



Orinda

Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District
Monday, Nov. 3, 6 p.m.
OUSD Office, 8 Altarinda Road,
www.orindaschools.org
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

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 Incident Summary Report, Oct. 12-25

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| Alarms | 63 |
| Animal Call | |
| Santa Maria Wy/Camino Pablo 20 block Bryant Wy | |
| 911 Calls | 6 |
| Battery | |
| 400 block Camino Sobrante 20 block Mariposa Ln | |
| Burglary, Residential | |
| 10 block Warford Tr 10 block Muth Dr 40 block Camino del Diablo | |
| Burglary, Auto | |
| Wildier Bl/Gateway Bl McCaulou's | |
| Custody Violation | |
| Glorietta Elementary (2) | |
| Disturbance | |
| Moraga Wy/Hall Dr | |
| DUI | |
| Hwy 24/Camino Pablo 10 block Edgewood Rd | |
| Fireworks | |
| 10 block Southwood Ct | |
| Grand Theft | |
| 20 block Orinda Wy | |
| Harassment | |
| 60 block Muth Dr | |
| Hit & Run | |
| Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd 30 block Charles Hill Rd | |
| Health & Safety Violation | |
| 200 block Glorietta Bl | |
| ID Theft | |
| 20 block Orinda Way Reported to Orinda PD 80 block La Espiral (2) | |
| Missing Adult | |
| 30 block Oakwood Rd | |
| Petty Theft | |
| 300 block La Espiral 20 block El Patio 30 block Carisbrook Dr Orinda Library (from vehicle) (2) 10 block Orinda Wy 20 block Orinda Wy | |
| Public Nuisance | |
| 50 block Via Floreado Las Vegas Rd/Via Floreado 10 block Cascade Ln 10 block El Toyonal 70 block Coral Dr 400 block Lomas Cantadas 100 block Ardith Dr | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Wagner Ranch Elementary Camino Pablo/Hwy 24 (2) Ivy Dr/Moraga Wy (2) Hwy 24/St Stephens Dr | |
| Suspicious Person | 10 |
| Circumstance | 6 |
| Vehicle | 22 |
| Threats | |
| 30 block Spring Rd | |
| Traffic Stops | 142 |
| Vandalism | |
| 60 block La Espiral Reported to Orinda PD | |
| Verbal Dispute | |
| 10 block Ichabod Ln | |
| WOOF* | |
| 80 block La Espiral | |

(*We kid you not. This is how it appears in the report we received from OPD; we inquired and were told it does indeed indicate a barking dog.)



Peter & Darlene Hattersley



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Fall tree color, amazing Giants' games, rainy days and snowy Tahoe. We are so thankful to live in Lamorinda and we hope our clients enjoy it as much as we do. Our sincere thanks to our clients for making 2014 a wonderful year. And to our clients, friends and family, thank you for your referrals and support.

Many, many thanks,
Peter and Darlene

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Making a Difference: Orinda's Mark Roberts on the Value of Volunteerism

By Laurie Snyder



Mark Roberts

"If you're not volunteering, you're missing an opportunity to feel really good," observes Mark Roberts. The chair of Orinda's Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, Roberts also currently serves on the board of directors for the Orinda Community Foundation (orindafoundation.org), which was formed in 2010 to enhance Orindans' quality of life "by encouraging philanthropy, building partnerships and providing financial assistance to support community activities, beautification and the arts."

A professional fundraising consultant for small, faith-based organizations and other nonprofits by day, Roberts has also been a member of the California Autism Foundation's board of directors for the past six years and now serves as its president. "I just really appreciate what the foundation has been doing to help people with autism and their families. Many autism groups that do great work are focused on early diagnosis, but CAF provides honest-to-goodness programs for families, including a work program and an array of day programs for adults as well as programs for kids in school. There are folks served by CAF programs who are in their 50s

and 60s. It's been a very gratifying learning experience."

But Roberts' name and face are perhaps even better known to Lamorindans as the former president of the Orinda Association (orindaassociation.org) during the late 1990s and from his service, about a decade ago, as the Lamorinda community liaison for the late Gayle Uilkema, the beloved former Contra Costa County Supervisor. "I attended all of the mayors' liaison meetings, not just in Orinda, but in Lafayette and Moraga as well. It makes me feel good when I can help groups make connections."

Roberts and his wife, Claire, were inspired to work for the civic good largely by fellow Santa Maria parishioner Gail Cwalina, a longtime community volunteer who passed away in 2010. "Claire and I don't have any kids. So when we moved to Orinda in the early 1990s, we didn't have that same society introduction that most Orindans have — through the schools. For us, we joined Santa Maria Church, and that's how we got involved with the volunteering scene."

It was Cwalina, in fact, who encouraged Roberts to join the board of the Orinda Association. The Orinda Volunteer Center, founded in 2002, now offers a volunteer guide and community calendar on the Orinda Association's website filled with short-term and ongoing opportunities for everything from the Orinda Baseball Association (obabaseball.com) to the Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary's Home Team (rotaryhometeam.com), which changes those hard-to-reach cathedral ceiling light bulbs for seniors so that they won't need to risk falls

while climbing on ladders.

Like Cwalina, he's always on the lookout for ways to engage his neighbors, and is currently urging Orindans to consider applying for one of the four vacancies on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. "Many of our roads were built in the 1950s when vehicular traffic was lighter, and weren't really designed with the idea of having pedestrian and vehicles co-exist. So, one of the things that we worked on early in my TSAC tenure was a project identifying which streets are most heavily used by pedestrians and bicyclists and ways to enhance the safety of everyone — drivers, walkers and cyclists."

Over the years, TSAC members have worked with residents and the Orinda City Council to address unique traffic concerns of individual neighborhoods. Roads have been restriped and signs have been installed — as have speed bumps. "There's a voting process. If something like speed cushions are going to be installed, they have to be approved by the homeowners or those near by the areas. Being able to help people find common ground is one of the best parts of being a TSAC member. It's truly an accomplishment when neighbors get their traffic calming measures approved."

One of his ultimate hopes is to make it safer for children in Orinda to walk to school — particularly those in the elementary grades. "The biggest challenge we face when working with groups of residents is figuring out how to change driver behavior. We can create traffic calming measures like no left turn signs on Moraga Way near Ivy

Drive, but then we have moms or dads who, while they're concerned with the safety of their own kids, seem to put the concerns of other kids and drivers aside if they're running late. We all need to adopt an attitude towards being concerned for the safety of others. Watch out for the other guy, and remember the three Cs: consideration, courtesy and common sense."

And as for volunteering, observes Roberts, "Getting involved in some capacity makes you feel like you're an important member of the community. We all live in Orinda and care about making it better. So if you have a concern or just want to see how other neighborhoods are dealing with issues, come on down and sit in on a meeting. We meet on the third Monday each month."

Orinda Needs YOU! City asks Orindans to volunteer for commissions and committees

Orinda City Clerk Michele Olsen has announced that the city is seeking applications from residents to serve as volunteers for an array of advisory bodies which give Orindans a voice on a host of quality of life issues from community beautification to roads maintenance. For more information see the ad on this page and visit the city's website, www.cityoforinda.org.



NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE ON A CITY OF ORINDA COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

The City of Orinda is seeking applications from resident volunteers to serve on the City's:

- Planning Commission (3)**
- Parks & Recreation Commission (3)**
- Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission (3)**
- Finance Advisory Committee (3)**
- Public Works Aesthetic Review Committee (3)**
- Public Safety Committee (2)**
- Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (4)**
- Historic Landmark Committee (1)**

The City of Orinda is seeking applications from resident volunteers to serve on the City's:

- Representative on the Contra Costa County Library Commission (2)**
- Contra Costa Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee (1)**

Statement of Interest forms are available from the Orinda City Clerk's Office, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563. If you have any specific questions regarding the recruitment, please contact Michele Olsen, City Clerk at 925-253-4221 or molsen@cityoforinda.org. Application forms may also be downloaded from the City's website at www.cityoforinda.org.

Completed Statement of Interest forms must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by Friday, **December 19, 2014 at 5:00pm.**

Qualified applicants for City Commission and Committee appointments will be invited to interview before the full City Council.



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