



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

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

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District

Monday, Feb. 8, 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 Dec. 20 to Jan. 2

Alarms	71
Noise Complaints	3
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic Stops	101
Suspicious Circumstances	13
Suspicious Subjects	6
Suspicious Vehicles	26
Abandoned Vehicle	
10 block Altarinda Rd	
Battery, Sexual	
10 block Altarinda Rd	
Burglary, Auto	
10 block Theatre Square	
Civil	
80 block Brookwood Rd	
30 block Barbara Rd	
Dependent Child	
60 block Moraga Way	
Disturbance	
BevMo	
10 block Theatre Square	
DUI	
Camino Pablo/Hwy 24	
Moraga Way/Altamont Dr	
Hit & Run	
80 block Davis Rd	
ID Theft	
90 block Sleepy Hollow Ln	
Police/Fire/ EMS	
100 block Crest View Dr	
4200 block El Nido Ranch Rd	
10 block Bel Air Dr	
Promiscuous Shooting	
200 block Camino Pablo	
100 block Camino Pablo	
40 block Ardiilla Rd	
Public Nuisance	
10 block Theatre Square	
Shoplift	
Safeway	
10 block Orinda Way	
Theft, ID	
10 block Jewel Ct	
Theft, Petty	
10 block El Corte	
400 block Miner Rd	
600 block Miner Rd	
200 block Lomas Cantadas	
Hwy 24/Camino Pablo	
10 block Oak Rd	
Shell Station	
10 block Orinda Way	
Theft, Vehicle	
Orinda Theatre	
Threats	
Safeway	
Trespass	
Wildler/Gateway Blvds	
100 block Wildler Rd	
Vandalism	
Shell Station	
Verbal Dispute	
Safeway	



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New President Takes the Helm at Orinda Chamber of Commerce

By Victor Ryerson



New Chamber of Commerce executive director, Sophie Braccini, and new president, Roy Hodgkinson
Photo Vic Ryerson

There are a lot of new faces in the leadership of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce this year. At the top of the list is Roy Hodgkinson, who started his three-year term as president on Jan. 1, succeeding Sylvia Jorgensen. Joining him are four new board members, a new chair of the chamber's volunteer ambassadors, and a new executive director. The new faces bring with them "lots of new energy and enthusiasm," Hodgkinson says.

Hodgkinson, who previously served as the chamber's vice president, is a 20-year Orinda resident. He is a retired information technology executive and consultant with four decades of business experience under his belt. He and his wife moved to their home, which they remodeled, in 1995. Their architect, Rick Kattenburg, is the husband of the outgoing executive director of the chamber, Candis Kattenburg, and Hodgkinson first became aware of the organization's activities through that connection.

The chamber is a nonprofit organization that promotes Orinda businesses and business interests by providing information, communication, and activities to enhance the community. Activities include the upcoming March 4 "Live at the Orinda Comedy Night," and right now Hodgkinson says he and the planning team are busy preparing for that event, which attracts national talent. The chamber is also preparing for its annual Business Awards and Recognitions Lunch, to be held this year on Feb. 12 at the Orinda Country Club.

In his role as president of the chamber, the affable Hodgkinson represents a diverse membership in marketing, communicating, and advocating its members' interests,

working in cooperation with the City of Orinda. He is careful to take a neutral position on such issues as parking and commercial real estate improvements, but says he is "glad to see something moving" on these concerns. He has faith that Orinda will continue to have a "vital business community," and observes that business owners are smart, responding to demand for retail facilities and professional services elsewhere with complementary and unique offerings in Orinda.

Joining him in the new leadership of the organization is Sophie Braccini, the chamber's incoming executive director. No stranger to Lamorinda Weekly readers, Braccini has been a staff writer for this paper from its start nine years ago, and her byline has appeared on many business stories. She sought the position with the chamber, she says, because she knows and loves the Orinda business community from her exposure as a reporter, and considers it to be a very important aspect of Orinda's character. Originally from France, she came to the United States 25 years ago as an information technology worker in customer service and sales. Later in her career she became the president of a nonprofit company involved in work with newcomers to this area, and in that capacity engaged in volunteer management, event planning, and board decision making, all of which she feels will be helpful experience in her new role. She also believes her background in sales will be helpful, as recruitment of new members is an important aspect of the job.

Information about the mission, membership and activities of the Orinda Chamber of Commerce is available at orindachamber.org.

Orinda Wine Bar Opens for Business

By Victor Ryerson



Photo Ohlen Alexander

Ciné Cuvee, the long-awaited wine bar next to the Orinda Theatre, made a "soft" opening Dec. 31, serving wine and beer to moviegoers and others who happened to wander in. The official grand opening was Jan. 8.

Conceived as "an extension of the (theater's) refreshment stand," co-owner Derek Zemrak explains that the intimate Hollywood-themed venue capitalizes on a growing trend of offering alcoholic beverages in movie theaters. Some theaters, like the Rialto Cinemas Cerrito in El Cerrito, serve food, as well as beer and wine, at moviegoers' seats. Architectural and other limitations currently prevent expansion of Cine Cuvee's offerings to that extent, but eventually Zemrak hopes to isolate the small theater in the Orinda complex and limit attendance to those over 21 years old so alcohol can be served. That may

be a long time coming because of daunting Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regulations and other requirements. It was difficult enough to obtain approval for what has been done to date, he says, and the complexities of doing so caused significant delays in opening the cozy venue.

As a film lover, theater operator, and founder and president of the California Independent Film Festival, Zemrak is in a unique position to run the wine bar, which features wines with a Hollywood connection. He plans to host special event tastings, tentatively starting in February with one at which Vincent Price's daughter, Victoria Price, will present wines from the family's Vincent Price Signature Wine Collection.

Cine Cuvee's hours are Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

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