



Orinda Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m.
Founder's Auditorium, Community Center
28 Orinda Way

Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 23, 6 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 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

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District

Monday, April 14, 6 p.m.
OUSD Office, Vintage Building
25 Orinda Way, Suite 200
www.orindaschools.org
See also AUHSD meeting page A2



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report, March 16-29

Alarm	41
911 calls	5
Auto Burglary	
Theatre Square	
Wilder Bl/Hwy 24 (3)	
Armed Robbery	
Shell Station	
DUI Misdemeanor	
Glorietta Bl/Orchard Rd	
Hwy 24/Oak Hill Rd	
Hit & Run	
Camino Pablo/Monte Vista	
Grand Theft	
20 block Orinda Wy	
Missing Adult	
10 block Glorietta Ct	
Public Nuisance	
200 block Orchard Rd	
Petty Theft	
10 block Warford Tr	
20 block Bates Bl (3)	
Reckless Driving	
Hwy 24/Camino Pablo (2)	
Hwy 24/Wilder	
Suspicious Person	16
Suspicious Circum.	14
Suspicious Vehicle	21
Trespass Glorietta	
Bl/Meadow Ln	
Warrant Action	
70 block Rheem Bl	
500 block Moraga Wy	
10 block Ardor Dr	
Southwood Dr/Davis Rd	
Hwy 24/Orinda off ramp	



Maureen Wilbur

Summit Ridge Townhome ~ Near Lafayette Schools

Summit Ridge Townhome with approximately 2500+ square feet, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large light and sunny bonus room, large fenced landscaped patio, fresh paint, new flooring, kitchen counters, and appliances. Community has pool and clubhouse. The home is near open space and trails, Springhill Elementary, Acalanes HS, Lafayette BART and Highway 24. This is a fabulous property!

For more information please contact Maureen

Coming Soon!



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Service Above Self

Orinda mayor proclaims 2014 "A Year of Teamwork and Collaboration"

By Laurie Snyder



"Orinda is volunteer wealthy, but revenue poor," said Mayor Sue Severson recently. The city is allowed to keep just roughly 7 cents for each dollar of property tax paid. Photos Andy Scheck

"Service above Self" – the motto of Rotarians worldwide, that simple phrase was the undercurrent running beneath Orinda's 2014 State of the City Address in late March. Delivered by Mayor Sue Severson before an audience of business leaders and Orinda residents at an Orinda Rotary-Orinda Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon – and again the following evening in the library auditorium before another community crowd, the speech by the former two-term Orinda Union School District board president offered a mini-tutorial on city operations, and illuminated the importance of civic engagement and teamwork.

Of note, this year's address included an uplifting video of geese



Miramonte sophomore and Lamorinda Idol participant, Eleanor Roeder, sang "We're All in This Together" before an appreciative State of the City Address audience March 26.

flying in formation, calling to mind the values of kindness and cooperation and generating sustained applause by many in attendance. "People who share a sense of community can help each other," read one slide. "In groups where there is encouragement production is much greater," read another.

Severson also talked turkey – about city finances, crime and the challenges to come. "We continue to keep an extremely tight rein on expenditures," she said. "Our city budget is lean" – less than \$11.5 million in 2014.

"Police and public safety is our largest expenditure, taking about one third of our budget," she said when recalling Orinda's "mini-crime wave" in 2013. "While our capable police force handled the situation," she stressed, it takes more to keep a town safe. "Citizens are an important part of our public safety team." Orindans, she reminded the crowd, now have another tool to help make life better – an email tip line for reporting crimes and other concerns about suspicious behavior: orindatip@city-of-orinda.org.

"In evaluating where we are today, it's clear that many of the challenges of the past are still with us," she continued. Groans from the crowd issued forth at her slides showing the most perilous of Orinda's current potholes.

Asked by an audience member everything, Severson replied, "My dream is that we can get them done in the near term." Adding that progress is starting to be made thanks to the increased

funding from Measure L, a half-cent sales tax hike passed by voters in 2012, she cited June's Measure J ballot initiative as another opportunity to generate additional needed funding.

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Hilton House Named Orinda Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year



Contra County Supervisor Candace Andersen (right) lauded Cyndi Hilton, owner of the 2013 Orinda Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year on March 26.

"A lot of people like the idea of recycling upscale, name brand items," said Cyndi Hilton upon accepting the Orinda Chamber of Commerce 2013 Small Business of the Year Award on behalf of Hilton House Consign & Design prior to Orinda mayor Sue Severson's State of the City Address March 26. Presented by chamber president Sylvia Jorgensen, the business was recognized for quickly filling a niche after its 2000 opening as avid remodelers and downsizing homeowners freed their homes of items that were, in turn, snapped up by new Lamorindans, collectors and designers from the Bay Area and beyond. She soon began selling everything from armchairs to china, expanding the store just five years later to include fine jewelry – now her top selling specialty area.

Hilton was also honored with a proclamation, personally presented by Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Andersen, and was applauded warmly by the crowd of Rotarians, business leaders and fellow Orindans in attendance. A former Internet business owner and 37-year resident of Orinda, Hilton launched the business when she couldn't find a place to recycle Waterford crystal pieces she no longer used, but didn't want to see go to waste. Open from Monday to Saturday at 21 Orinda Way, the store has become a favorite of collectors, as well as hunters of unique gifts. L.Snyder

Theater View Veterinary Clinic



"Dr. Laurie" Langford

Theater View Veterinary Clinic is a brand new facility owned by "Dr. Laurie" Langford who has been caring for animals in Orinda for 15 years.



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