



Orinda

Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District
Monday, Oct. 13, 6 p.m.
OUSD Office, Vintage Building
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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www.cityoforinda.org
Phone (925) 253-4200

Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org



MARKET ACTION REPORT September 2014 City: Orinda

Price Range: \$0 to \$999,999,000 | Properties: Single Family Home

Market Profile & Trends Overview	Month	LM	L3M	PYM	LY	YTD	PriorYTD	PriorYear
Median List Price of all Current Listings	\$1,380,500	↓		↑				
Average List Price of all Current Listings	\$1,935,328	↓		↑				
September Median Sales Price	\$1,300,000	↔	↔	↑	↑	\$1,235,000	↑	↑
September Average Sales Price	\$1,293,862	↓	↓	↑	↑	\$1,373,259	↑	↑
Total Properties Currently for Sale (Inventory)	50	↓		↓				
September Number of Properties Sold	17	↓		↑		208	↑	
September Average Days on Market (Solds)	47		↑	↑	↑	28	↔	↓
Asking Price per Square Foot (based on New Listings)	\$565	↑	↑	↑	↑	\$521	↑	↑
September Sold Price per Square Foot	\$525	↑	↑	↑	↑	\$518	↑	↑
September Month's Supply of Inventory	2.9	↓	↓	↓	↓	2.4	↑	↑
September Sale Price vs List Price Ratio	100.2%	↓	↓	↓	↔	101.7%	↑	↑

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Six Candidates Compete for Three Orinda City Council Seats

By Laurie Snyder

Three seats are opening on the Orinda City Council. Six accomplished candidates are running. All six sat down for rigorous interviews, sharing their thoughts on a variety of subjects.

"Location, beauty, charm. Orinda is an idyllic, beautiful, safe place to live. It's woodsy with great schools. The people make it a really wonderful place to live," said Carlos Baltodano. The 22-year Orinda resident directed Contra Costa County's building inspection department for 11 years before serving as an interim human resources director. He was appointed to Orinda's Planning Commission in 2008, and later chaired that commission. "I started out as a planner – being an advocate for communities, and my whole life opened up. I realized it was so important to work with people, to make their dreams come true. Public agencies provide valuable services to citizens. I have always looked for ways to make things simpler – for people to get permits, find information on the web. We need people in public service who are engaged, professional and able to work with others," said Baltodano.

"Orinda's citizens are so dedicated and so brilliant, and bring so much to the table. We have tremendous resources because we have people who are experts in key areas. We need to tap their talents to come up with creative solutions to the problems we face," said Linda Delehunt.

"I have a long history of being an advocate and creating policy. As a principal I tried to make sure our programs had all of the money they needed." The 34-year Orinda resident was also a teacher before joining the California Department of Education. "It was very difficult to effect policy change at the district level so I spent 10 years in state government where I could advocate for the integrity of children's programs. I consider public service a life mission for me. It has given me the opportunity to really effect change," said Delehunt.


"We are so fortunate to have a volunteer community that repeatedly steps up and works hard for the greater good – schools, swim clubs, civic organizations. The number of applications we get each year in our recruitment process for committees – the fact that we turn people away is amazing. We're filling the slots with some of the best people in their respective fields," said Dean Orr. The 14-year Orinda resident has been a principal with a medium-sized architectural firm in San Francisco since 1999. One of two incumbents running, Orr is seeking re-election to his second term. He began his civic service as a member of Orinda's Planning Commission. "People step up over and over again. It happens in ways I didn't know it could – a couple of phone calls, and you've got a house full of people drafting work plans," said Orr.

"Orinda is a special place – an oasis from the broader, busier Bay Area – a place where families come and stay. Even with very real problems like the roads, we've created a community. The people who live here care about this town," said Eve Phillips. The two-year resident of Orinda grew up in Moraga, and comes from a family of accountants. After graduating from MIT, she returned home to be near her parents, residents of Moraga for 45 years. After working in operational roles with technology firms, and performing business development functions for Amadeus Capital Partners, Vector Capital and Greylock Partners, Phillips co-founded the healthcare software company, Empower Interactive. Now the chief executive officer, she describes those early days as encompassing. "A lot of my job was and is listening – trying to reach out to other groups which have differing opinions," said Phillips.

"We're a remarkable community – unparalleled in Contra Costa County. It's because of the people who live here," said Bob Thompson. "If you look at the statistics, 76.9 percent of Orinda residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. The next closest is Moraga with 73.8. Lafayette is in the 70s. Everyone else is in the 60s." A 22-year resident who has served on boards of several nonprofit organizations, Thompson has been a member of Orinda's Finance Advi-

sory Committee since its inception in 2008. "I have advised the city about investment policy and portfolio construction. It's been a natural extension of what I did professionally." He's running for council now because he has the time since retiring from his portfolio management position with a private investment firm. "Before this I would not have entertained this. Serving on the city council takes so much time to do it properly," he explained.


"The connection people feel to Orinda, the sheer number of people who volunteer for parents' clubs, city commissions, service clubs? We wouldn't have the community we have without the individuals who have taken long-term commitments to the issues they work on," said Amy Worth. "Just look at the Friends of the Orinda Library. They have provided continuity, serving year after year to raise millions of dollars to create the library's permanent home, build its collections, and add new technology." A 32-year Orinda resident, Worth is a three-time mayor. "Council members put in a lot of time; we divide up our expertise." In addition to city meetings, they represent the interests of Orinda residents on everything from the library's regional board to the county's solid waste authority. "I've always felt really grateful to be in Orinda. For me, it's about giving back," said Worth.

 <p>Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report, Sept. 14-27</p>	Alarms 65	DUI 10 block Chelton Ct	Petty Theft Safeway	Miramonte High School (2)	Traffic Stops 151
	Animal Control Hall Dr/Moraga Wy	Grand Theft 100 block Ivy Dr	Wagner Ranch Elementary	Santa Maria Wy/Camino Pablo	Trespass 10 block Lost Valley Dr
	Animal Cruelty 10 block Camino Pablo	100 block Estates Dr	10 block Altarinda Rd (2)	San Pablo Dam Rd/Wildcat Canyon	Vandalism Glorietta Elementary
	911 Calls 9	Hit & Run 50 block Scenic Dr	500 block Miner Rd	Bear Creek Rd/San Pablo Dam Rd	600 block Miner Rd
	Battery 80 block Tarry Ln	Loud Party/Music 12	Prowler 10 block Via Las Cruces	San Pablo Dam Rd/Camino Pablo	Vehicle Theft 30 block Orinda Wy
	Burglary, Commercial 20 block Orinda Wy		Reckless Driving Miner Rd/Camino Sobrante	Suspicious Person 20	
			Moraga Wy/Stein Wy	Circumstances 12	
				Vehicle 26	

RE-ELECT

Dean Orr 2014

for Orinda City Council



"It has been an honor to serve the Orinda Community as a member of the City Council for the past four years. Working with my colleagues on the council and the citizens of Orinda has been a truly rewarding experience. I am excited by the opportunity to continue in this role and ask for your support."

<p>"Dean is an exceptional Council member and serves with intelligence, integrity, and insight. He is committed to preserving Orinda's wonderful quality of life. I strongly urge his re-election to the City Council." Steve Glazer Orinda City Council Vice-Mayor</p> <p>"Dean approaches each issue in a fair and open-minded way, always looking to find the path forward that is best for Orinda. Dean has a proven track record as an Orinda volunteer, has worked hard to obtain revenue to fix our roads, and as the parent of young children, has key ties to our school community." Victoria Smith Orinda City Council</p>	<p>"Dean has consistently stepped up for the good of Orinda schools and has been a great supporter of our district. Please join me in supporting him for re-election to the Orinda City Council." Matt Moran Orinda Union School District Board of Trustees</p> <p>"Dean has been a strong advocate of the work of the Parks & Recreation Commission. He has worked hard for the opening of new sports fields and outdoor recreation opportunities and is a great supporter of programs that benefit Orindans of every generation. We are fortunate for his leadership and I am delighted to support his re-election." Rachel Zenner Chair Orinda Parks & Recreation Commission</p>	<p>Selected Endorsements Include:</p> <p>Elected Officials Candace Andersen Supervisor District 2 Contra Costa County Steve Glazer Orinda City Councilmember Sue Severson Orinda City Councilmember Victoria Smith Orinda City Councilmember Amy Worth Orinda City Councilmember Susie Epstein Acalanes Union High School District Board Matt Moran Orinda Union School District Board Julie Rossiter Orinda Union School District Board Chris Severson Orinda Union School District Board</p> <p>Community Members Larry & Julie Abramson Louise Adamson Patt & Jim Aitchison Greg & Shaun Ansel Richard & Julie Atkinson Steve & Marcella Austenfeld</p>	<p>Jack Babcock Rich Bartlett Brent Bates Steve & Betsy Baus Todd & Amy Berryhill Kurt & Joy Marlow Braitberg Kevin & Shauna Brennan Shane & Monica Brun Bruce & Barbara Burkhalter Bruce Burrows Robert Burt Chris & Annette Butner Ed Casey Omer & Megan Cohen Kim & Kevin Coleman Darren & Julie Cooke Mike & Sara Curran Cathy Cutler Rebecca Dahlberg Joffa & Ellen Dale Ruth & Dan Dashiell Mary & Larry Del Santo Bill & Andrea DeWitt Joe Digirolo Chuck & Kirsten Engs Mike & Janine Evans Marc & Karen Evans Joe & Hilary Fabian Finola Fellner Gus & Sugar Filice Grant & Joyce Fine Bob & Patty Frazer Steve & Lynn Freeman Mark & Lauren French</p>	<p>Shannon Fuller Jon & Michele Gasparini Dennis & Darlene Gee Kevin & Tracy Gong Dr. Eugene Gottfried John Hall Joyce Hawkins Former Mayor of Orinda and Citizen of the Year John & Katharine Hawkins Mike & Mary Henderson Jeanie Hocking Elle Hoffnagel Paul Hollerbach Monique Jasper James Jenkins Bill Judge Former Mayor of Orinda and Citizen of the Year Tom & Aileen Kelly Dr. Michael & Sara Kim Caroline LaVoie Brad & Leslie Lagomarsino Bobbie Landers Former Mayor of Orinda and Citizen of the Year Kenn & Gretchen Lewis Dane & Robyn Lewis David Libby Alissa Lillie Jason & Jen Lurie Tom & Cinda Mackinnon Brook & Alison Mancinelli Mark & Mary Maxon Deven & Kimberly Mays</p>	<p>Barbara & Chris McClain Brock & Clare McDonald Tracey & John Millham Jeff & Staci Mills Kyle & Lisa Mueller Terry Murphy Melba Muscarolas Eartha Newsome Brandi & John Pearce Nancy Rothman Pat Rudebusch Sean Sabrese Mark & Teresa Sanchez Mark & Shauna Simmonds Dan Siri Valerie & Larry Sloven Troy & Julie Smith Wick Smith Riki & Andy Sorenson Sam Swan Jack Sweitzer D.J. & Tina Tierney Ash & Christy Blackie-Taylor Peter & Amelia Wilson Tom & Carole Wolfman Tom & Katie Wood Rick Woodward Tricia & Bret Young Rachel Zenner</p>
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