



# Orinda Civic News

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Community Room, City Hall  
Tuesday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 23, 7 p.m.  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Historical Landmark Committee

Tuesday, July 23, 3 p.m.  
Gallery Room, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

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



### Orinda Police Department Crime Statistics

#### June 1-30

Calls for Service:

**False Residential Alarms (139)**

#### Stolen Vehicle

Camino Pablo/Hwy 24 offramp  
Wilder Rd

#### Auto Burglary

Camino Pablo  
Commercial Burglary  
Camino Sobrante

#### Misc Burglary

Ardilla Rd

#### Residential Burglary

Bates Bl  
Gardiner Ct  
Bates Bl  
Diablo View Dr (2)  
Queensbrook Pl  
Brookside Rd  
Martha Rd  
Tahos Rd  
La Cuesta  
Bobolink Rd

#### Grand Theft

Risa Ct

#### Petty Theft

La Vuelta  
Warford Terr  
Valley View Dr

#### Vandalism

Heather Ln/Valley Dr  
El Toyonal

#### Vehicle Accident/Injuries

Camino Pablo  
Moraga Wy

#### Hit & Run

Lucille Wy

#### Accident w/ Prop Damage

Moraga Wy/Woodland Rd  
Greystone Terr  
Glorietta Bl  
Canon Dr  
Camino Pablo/Manzanita Dr  
Camino Pablo/Hwy 24 offramp

#### Arrests:

##### Stolen Vehicle

Camino Pablo/Hwy 24 offramp

##### Other (Misdemeanor)

Camino Pablo

##### Warrant Arrest

Camino Pablo/Via Corte  
Theatre Square  
Camino Sobrante

##### DUI

Bryant Wy/Moraga Wy  
Hall Dr/Queensbrook Pl  
Hwy 24 offramp/Orinda

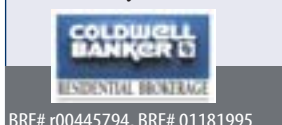
##### Orinda BART Reports/Arrests:

Grand Theft  
Petty Theft

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## Orinda City Council Approves Lists of Residential Roads for Repair

By Laurie Snyder

Robert Duvall's character may have loved the smell of napalm during his "Apocalypse Now" mornings, but in Orinda, it's the smell of asphalt in the summer that gets the hearts of locals pumping. In very short order, that pungent aroma of progress is about to begin wafting in earnest thanks to recent decisions by the Orinda City Council and Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission (CIOC) specifying which roads will be the first to receive attention under two programs – the Fiscal Year 2014 Measure L Pavement Reconstruction Project and the FY2014 Pavement Reconstruction Project.

The latter of the two – the city's ongoing pavement maintenance program – is funded through Measure J Return to Source and Gas Tax monies. According to the staff report, the plan for this program "consists of performing as much preventive maintenance as possible, using appropriate types of base failure repairs and reconstructing selected roads based on

available funding sources." The list of streets covered, which was initially approved by the CIOC in November, has since been modified to account for the possibility of grant funding to support the paving of Ivy Drive (north) from Ardith Drive to Moraga Way, and to also provide for roughly \$200,000 in paving on other roads.

CIOC members expressed their belief that the city may be able to expend additional dollars because contractors have recently been submitting repair bids at as much as 30 percent less than in prior years. However, they did caution that this favorable bidding environment could change.

Two of the areas expected to receive the largest amount of help under this project are Orindawoods Drive from Kite Hill to Altarinda Road and Tara Road from Nonie to Overhill Road. Orindawoods would see its Pavement Condition Index (PCI) rise from 49 to 100 after the work has been completed; the PCI needle on Tara Road would move from 51 to

100.

Other residential streets under consideration for repair via this program could include sections of El Nido Ranch Road, El Toyonal, Glorietta, Rheem Boulevard, and possibly St. Stephens Drive from El Nido to Hidden Valley Road.

"It's really important that we get asphalt on the ground," said Mayor Amy Worth.

### How About the Measure L Funds?

The first improvements to occur with the funds expected to come in from the sales tax hike approved by Orinda voters in November will likely be to Charles Hill Road from Honey Hill to Soule Road – and to at least two segments of Lost Valley Road leading away from the PG&E station. They are two of the four residential roads with the highest traffic volume for which the city has been able to obtain actual traffic counts, and are also two which have sparked frequent commentary by locals who have reg-

ularly advocated for their revitalization at council meetings.

"The primary consideration of the CIOC was that improvements benefit the maximum number of residents and that the roads selected be among the worst residential roads," reads the staff report.

Dennis Fay, CIOC chair, observed that commission members have been refining their criteria for street selection, and will continue to do so as the CIOC develops longer-term recommendations. It is vital for the city to get started on paving as soon as possible not only to take advantage of the current favorable weather, he explained, but to show voters that progress is being made with the Measure L funds they approved.

Both of these lists, which delineate the residential roads most likely to receive attention, are available on the city's website.

## Opera in the Park Concert to Bring Orinda's Hills to Life

By Laurie Snyder

Is there a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than communing with nature while thrilling to the music of Puccini, Bizet, Verdi, and Mozart? Based on the success of past Opera in the Park events in Orinda, the answer would be a resounding no.

Now in its fifth year, the popular Orinda Rotary-sponsored event will

be held July 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Orinda Community Center Park, 28 Orinda Way – near ample free parking and within walking distance of the Orinda BART station. The venue is not only beautiful, it's accessible for individuals with disabilities.

The free concert, which also receives support from the Orinda Parks

and Recreation Foundation and the Orinda Community Center Auxiliary, is expected to attract music lovers of all ages, ranging from families with young children to the most in-the-know of San Francisco Bay Area opera buffs. Principal artists from Opera San Jose will join graduates of the San Francisco Opera's apprentice-

ship program and members of the San Francisco Opera Chorus in performing a program of favorite arias and musical theater classics.

Food and beverages will be available, making the event a can't-miss feast for the senses.

### Correction, issue date July 3, "Housing Element Nearing Approval"

The lovely Santa Maria church on Santa Maria Way is open and active. The site that could potentially be used to satisfy Housing Element requirements is the former location of the playfields associated with the parochial school. The dirt lot, east of the church building and north of Altarinda Road, is owned by the Roman Catholic Welfare Corporation. We sincerely regret the inaccurate description previously published.

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