

Certified Green Builder



McCartt Construction Inc.
Custom Homes & Renovations

Building in Lamorinda Since 1999

(925) 376-5717

mccarttconstruction@msn.com

Orinda, CA
Lic. # 770687



The Real Estate Market is Hot!

Buyers are buying. Interest rates are at historic lows. This could be the best time in years to sell! Call Frank for a no obligation estimate of your home's value.

Frank Woodward

Integrity ♦ Knowledge ♦ Results

LamorindaValues.com



925.788.4963

Frank@FrankWoodward.com



©2012 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker® is a registered trademark licensed to Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. An Equal Opportunity Company. Equal Housing Opportunity. Each Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Office Is Owned And Operated by NRT LLC. DRE License # 01908304.

More Moraga Way Prohibitions Ahead for Lamorinda Drivers

By Laurie Snyder

In response to a November 2011 Traffic Calming Request from Whitehall Drive residents, the Orinda City Council recently adopted a resolution that will alter the driving habits of some area residents on Moraga Way for at least the next year.

According to a letter to the City from "Concerned Residents of Whitehall Drive," speeds and traffic volume in their area have "increased substantially since the installation of 'no left turn' signs on Moraga Way at Ivy Drive and, most recently, Southwaite Court." Drivers en route to Orinda Intermediate and Miramonte High School (MHS) have been using Whitehall as a bypass "to avoid commute traffic, traffic control lights and signs limiting access" to Ivy and Southwaite, resulting in "a hazardous and potentially fatal situation."

A near collision, speeding ve-

hicles, and other Whitehall traffic problems were captured on video by residents from mid- to late-April. The footage and eight recommendations for improvement were presented to Orinda's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). TSAC discussed the problems at its December and January meetings, heard from residents in a formal presentation in February, and then authorized a poll of those living in the affected neighborhood regarding proposed solutions, including the installation of sidewalks, restriction of left turns onto Whitehall from Moraga to reduce cut-through traffic, and addition of speed cushions.

The poll revealed that the majority of nearby residents were in favor of a 'No Left Turn' sign. TSAC then requested an evaluation of the proposed signage by the City's traffic consultant Fehr

& Peers, which recommended against installing left-turn prohibitions on Moraga Way at Whitehall Drive.

In May TSAC weighed that recommendation against the concerns of Whitehall Drive residents and support from the police chief for a No Left Turn sign before voting unanimously to ask the City Council to direct staff to install signage at Whitehall and Moraga Way for pedestrian safety and to mitigate local speeding.

Several residents spoke in favor of the proposed turn prohibitions at the Council's most recent meeting. "They'll do anything to get to school," said one. Another described the behavior of students heading to MHS as "erratic."

Council Member Sue Severson worried about unintended negative impacts to Moraga Way, and urged that the changes be

studied on a temporary basis before taking any permanent action.

The Council agreed, voting unanimously to add the signage and directing TSAC to report back in a year with an evaluation. Beginning at the start of the new school year, U-turns and left turns onto Whitehall from Moraga Way will be prohibited on school days from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Drivers should start seeing the new signage August 22.

And Delehunt Makes Three

Linda Delehunt, a 32-year Orinda resident, has announced that she will challenge incumbents Victoria Smith and Steve Glazer in the November 2012 Orinda City Council election. All three filed papers and qualified to be on the ballot by the August 10 deadline, according to City Clerk Michele Olsen. Two seats are open.

Arguments for and against the proposed sales tax increase measure, also slated for the November ballot, have been filed as well. Rebuttals are due to the City Clerk's office August 17. L. Snyder

Siggy's
CARPET CLEANING

LAMORINDA'S FAVORITE
FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS
FOR OVER 36 YEARS

(925) 283-8744

www.siggyscarpetcleaning.com
3408 Mt. Diablo Blvd. Lafayette

SUMMER SPECIAL
15% OFF



ORINDA \$2,499,000
5/6.5. Stunning Gated French Country Estate in the Glorietta Neighborhood Completed in 2010.
Maureen Wilbur 925-253-4600



LAFAYETTE \$2,850,000
5/5. Beautiful custom estate situated on approx. 2.4 private acres. Gated entrance, shared tennis ct, 2 pool sites.
The Beaubelle Group 925-253-4600



LAFAYETTE \$1,699,000
5/3.5. Short Sale. Beautifully updated, yard w/pool, lawns, slate patio & much more! Detached guest house.
The Beaubelle Group 925-253-4600



ORINDA \$3,650,000
4+/4.5. Romantic, Contemporary Villa Built in '90 on 1.3 Ac with Amazing Gardens, Vistas & Privacy.
The Hattersley's 925-253-4600



ORINDA \$1,949,000
5/4.5. Private Mediterranean Villa with Spectacular Yard, Gardens & Play Areas.
Shellie Kirby 925-253-4600

COLDWELL BANKER
Orinda

The Real Estate Firm people trust



ORINDA \$1,150,000
3/2. "Huge" flat back yard/fabulous views. Remodeled single level.
Elena Hood 925-253-4600



MORAGA \$715,000
3/2. Moraga Country Club Gem! Immaculate condition, peaceful, light-filled and move-in ready.
Frank Woodward 925-253-4600



LAFAYETTE \$2,495,000
4/4. Tucked behind two gates this majestic Happy Vly Estate set upon 3 acres is truly an entertainer's paradise!
Chad Morrison 925-253-4600



LAFAYETTE \$1,050,000
4/2.5. Fantastic Home! Single lvl completed updated 2353 sq ft home w/gourmet kitchen, level yard.
Elena Hood 925-253-4600



ORINDA \$979,900
4/2.5. Updated home w/level yard near swim club & top schools. Hardwd, dual-pane, granite.
The Holcenberg Team 925-253-4600



ORINDA \$1,875,000
5/3.2. Elegant gated Orinda Estate in Country Club section with view of the water.
Steve Stahle 925-253-4600



ORINDA \$1,785,000
4/3. Charming traditional Cape Cod home in the Country Club neighborhood. Many special features!
Laura Abrams 925-253-4600



ORINDA \$1,595,000
4/4.5. 1st time on market. Dramatic architecture w/0.95 acres lot approx. 4100 sq.ft. Call for private showing.
Theresa Wvang 925-253-4600

Coldwell Banker makes YOU #1

Val Durantini, CB Agent

"Val Durantini was instrumental in selling our house in Orinda. She was referred to us by a friend and came very highly regarded. Based on our experience with her, we too would highly recommend her to anyone" – *Steffanie B.*

Rick and Nancy Booth, CB Agents

"I would like to thank and recommend Rick and Nancy Booth for their personal commitment and hard work getting our Orinda property in shape and sold for top dollar. Rick and Nancy's integrity and attention to the details and concerns of our situation was reassuring during the stressful process of selling our family home" – *Paul P.*

Coldwell Banker Orinda

"In a challenging market it is crucial to list with an agent who knows how to market, who knows how to sell, who knows how to negotiate and who knows how to close. Coldwell Banker was all that!" – *John M.*



ORINDA \$6,195,000
5/5.5. Truly extraordinary! This majestic, private, park-like 24 acre view estate with gated security entrance.
The Hattersley's 925-253-4600



ORINDA \$1,250,000
3/3. Mid-century, reinvented with eco-friendly materials and period-sensitive styling.
Bev Arnold 925-253-4600



LAFAYETTE \$1,639,000
3/3. Exceptional Single Level Shingled Springhill Home with Park-Like Creek Side Setting.
Maureen Wilbur 925-253-4600

5 Moraga Way | Orinda | 925.253.4600
2 Theatre Square, Suite 211 | Orinda | 925.253.6300



californiamoves.com