



# Orinda Civic News

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 pm  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 pm  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 26 at 6:00 pm  
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,  
City Hall, 22 Orinda Way

### School Board Meeting

**Orinda Union School District**  
Monday, October 8, 6:00 pm  
OUSD Office **NEW LOCATION**  
25 Orinda Way, Suite 200  
www.orindaschools.org  
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

### City of Orinda:

www.cityoforinda.org  
Phone (925) 253-4200

### Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

### The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org



## Police Report

All bottled up, 9/4/12 A 20-year-old male, recently fired from Orinda's CVS Pharmacy, returned to the store to pick up his final paycheck. He was entitled to the paycheck, but figured he'd take a parting gift of a bottle of vodka as well. Said male (incidentally, isn't he still a minor?) left without paying. The store's Loss Prevention Manager asked Orinda Police to prosecute. They complied. The suspect was placed under arrest, transported to Martinez and booked into county jail.

You snooze, you lose (your freedom), 9/3/12 Since when is snoozing considered a crime? Perhaps when the car's occupant, a 43-year-old male, has an outstanding warrant. He was sleeping in his car at the same location he had been working when police received reports of same. Upon finding he had an outstanding warrant, he was arrested, transported to Martinez Detention Facility and booked.

A bad day to carpool, 8/27/12 A driver and his passengers were pulled over in Orinda. It sounds like the opening volley of a joke, but the joke ended up being on those in the car. The driver was found to be on active probation and had a suspended license. His front seat passenger had a warrant out for his arrest, and the rear passenger was in possession of a camera he claimed was his but was actually stolen. The car also contained women's jewelry and a silver pitcher, which were, (wait for it...) suspected to be stolen property. All three were transported and booked into Martinez Detention Facility, giving new meaning to "share the ride."

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## Three Candidates Vie for Two Orinda City Council Seats

By Laurie Snyder

*To see it in our power to make a world happy – to teach mankind the art of being so – to exhibit on the theatre of the universe, a character hitherto unknown – and to have, as it were, a new creation entrusted to our hands, are honors that command reflection, and can neither be too highly estimated, nor too gratefully received. – Thomas Paine, "Common Sense" (1776)*

Here are your three candidates for Orinda City Council. Please see our special election section on page A12 for their thoughts on leadership, fiscal responsibility, and community engagement.

### LINDA DELEHUNT

The only non-incumbent in the race, Linda Delehunt has experience at the state level helping local education agencies consolidate budgets in order to maximize limited funding, and describes her area of expertise as "assisting entities in targeting and allocating their monetary and physical resources in a manner appropriate to their needs and consistent with their legal obligations."

Delehunt earned her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Berkeley, her Master's at California State University, East Bay,

and her doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of the Pacific. She also holds a Professional Administrative Credential.

As principal of Downer Elementary School, she created a partnership between the West Contra Costa Unified School District and Miramonte High School in which Miramonte Advanced Placement Spanish students mentored less affluent learners at Downer Elementary, inspiring all to aim higher while broadening their life experiences and perspectives.

Delehunt has served on the Board of the Orinda Educational Foundation and on the boards of the Glorietta Elementary and Orinda Intermediate School Parents' Clubs. She also founded Orinda's first Girl Scout Daisy Troop and has actively volunteered with the Meadow Swim Team. She and her husband have lived in Orinda for 32 years.

### STEVEN GLAZER

Running for re-election to his third term, Orinda's current Mayor Steve Glazer was first elected to the City Council in 2004. He served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2006, as Mayor in 2007, and as Vice Mayor in 2011. Born in Landmark, California, Glazer and his wife moved to Orinda in

1996. They have two daughters.

Glazer describes his work with the City Council as having included "the organization of public safety activities, city budget reforms, staffing the City of Orinda information table at the Farmer's Market, attending numerous civic events, and encouraging the successful effort to modernize the local Safeway store," as well as supporting "changes to policies affecting Theater Square that have resulted in improved public shopping and dining."

According to Glazer's profile on Ballotpedia.org, he was named "political strategist of the year" in 2010 by the American Association of Political Consultants for managing Jerry Brown's successful return to the California Governor's office. He was appointed by Brown to serve on the Board of Trustees for California State University, and was confirmed for that post last April. He has also been an advisor to the Governor regarding the proposed state sales tax increase to be considered by voters in November.

### VICTORIA ROBINSON SMITH

The second incumbent running, Victoria Smith was first elected to the Orinda City Council in 2004, serving as Vice Mayor in 2007 and 2010, and as Mayor in 2008 and 2011. She was

a member of the City of Orinda's Planning Commission, 2003-2004.

Her current leadership responsibilities include service on the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority, (serving as its Board Chair in 2010), the Contra Costa County Mayor's Conference Executive Board, the City of Orinda Library Steering Committee, Audit and Finance Committee, and Senior Housing Sub-Committee. A liaison to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Smith was also previously involved in allocating funding for child abuse prevention and treatment as an appointee of former Supervisor Gayle Uilkema to the Contra Costa County Family and Children's Trust Committee.

A Silicon Valley native, Smith graduated from U.C. Berkeley and Hastings College of the Law. She and her husband, an Orinda native, returned to the community 24 years ago to raise their sons.

She relocated her law practice to Orinda 17 years ago, and currently advises individual and business clients regarding dispute resolution and real estate transactions. A member of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce, she has also served as a Parent's Club board member with Orinda's schools.

## City of Orinda Makes Progress Reducing ABAG-MTC Demands

*Residents urge officials to push back even harder*

By Laurie Snyder

Planning by the Association of Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Bay Area Governments (ABAG) continues to rankle residents despite successful efforts by the Orinda City Council and City staff to alter agency goals that could have forced a 260 percent increase in Orinda's housing development.

According to the staff report prepared for Council's September 4 meeting, "State law mandates that every city and county adopt and periodically update the housing element of their general plans ... to assure that cities and counties recognize and fulfill their responsibilities in contributing to the state housing goal and regional housing needs." Additionally, "the housing is now being used as a tool to implement SB375" (California's law to reduce greenhouse gas emissions) "and the housing allocation this cycle is in large part determined by the preferred Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) adopted by ABAG and MTC in May 2012.... Through the SCS process, ABAG and MTC prepared five alternative growth scenarios for a 30-year period starting in 2010."

The Initial Vision scenario presented "allocations significantly higher than the growth envisioned in the City of Orinda General Plan." Following strongly worded letters in June 2011 by then-Mayor Victoria Smith and in February 2012 by current Mayor Steve Glazer, which called ABAG-MTC's development expectations for Orinda unrealistic and suggested the agencies are failing to provide the public with adequate opportunities for feedback, ABAG-MTC "selected a preferred scenario that is consistent with the growth envisioned in the Orinda General Plan. The preferred scenario allocates growth of 590 households to

Orinda over the next 30 years, of which 177 are designated for downtown" – a reduction from initial ABAG-MTC projections of 1,344 households for the

downtown area.

Residents urged the Council to continue demanding change, and also pressed leaders to better educate their fellow Orindans

about ABAG-MTC procedures by spelling out in plain wording the definitions of confusing catch phrases in ABAG-MTC reports.

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