving things in good

hands." Her advice to Casey is, "Remember to laugh and enjoy the moment. You are working with great people trying to get great things accomplished." Soler will be on hand even after she officially retires "to make the transition as easy as possible." She would like to acknowledge "everyone in the organization. The Board, Chief, officers, fire-fighters and staff. I've enjoyed so much working here. Thanks for making it such a positive experience." As for the future, "It's time to take care of family," smiles Soler. A long-time resident of Moraga, Soler recently moved to Ross-moor. She is and plans to remain an active member of Blue Star Moms.

Orinda: Orinda Intermediate School

"An Inconvenient Gas" Comes to OIS

By Lee Borrowman
Al Gore just won an Oscar for "An Inconvenient Truth." Dianne Feinstein, speaking at UC Berkeley in February, warned that global warming "may be close to a tipping point." Students, families and friends of Orinda Intermediate School will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Daniel M. Kammen, a professor in the Energy and Resources Group at UC Berkeley and nationally recognized expert on renewable and alternative energy, speak at the monthly Science Talk. "Lowering emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases is critical to climate stabilization," says

Kammen. "No plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions can succeed through energy efficiency alone. The U.S. invests about \$1 billion less in energy research and development today than it did a decade ago. We must commit to developing renewable energy sources that generate little or no carbon. Solar cells, wind turbines and biofuels are poised to become major energy sources." We need to raise public interest and action on energy and environmental themes. We can't afford to wait. Kammen believes that we "must develop in both K-12 and college education a core of instruction in the linkages between energy and both our



UCB's Prof. Dan Kammen social and natural environment." Kammen's talk, entitled "An Inconvenient Gas: Global Warming, Energy and our Future," begins at 6:15 on March 15. For more information about Dr. Kammen and his work, go to <http://erg.berkeley.edu>.



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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON THE NEWLY-CREATED CITY OF ORINDA CITIZENS' INFRASTRUCTURE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

The City of Orinda is seeking applications from **volunteer residents** to serve on the City's newly-created seven-member **Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission**. In establishing the new Commission, the Orinda City Council announced that the Commission would play a critical role in monitoring and implementing infrastructure improvements called for in the City's bond measure, set to appear on the ballot in a special election on June 5, 2007. When making appointments, in addition to being a resident of Orinda, the City Council will weigh the candidates' familiarity with and/or understanding of complex public works projects and budget/financial reporting documents when making the appointments.

Applications and background information about the duties for the new Commission are available from the City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 2000, 14 Altarinda Road, Orinda, CA 94563. Telephone: (925) 253-4221 or may be downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.orinda.ca.us. Completed applications should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007.**

Betty Blubaugh
Interim City Clerk