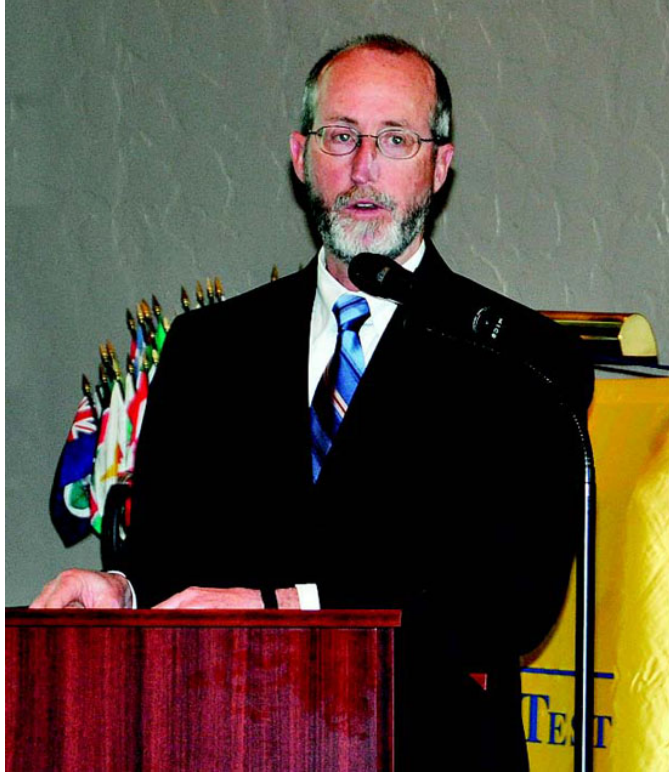


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Orinda Mayor Updates State of the City

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Steve Glazer Photo Andy Scheck

As part of his State of the City Address, Orinda Mayor Steve Glazer outlined how his city goes about doing business at an April 29 Rotary Club luncheon at the Orinda Country Club. Glazer conducted a slide presentation that explained the transparency of the public process, and he focused on what is being done to improve the condition of Orinda roads, which he said are not yet at an appropriate standard.

"I read the latest report on the road conditions of 100 cities in our region and unfortunately Orinda is in the bottom five," said Glazer. "I say this is going to be the last year we are ever going to be in the bottom five."

Thanks to funds received from a sales tax increase and from the passage of Measures J and L, Orinda will repair 31 street segments this year at a cost of \$11 million. "This will be the largest road repair effort in the history of our city," said the mayor.

But he noted that the road work is far from done. "We passed \$20 million in bonds last June, and that along with the sales tax should get us about 60 percent of the way to finishing the roads," he said. "After we get done with this work in the

spring, I am confident, as we continue to work through our spending of that money in a public transparent way, that we'll build the confidence of the voters so we can go back and get more money."

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