



# Orinda

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

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

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 July 19 to Aug. 1

Alarms	56
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic stops	90
Suspicious Circumstances	11
Suspicious Subjects	8
Suspicious Vehicles	23
<b>Abandoned Vehicle</b>	
10 block Orinda Wy	
30 block Barbara Rd (2)	
200 block Overhill Rd	
<b>Animal Cruelty</b>	
Safeway	
<b>Barking Dog</b>	
60 block Sleepy Hollow Ln	
100 block Crest View Dr	
Moraga Wy/Coral Dr	
<b>Battery</b>	
90 block Tiger Tail Ct	
<b>Brandishing a Weapon</b>	
St Stephen's/Hwy 24	
<b>Burglary, Auto</b>	
10 block Gardinier Ct	
Northwood Dr/Davis Rd	
20 block Tara Rd	
60 block Brookwood Rd	
<b>Custody Violation</b>	
10 block Theatre Square	
<b>DUI</b>	
10 block Overhill Rd	
<b>Disturbance</b>	
Citibank (fight)	
20 block Orinda Wy (fight)	
Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd	
20 block Orinda Wy	
Orchard Rd/Glorietta Bl	
<b>Fireworks</b>	
40 block Camino del Diablo	
<b>Fraud</b>	
200 block Orchard Rd	
<b>Harassment</b>	
200 block Camino Sobrante	
50 block Oakwood Rd	
200 block Ivy Dr (phone)	
<b>Health &amp; Safety Violation</b>	
Fish Ranch Rd/Grizzly Peak	
<b>ID Theft</b>	
reported to police	
20 block La Cuesta Rd	
20 block Daryl Dr (2)	
600 block Moraga Wy	
<b>Intoxicated Subject</b>	
Theatre Square	
<b>Loud Music/Noise</b>	
30 block Claremont Av	
200 block La Espiral (2)	
10 block Mira Loma	
10 block Martha Rd	
Orinda Country Club	
<b>Loud Party</b>	
Acacia/Manzanita Drs	
<b>Missing Adult</b>	
10 block Altarinda Rd	
20 block Irwin Wy	
<b>Police/Fire/EMS</b>	
30 block Muth Dr	
Hwy 24/Camino Pablo	
Moraga Via/Glorietta Bl	
30 block St Stephen's Dr	
100 block Claremont	
Camino Pablo/Bear Creek Rd	
Orinda Country Club	
<b>Public Nuisance</b>	
10 block Eastwood Dr	
Wilder/Hwy 24	
<b>Reckless Driving</b>	
Moraga/Rheem	
Safeway	
Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd	
Moraga Wy/Glorietta Bl	
Glorietta/Rheem Blvds (92)	
San Pablo Dam Rd/Wildcat Ct	
Moraga/Stein Ways	



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## Avoiding the Potential Pitfalls (and Potholes) from Road Construction

By Victor Ryerson

Moraga Way is nice and smooth thanks to its recent repaving a few years ago, and the bikeway on both sides is finally free of cracks and treacherous potholes. But with PG&E cutting into the new pavement about every 100 yards or so to replace copper laterals, seams can appear, water can intrude, and the whole process of degradation can start all over again. So what does Orinda do to ensure that Measure X won't have to be placed on the ballot in a few years to start the repair cycle all over again?

For one thing, any such work re-

quires the utility to obtain an encroachment permit from the city, and that requires the replacement paving material to be the same as what is removed, and the striping to be restored. The city monitors these actions in case it becomes necessary to enforce the permit requirements.

The city also tries its best to provide drivers a period of peace and quiet. "Utilities are put on notice about contemplated (Orinda) road-work," explains Senior City Engineer Larry Theis. Following the work, the city imposes a two-year moratorium prohibiting utilities

from tearing into a newly paved street, hopefully discouraging the deterioration of the paving from unplanned utility work. "The moratorium does not preclude emergency repairs," however. The current PG&E work was planned, a necessary service improvement project that it had scheduled with the city well in advance.

What efforts are made to prevent deterioration once the pavement cutting must be done? One technique is T-cutting the trench, which means that an additional amount of the paving is removed parallel to the

edges of the trench or hole. After the hole is filled, the extra paving on the sides reduces the likelihood of water intrusion into the trench, and prevents the newly paved work from sagging and becoming a new bump or pothole, hopefully.

As for the inconvenience caused by the exasperating flagging and detours while the work is underway, the best explanation was provided years ago by Consolidated Edison, unapologetically emblazoned on its construction barriers on New York City's busy streets: "Dig we must."

## Camino Pablo Bike Lane Design up for Discussion

By Victor Ryerson

Green is the color of caution if you are driving alongside a bike lane, but adding that color to the bike lane surface may not be sufficient to protect bicyclists in the view of some. The issue has come to the fore in Orinda as part of the question of how to complete the design of the recently striped northbound bike lane beneath BART and Highway 24 on Camino Pablo Road.

The current design is a "death trap" in the view of Bill Cooper, a 20-year cyclist who wrote to Lamorinda Weekly to protest the current configuration of the bike lane. It is now a "meat grinder" sandwiched between two lanes that turn right onto westbound Highway 24, inviting disaster when a motorist turning across the lane crosses the path of a biker heading straight on the new bike lane. The subject of improving the design is expected to come before the Orinda City Council at its Aug. 18 meeting, and the public is encouraged to attend.

Why have a bike lane at all, when there is a perfectly good concrete sidewalk running adjacent to the roadway and crossing the Highway 24 on-ramp on its own bridge? "Bikers have a right to use the roadway," explains Orinda Senior Engineer Larry Theis. "And it is not a good idea to mix bikers and pedestrians anyway."

So, given the fact that the bike lane seems to be fait accompli, how can it be made safer for bikers and motorists? "There is a conflict zone because of the BART entrance and exit," concedes Theis, as well as the Highway 24 on-ramp. Consequently, a design placing the bike lane alongside the curb was ruled out. ... continued on next page



Bike lane along Camino Pablo Road as it is today.



The proposed green striping along the bike lane on Camino Pablo, and proposed location change, pictured, are scheduled to be discussed at the Aug. 18 Orinda City Council meeting.

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20 block Oakwood Rd

### Theft, Petty

500 block Dalewood Dr  
Safeway (in custody)  
10 block Nobl Ln  
60 block Moraga Via  
70 block El Toyonal  
200 block Camino Pablo (2)  
10 block Camino Encinas (bike)  
CVS (in custody)

### Threats

500 block Moraga Wy

### Vandalism

40 block Brookside Rd

### Warrant Service

10 block Orchard Ct