



Orinda Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, November 13, at 7:00 pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

Monday, November 19 at 7:00 pm
Community Room, City Hall,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District
Monday, November 5, 6:00 pm
OUSD Office
25 Orinda Way, Suite 200
www.orindaschools.org
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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Orinda City Council Candidates Spar Over Downtown Development, MOFD

By Laurie Snyder



Current Mayor Steve Glazer and City Council Member Victoria Robinson Smith listen as challenger Linda Delehunt answers a question at the October 11 Orinda City Council candidate debate. Photo Ohlen Alexander

The small audience at the October 11 City Council candidate debate learned the basics of how Orinda's road repairs are prioritized and about the City's 10-year, four-phase plan to improve those thoroughfares. But it was the discussion between incumbents Steve Glazer and Victoria Smith and challenger Linda Delehunt regarding Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) op-

erations and potential changes to the character of the City's downtown that provided glimpses of what may be in store for Orindans in the future.

Delehunt, Glazer and Smith discussed the City's General Plan, and what would be appropriate for Orinda's commercial development.

When asked what might be added to the current business mix,

Glazer explained that Orinda's "General Plan says that retail should be resident-serving, not necessarily as regional attractions," but to "provide for things that our residents would like to shop for nearby." He likes Orinda's existing restaurants, but agreed that a specialty market, bakery, or other offerings might be well received.

"You know, I've been so envi-

ous of Lafayette's – their situation," said Delehunt, "growing and putting nice things here and there...I've lived here 32 years, and I'm just kind of demoralized, frankly. I feel that we really need to grow up and look like Danville.... And I think what we put in our City is dependent on what the community wants."

There are, said Smith, "a lot of things to admire in our neighboring communities ... but I think the important thing to remember ... is that Danville had a redevelopment agency. That's what built those streets and those shopping centers ... they were willing to say that they had blight in their downtown. They formed a redevelopment agency, which drew money away from their special districts and from their schools, which I don't think people in Orinda would ever have supported ... we need to look at what works for Orinda."

Smith noted that "all of our retail space together is less than one medium-sized Target store... We have what we have, which is a gem in a small city."

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ORINDA POLICE
Police Report

Joint effort yields successful warrant arrest, 9/6/12 Police Chief Jeffrey Jennings announced the

September 6 warrant arrest of an Orinda man for failure to comply with the terms of a domestic restraining order. Jennings said the subject allegedly brandished a weapon at a woman. Orinda police, with assistance from Lafayette and Moraga police, arrested him on the grounds of his residence, where they discovered he was in possession of multiple weapons, needles and illegal steroids. A \$500,000 bail was set; the subject posted bail and is no longer in custody. Jennings said the case is ongoing, and credits his staff with good police work and his Lafayette and Moraga

police counterparts with full cooperation.

Warrant arrest, 10/12/2012 A 22-year-old male was arrested in Orinda on an outstanding warrant filed with Contra Costa Superior Court. His vehicle was towed and stored, and he was transported to and booked at Martinez Detention Facility. Bail was set at \$15,000.

Gone in 75 minutes, 10/15/12 The owner of a '94 Civic probably didn't intend to walk as much when he parked his car along Bryant Way mid-day, but when he returned after

an hour or so, it was gone. There are no suspects or leads at this time.

Walking under the influence, 10/16/12 He may have had his thumb out, but he probably couldn't touch his fingertip to his nose. Police found a 35-year-old intoxicated male trying to hitch hike in traffic along Moraga Way near Glorietta Blvd. He was taken into custody, transported to Martinez Detention Facility and booked. His blood alcohol tested 0.198.

We're Voting to Re-elect Victoria Smith to Orinda City Council



"As a Council Member, Victoria works tirelessly to hear all sides and build consensus."
—Dean Orr, Orinda City Council

"I appreciate Victoria's work in support of small business and the Chamber of Commerce."
—Janet Boretta, Orinda Books

"Victoria and I have worked together to enhance safe routes to schools, new and improved playing fields and recreation for our students."
—Matt Moran, Chair, OUSD

"Victoria respects Orinda's small town community and history, while looking for ways to improve services and amenities."
—Bobbie Landers, Former Mayor

"I worked with Victoria on improving walkways and traffic safety around our schools, and I couldn't be happier to support her re-election to City Council!"
—Shannon Fuller, Former Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Elected Officials

Congressman George Miller, 7th District of California
Ellen Tauscher, Undersecretary of State, Former Congresswoman
Tom Torlakson, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Mark DeSaulnier, State Senator, 7th District
Nancy Skinner, Assembly Member 14th District
Joan Buchanan, Assembly Member 15th District
Steve Glazer, Orinda Mayor
Amy Worth, Orinda Vice Mayor
Dean Orr, Orinda City Council Member
Laura Abrams, Former Orinda Mayor
Joyce Hawkins, Former Orinda Mayor
Bill Judge, Former Orinda Mayor
Bobbie Landers, Former Orinda Mayor
Allan Tabor, Former Orinda Mayor
Gregg Wheatland, Former Orinda Mayor
Tyson Krumholz, Orinda Union School District Board Member
Matt Moran, Chair, Orinda Union School District Board Member
Julie Rossiter, Orinda Union School Board Member
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Linda Landau, Former Orinda Union School District Board Member
Jean T. Lyford, Former Orinda Union School District Board Member
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Dick Olsen, Former Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board Member
Pete Wilson, Former Moraga-Orinda Fire District Board Member
Robert Campbell, Contra Costa County Auditor-Controller
Tomi Van de Brook, President-Contra Costa Community College District
Gail Murray, BART Board of Directors
Katy Foulkes, East Bay Municipal Utility District Board Member
David Livingston, Sheriff, Contra Costa County
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