



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

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

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

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

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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www.cityoforinda.org
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Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org



Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report June 7-20

Abandoned Vehicle	30 block Knickerbocker Ln	
Alarms		55
Animal Cruelty	Theatre Square	
911 calls (includes hang-ups)		8
Barking Dog	10 block Altarinda Dr 100 block Rheem Bl 70 block Orchard Rd	
Burglary, Auto	100 block Brookwood Rd San Pablo Dam /Bear Creek Rds 20 block Bryant Wy 200 block Hall Dr	
Burglary, Residential	700 block Miner Rd 60 block La Cresta Rd 60 block Sleepy Hollow Ln	
Civil Problem	20 block Descanso Dr 10 block Calvin Ct Theatre Square (standby)	
Disturbance	Bevmo (domestic) 100 block Monte Vista (civil) Orinda Community Center	
Health & Safety Violation	Theatre Square	
Theft, ID	reported to P.D. 100 block Van Ripper Ln 40 block Tarry Ln 100 block Moraga Wy	
Theft, Petty	50 block Sleepy Hollow Ln 300 block Dalewood Dr (2) 20 block Culver Ct (from vehicle) 10 block Irwin Wy (from vehicle) 700 block Miner Rd 100 block Canon Dr (2) 20 block Orinda Wy 70 block El Toyonal 60 block Ivy Ln 50 block Donna Maria Wy 30 block Underhill Rd	
Fireworks	Ivy Dr/Coral Dr	
Forgery	70 block Ardilla Rd	
Harassment	30 block Evergreen Dr	
Hit & Run	10 block Theatre Square	
Juvenile Disturbance	Orinda Way/Camino Sobrante Orinda Woods/Kite Hill Rd 500 block Orindawoods	
Litter	10 block Orinda Way	
Loud Music	Donald Dr/Courtney Ln	
Loud Party	30 block Valley View Rd Knickerbocker/Lucille	
Littering	20 block Calvin Ct	
Loud noise	10 block Warford Ter Glorietta Bl/Orchard Rd Miramonte High School	
Missing Adult	10 block Corte Sabrita	
Neighbor Dispute	10 block El Toyonal	
Ordinance Violation	El Dorado/Loma Vista	
Police/Fire EMS	40 block Owl Hill Rd Lavenida/Moraga Wy	
Probation Violation	Hwy 24/St Stephen's Dr	
Panhandling	Starbucks	
Public Nuisance	Camino Pablo/Hwy 24	
Reckless Driving	Moraga Wy/Monte Veda St Stephen's Dr/Hwy 24 Moraga Wy/Glorietta Bl 40 block Lost Valley Dr Camino Pablo/Ardilla Dr Glorietta Bl/Virginia Dr Moraga Wy/Brookwood Rd	
Shoplift	Rite Aid	
Susp. Circumstances		5
Suspicious Vehicle		34
Suspicious Subject		15
Throw from Moving Vehicle	Moraga Wy/Glorietta Bl	
Traffic Stops		115
Trespass	10 block Monte Vista Rd Camino Sobrante/La Cuesta Camino Sobrante/Las Casca	
Unwanted Guest	60 block Orchard Rd 20 block Orinda Wy	
Vandalism	100 block Brookwood Rd 30 block Charles Hill Cr Starbucks	
Vehicle Theft	Bank of America Warrant Service 10 block Robert Rd	



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Third Time's the Charm

Orinda celebrates 30 years of incorporation

By Cathy Dausman



Orinda's First City Council at the 1985 Fourth of July parade. Back, from left: Aldo Guidotti, Bobbie Landers and Dick Heggie; front: Bill Dabel and Joe Harb. Photo courtesy of the Orinda Historical Society

Independence Day takes on double meaning in Orinda this year, as its residents celebrate the 30th anniversary of its incorporation July 1 along with the nation's Fourth of July celebration three days later. In historical perspective, it almost didn't happen. There were two failed prior attempts — one in the mid-1950s and a second in 1967 before "the vote for incorporation won hands down," said Bobbie Landers in remarks to this paper in 2010.

Landers was one of Orinda's five original city council members, having moved to Orinda 20 years before it became a city because of "the niceness of the town."

"People wanted to captain their

own ship," Landers said. Fortunately for incorporation fans, the third time was the charm. Landers said what made the difference was that "we had more information and facts [in the 1980s]."

The Orinda area also wanted better police protection and more say in planning, she said. Landers has seen what she called "very, very positive things" happen with the city since 1985 because of what she said are the city's "multiple people and diverse interests."

Joyce Hawkins served on the city council as both member and mayor between 1992 and 2004. She remembers co-chairing with two others and a "huge" committee to promote the

city's vote for incorporation in 1984. Hawkins moved to Orinda in 1970 and began work on the Orinda Association planning commission, which held an advisory role to county government.

Hawkins said the big catalyst for incorporation was to gain planning control. Prior to 1985, the jurisdiction of Orinda's modest 12.8 acres rested in Martinez, the Contra Costa County seat. At the time, Hawkins said Orinda won most battles with the county over residential development but lost out on commercial development. She remembers Martinez meetings lasting until 2 a.m. The developers sought to tear down the Orinda Theatre and erect a five-story

building in its place. "We lost that battle [originally]," Hawkins said, until a law firm stepped in to provide pro-bono help. The first step to incorporation was to raise money for a Local Agency Formation Commission study, which, if approved, would allow Orindans to vote on becoming a city. When the study was approved, the committee went to work, "diligently" promoting the idea of Orinda as a city.

Simultaneously, 19 candidates began campaigning for one of five seats on a city council, assuming Orinda incorporation passed. This would be a last attempt at incorporation.

Ironically, one of those working against incorporation was Aldo Guidotti, who was elected to the first city council. Results of the March 1985 election was 60 percent for incorporation, a "spectacular victory," Hawkins said, adding "after that, it became much more difficult to incorporate."

Orinda was the last of the Lamorinda communities to incorporate, after Lafayette in 1968 and Moraga in 1974. "It was an exciting time [for Orinda]," said Hawkins.

To celebrate its birth as a city, the Orinda Association began hosting a Fourth of July parade. Strangely enough, the biggest issue 30 years ago was city road conditions; although Hawkins recalls that the county spent far less on repairs than the city has done since. Perhaps the road to self-governance is paved with good intentions.

Concerns Are Raised as Sidewalk Construction Begins on Ivy and Coral Drives

By Jennifer Wake

Signs and sandwich boards went up as construction of 5-foot sidewalks began last week on portions of Ivy Drive and Coral Drive in Orinda. The construction is part of the Ivy and Coral Drive Sidewalk project, which is being partially funded by a federal grant through the Safe Routes to School Program.

Two meetings were held in September to alert residents about the construction, as well as the resurfacing of Ivy Drive, but a broader proposed master plan, called the Orinda Intermediate School Sidewalk Master Plan, was presented to the City

Council March 3. The OIS-SMP proposes adding sidewalks along both sides of Ivy Drive, from Cielo Court to Coral Drive, and on both sides of Coral Drive, from Ivy Drive to Moraga Way. The OIS-SMP proposal came as a surprise to Orinda resident Kim White, who attended the council meeting. "After two meetings held in the community, the sidewalk project was never discussed as a master plan," she said. "It was dumped on us like a bomb as part of Ivy Drive getting fully paved."

While some residents were supportive of additional sidewalk construction, citing traffic safety concerns, others questioned the sidewalk placement decision, preferring

sidewalk construction on only the west side of Ivy and north side of Coral.

Council advised staff to present the OIS-SMP to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and to get TSAC's recommendation. "It's premature to discuss the plan before it goes to TSAC," said Vice Mayor Victoria Smith.

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Ivy Drive at Fiesta Circle Photo Victor Ryerson

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