



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District
Monday, March 9, 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 Jan. Feb. 1-14:

Alarms	103
Armed Robbery	
10 block Bates Blvd/Muth Dr	
Burglary, Auto	
100 block Meadow View Rd	
20 block Bates Blvd	
Wilder Park	
10 block Wanda Ln	
Burglary, Residential	
20 block Scenic Dr	
911 calls	13
Disturbance	
St. Mark's Church	
Miramonte High School	
400 block Moraga Wy	
DUI	
Safeway	
Moraga Wy/Stein Wy	
Fire/Ambulance Call	
10 block Cresta Blanca (2)	
70 block Claremont Av	
Harassment	
10 block Camino Encinas	
Health & Safety Violation	
Safeway	
Loud Party	
Donald Dr/Hall Dr	
50 block Cedar Ln	
Missing Adult	
200 block Orchard Rd	
Found Adult	
100 block Coral Dr	
Theft, Petty	
10 block Ranch Rd	
Safeway	
80 block Muth Dr	
20 block Bates Bl	
10 block Wanfleete Ct	
Theft, Grand	
300 block Miller Ct (2)	
500 block Dalewood	
10 block Bobolink Rd	
Panhandling	
Camino Pablo/Hwy 24	
Promiscuous Shooting	
Brookside/Moraga Wy	
Public Nuisance	
10 block Lombardy Ln	
Camino Pablo/El Toyonal	
Reckless Driving	
Moraga Wy/Ivy Dr	
Moraga Wy/Overhill Rd	
Camino Pablo/Ardilla Rd	
San Pablo Cr/Orinda Wy	
Moraga Wy/Glorietta Bl	
Moraga Wy/Orchard Rd (2)	
Camino Pablo/San Pablo Dam Rd	
Shoplifting	
20 block Orinda Wy	
Suspicious Circum.	8
Suspicious Subject	12
Suspicious Vehicle	18
Trespass	
100 block Camino Sobrante	
Traffic Stops	143

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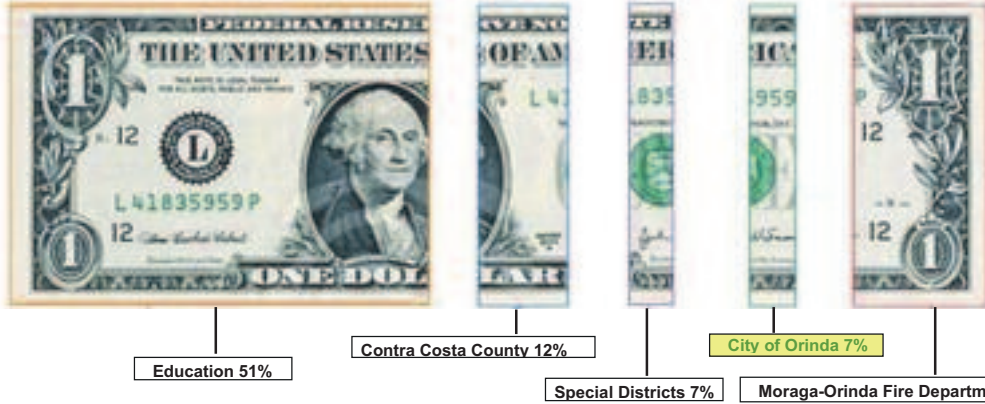
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Orinda City Council Approves Mid-Year Budget Corrections

By Laurie Snyder

Where does my property tax dollar go?



The City of Orinda's General Fund Operating Budget is a small one – just \$13,312,542. This graphic illustrates what happens with each Orinda property tax dollar.

Orinda's conservative fiscal management is working, according to a Feb. 3 staff report to the Orinda City Council. The city's operating budget remains in the black despite the Manzanita Bridge replacement, the revenue-sapping

Tarabrook sinkhole emergency and other recent big-ticket outlays. Before they heard the news that both expenses and revenues are up, though, council members entertained a request by Pacific Municipal Consultants for roughly \$35,000 more to

cover unexpected work on the city's Housing Element update and its related Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

In response to probing questions by all five council members regarding the disparity between PMC's initial

and revised workload estimates, planning director Emmanuel Ursu explained that Orinda held more public meetings and produced more drafts of the element than expected due to the intense public debate over the matter. In addition, PMC's projections were made before the city agreed, as part of its settlement with Advocates for Lawful Environmental Review Today (ALERT), to create an EIR for the fifth cycle Housing Element update. (See "Orinda Settles Housing Element Lawsuit" in the Lamorinda Weekly's online archives: www.lamorindaweekly.com.)

PMC representative Jennifer Gastelum added that, based on its experience with other cities' housing elements and EIRs, PMC anticipated it would need to address just 30 public comment letters.

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Orinda's Aging Storm Drains May Need \$13.5 Million Fix

By Laurie Snyder



In December 2012, a pipe failure led to the formation of a sinkhole on Tarabrook Drive at Evergreen. Adopting humor in the face of adversity, some Orindans christened the area "Tarabrook Lake" during the worst moments of the emergency. Photo courtesy the city of Orinda

Drain failures are ugly, they're expensive, and they can upend the lives of those they impact for years as cities struggle to move from emergency response to cleanup and complete system overhaul. Just ask Orindans who live in the city's Glori-

etta or Tarabrook neighborhoods. Both areas experienced drain pains requiring multi-million dollar solutions.

To try to predict and head off future emergencies along Orinda's roughly 100,000 linear feet of pipe

with its 1,552 manholes and inlets, the city's Public Works Department began reviewing proposals in August 2013 from five firms hoping to perform a Master Storm Drain Study for the city. The study and resulting proposed Storm Drain Master Plan (SDMP) were completed by Schaaf & Wheeler. That plan is currently working its way through public reviews, including two recent Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission meetings.

According to the report, the objective was to examine flood risks within the city limits, and recommend the actions needed for the city to achieve an "appropriate level of service of those portions of the storm drain system that are owned by the City." The consultants collected data to build a conditions model of Orinda's storm drain network, assessed the performance of existing systems for capacity and condition, identified and prioritized capital improvements to reduce the risk of nuisance and catastrophic flooding, and

forecast costs for system improvements.

Schaaf & Wheeler reported that Orinda's major contributors to 100-year flooding "are flows from San Pablo Creek at the Village Square and Theatre Square along with Lauterwasser Creek near its confluence with San Pablo." While the consultants noted corrosion, debris, sedimentation and damage in Orinda's drainage network, their highest priorities among the \$13.5 million in recommended initiatives are projects that would address capacity shortcomings.

The highest priority of all was given to the North Lane Storm Drain system, a two-time problem child that overflowed twice, damaging the East Bay Municipal Utility District's water treatment plant and neighboring residential properties. Repairing the section from Ardilla Road to San Pablo Creek could cost the city \$2.9 million. The SDMP and its full list of potential projects is available on the city's website: www.cityoforinda.org.

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