



Orinda Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m.
Community Room, City Hall,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District
Monday, Jan. 14, 6 p.m.
OUSD Office
25 Orinda Way, Suite 200
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See also AUHSD meeting page A2

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ORINDA POLICE

Police Report

Warrant Arrest bumper crop, 12/7/12, 12/11/12, 12/12/12 Orinda Police made three warrant arrests within a week. Dec. 7, a 21-year-old male pulled over for a traffic stop was found to be driving on a suspended license. He was arrested when it was discovered he also had an outstanding warrant. Police allowed a licensed driver to retrieve the vehicle and the subject was released after signing a promise to appear in court. A 50-year-old male was arrested Dec.11 on Rheem Blvd. on an outstanding warrant. Dec.12, Orinda Police arrested a third subject, a 48-year-old female who was found to have an outstanding warrant.

Caught with his pants down, 12/11/12 A 60-year-old male with his pants down was found staggering along Camino Pablo. He was carrying a large piece of wood, and apparently, a chip on his shoulder, because he refused to drop the wood when ordered to do so by police. Eventually man and wood were separated. What remained was his unsteady gait, red, watery eyes, slurred speech and eau de alcohol, to the tune of 0.298 blood alcohol content. The subject was arrested for being drunk in public, taken to Orinda Police department and later transported to Martinez Detention Facility.



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Happy Holidays to all and a Healthy and Prosperous 2013!
Maureen

The Changing of the Guard

Steve Glazer reflects on the end of his term as mayor; Worth and Severson named mayor and vice mayor

By Laurie Snyder



Vice Mayor Amy Worth thanks Council Member Steve Glazer for his 2012 service as mayor while council members Smith and Dean Orr look on. Worth was unanimously named mayor of Orinda for the third time later that same evening. Photo Ohlen Alexander

Orinda's Dec. 4 City Council meeting was well attended and fun for many in an audience that included longtime and new-to-town Orindans, leaders from Orinda's business and non-profit communities, state and regional government officials, and former Orinda mayors Bill Judge and Bobbie Landers. All were on hand to thank outgoing mayor Steve Glazer for his service, and witness an annual ritual which takes place in early December each year –

the transfer of the gavel from one mayor to another.

Following "For the Good of the City" community service recognitions (see photo spread page A7) and the review of basic city business matters, Glazer and his colleague, Victoria Robinson Smith, were sworn in for new four-year terms by City Clerk Michele Olsen. Council members Amy Worth and Sue Severson were elected later in the evening as mayor and vice mayor, respectively. Then,

Worth praised outgoing mayor Glazer for his leadership before Dean Orr and his fellow council members took turns reading from a joint resolution honoring Glazer.

Expressing his thanks to the community, Glazer gave high marks to city staff for the job they have done during challenging economic times.

Later, he reflected further for the Lamorinda Weekly on all that has transpired during his year at the helm of the Orinda City Council.

"Thanks to the strong public support of Measure L, we are now implementing phase one of the 10-year Road and Drain Improvement Plan. This plan, adopted by the council this year, creates four separate funding stages for improving most of our public streets and storm drains," said Glazer. "This is the first new contribution of funds from our residents for road and drain repair since our city's incorporation 27 years ago."

The 10-year road and drain improvement plan, he said, "will require additional public funding stages in the coming years"; therefore, "it will be important for the city to "fairly and efficiently implement our road plan so public confidence remains strong in the council's leadership."

Adding that he and his colleagues "made the hard choices to reduce our budget and staffing and live within our means" this past year, Glazer also noted that this "was done while minimizing the impact on services to our residents. We appreciate the work of our staff these past few years to work longer and harder with less pay."

Glazer also cited the opening of new city-owned playfields at Wilder and the senior housing program groundbreaking likely to occur this month as highlights in a year that also saw Orinda replacing the Manzanita Drive Bridge and completing its Glorietta and North Lane storm drain projects.

"In addition," said Glazer, "our police department continues to provide outstanding public safety services to our schools, businesses and community. Orinda is the fifth safest city in California as ranked by the FBI and first for communities our size. Our department has provided life-saving help, attended school and neighborhood watch meetings, caught and assisted in the prosecution of many bad people, conducted emergency preparedness exercises and undertaken 86 home safety audits." ... continued on page A11

Mailbox Thievery in Orinda

Mail thieves are passing by unlocked mailboxes and instead are breaking into locked residential Orinda mailboxes, said Sergeant Neil Rafanan of the Orinda Police Department. At least 12 boxes have been hit in the last four to six weeks. Police suspect the break-ins are taking place between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. Rafanan said the secluded nature of Orinda streets means mailboxes can be located some distance from the house itself, which may leave the site unattended. A locked mailbox presents "a target-rich environment," he said, perhaps because those residents may not retrieve their mail for days at a time. To prevent becoming the next victim, Rafanan suggests residents collect their mail on the day it is delivered, and illuminate both the front of their house and the area around their mailbox.

Anyone with information about these crimes is urged to call Orinda Police at (925) 254-6820 or the Sheriff's office dispatch, (925) 646-2441. C.Dausman

For the Good of the City

Recognition of Police Officer of the Year, New OPD Officers, and Mayor's Architectural Award Winners

Photos Ohlen Alexander



The City of Orinda welcomes its newest police officers. From left: Chief Jennings; new Officers Ken Rosenbaum and Paul Schwind; Officer Maynard Patacsil; new Reserve Officer Bryan Walley; Officer Mike Gray; Sergeant Mohammed Dajakusuma; new Officers Dustin Gregory and Lisa Cook (front).



"Mike is very talented; he's one of the people I can always rely on," said Orinda Police Department Chief Jeffrey Jennings as he presented Mike Gray with the 2012 Orinda Police Officer of the Year Award at the Dec. 4 Orinda City Council meeting.

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