



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District

Monday, Oct. 12, 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

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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 Aug. 30 to Sept. 12

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| Alarms | 54 |
| Noise complaints | 2 |
| 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) | 14 |
| Traffic stops | 187 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 7 |
| Suspicious Subjects | 8 |
| Suspicious Vehicles | 33 |
| Abandoned Vehicle | |
| Lavenida/Donna Maria Way | |
| Animal Cruelty | |
| Safeway | |
| Battery | |
| Hwy 24/Camino Pablo | |
| Barking Dog | |
| 100 block Laura Way | |
| 60 block Rheem Blvd | |
| 20 block Underhill Rd | |
| 30 block Valley View Dr | |
| Burglary, Auto | |
| Casa Orinda | |
| 200 block The Knoll | |
| Burglary, Misc | |
| 100 block Wilder Rd | |
| Civil | |
| 100 block Laura Way | |
| 500 block Hawkridge Terrace | |
| Credit Fraud | |
| 400 block El Toyonal | |
| DUI | |
| Birch Ct/Spring Rd | |
| Embezzlement | |
| 20 block Ramona Dr | |
| Forgery | |
| 10 block Williams Ct | |
| Health & Safety Violation | |
| Hall Dr/Moraga Way | |
| Hit & Run | |
| 80 block Davis Rd | |
| Ordinance Violation | |
| Lavenida/Estabuena | |
| Police/Fire/EMS | |
| 400 block Moraga Way | |
| 10 block Easton Ct | |
| 10 block Muth Dr | |
| 10 block Corte Bombero | |
| 20 block Warford Terrace | |
| 20 block Estates Dr | |
| Hwy 24/Wilder | |
| 200 block Camino Sobrante | |
| 500 block Kite Hill Terrace | |
| Promiscuous Shooting | |
| 10 block Daphne Ct | |
| Public Nuisance | |
| 200 block Lafayette Circle | |
| Reckless Driving | |
| Rheem Blvd/Glorietta Blvd | |
| Glorietta Blvd/Orchard Rd | |
| Moraga Way /Glorietta Blvd (3) | |
| El Toyonal/Loma Vista | |
| Sleepy Hollow Swim & Tennis | |
| Hwy 24/Camino Pablo | |
| San Pablo Dam Rd/Camino Pablo | |
| Glorietta Blvd/Heather Ln | |
| Moraga Way/Whitehall Dr | |
| Recovery Stolen Vehicle | |
| 60 block Overhill Rd | |
| Shoplift | |
| 20 block Orinda Way | |
| Safeway | |
| Theft, Grand | |
| 10 block Lost Valley Dr | |
| 200 block Camino Pablo | |
| (from vehicle) | |
| Theft, Petty | |
| 200 block Camino Pablo | |
| 10 block Bates Blvd | |
| 10 block Point Rd | |
| 10 block S Point Rd | |
| 400 block Ridge Gate Rd | |
| 20 block Donald Dr (from vehicle) | |
| 50 block La Cuesta Rd | |
| 60 block Moraga Way | |
| Theft, Vehicle | |
| Bank of America | |
| Threats | |
| 10 block, Del Mar Ct | |
| Unwanted Guest | |
| Starbucks | |
| 10 block Spring Ct | |
| Warrant Service/Arrest | |
| 100 block Moraga Way | |



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Orindans Doing Well on Water Conservation

But some need to do better

By Victor Ryerson

East Bay Municipal Utility District board member Marguerite Young reported on the state of Orinda's water consumption at the Sept. 1 City Council meeting. The news was good for some, but there is room for improvement for others.

Five percent of Orinda households are excessive water users, meaning that they use more than 1,000 gallons per day. This is four times the median use during a non-drought year. These households are likely to be hit with an excessive use penalty, which can be costly, Young said.

California is in the fourth year of a historic drought. For EBMUD, which serves Orinda, conservation ef-

forts are of particular importance, because it gets about one half of its water supply from the Sierra Nevada snowpack—and this year, there is none. An additional 10 percent comes from our three local reservoirs. "Our water is our water," Young declared, meaning that EBMUD does not obtain its supply from a major river or water system. In current parlance, it is locally sourced.

EBMUD's goal for inside use under the present situation is 35 gallons per person per day, a 20 percent reduction compared to the 2013 level. Most homeowners are well aware of the commonsense actions to get there, and Orindans have generally been

doing a good job employing those measures.

The familiar litany of ways to conserve outside use includes watering no more than twice a week, and not within two days of measurable precipitation such as that which occurred here recently; washing your car with a hose equipped with an automatic shutoff valve (or at a carwash that recycles water, or not at all); sweeping or air-blowing hardscapes; and refraining from watering during the period of high evaporation, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Most Orinda homeowners seem to accept that brown is the new green and are cutting back.

Through May, according to Young, Orinda's consumption was down 22 percent compared to 2013, an impressive figure considering that there has been a 1.4 percent increase in the number of Orinda households over the same period.

What lies ahead with Orinda's water situation? "I don't know exactly," admits Young. While we hear much about El Nino conditions coming to the rescue next year, previous experience suggests that Southern California usually receives the majority of the benefit. And if the white stuff does not fall on our northern Sierra peaks, 2016 could be a very tough year indeed.

Parks and Rec's Pickleball Increases in Popularity

By Daniel Smith

While walking through Orinda Community Park several weeks ago, I came upon an odd site: grown adults running around with oversized ping pong paddles, whacking a Whiffle ball back and forth over a net. I may have actually rubbed my eyes and shaken my head before taking a second, confirmatory look.

A flyer on the courtside corkboard read, "Pickleball ... Thursdays from 2 to 4." Pickleball. Odd name for an odd game. I wondered, where did such a goofy sport come from?

Research revealed an origin story fraught with disagreements; however, the following details were common to all accounts:

Pickleball was invented in 1965 by Joel Pritchard, a future senator, and several friends. The children, having been summer couch potatoes, were dragged by Pritchard one afternoon to their badminton court and handed not rackets or a birdie, but a Whiffle ball and wooden paddles. The tomfoolery that ensued would become the sport of Pickleball. Accounts differ on whether Pritchard devised the event as a lesson in creative play or whether he was just really good at improvising after he lost the family's badminton equipment.

Whatever the case may have been, Pickleball caught fire – today it's played by 2.46 million people. The Whiffle ball and court dimensions haven't changed, though the wooden paddles are now regulated by the USAPA (USA Pickleball Association).

But these stories and facts still weren't answering the big question: Why would someone choose to play Pickleball when there are already so many established racket sports without embarrassing names?

Several Thursdays later I decided to return to Orinda Community Park and to seek answers, not as a spectator, but as a participant.

The Pickleball boundaries were

visible in white paint, the whole game played in one half of the tennis court. The net, balls and rackets were all provided by the Orinda Parks and Rec Department.

I met three other players. Two were equally new to Pickleball and unsure of what to expect. The third, Tom O'Brien, had only played twice.

We stretched and batted the air with wooden paddles, the weight of a tennis racket at half the size. O'Brien, our default veteran, explained the game. The rules are nearly identical to tennis with a few notable exceptions: volleys can't be returned from a demarcated area at the front of the net called the kitchen; serve returns can never be hit before bouncing. Scoring is more like volleyball: you serve until

you lose the point and can only score on your serve. As O'Brien spoke he unsheathed his own paddle. Its handle had sleek vinyl gripping. The head had a matte surface for extra touch. It was inscribed with the Japanese symbol for power, capability, and influence.

"The Zen Paddle," O'Brien announced after finishing the rules, "graphite composite laid over honeycomb aluminum." O'Brien had bought this secret weapon after his very first Pickleball game. He said he'd known that very day that Pickleball was to become his new sport.

Within minutes of playing I understood Pickleball's appeal. The satisfying simplicity of the gameplay was addictive. The gentle pace of the Whiffle ball and the small court size

allowed even us first-timers to build sustained, competitive rallies. Yet there was challenging depth to the game. The difficulty of applying finesse with a wooden paddle, the restraint required to place balls within the shallow boundaries – these elements demanded an engaged player, physically and mentally present.

A notable drawback of Pickleball is its susceptibility to wind. Periodic gusts easily swept the hollow ball off course. Much of the game was a test of our ability to adjust the strength and direction of our hit to counter the wind.

These gales were unanimously and vocally recognized as the cause of most of our learning errors.

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