



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Special Meeting:
Tuesday, March 24, 8 p.m.
Garden Room, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Regular Meeting:
Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

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

School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District

Monday, April 11, 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 Feb 21 - March 5

Alarms	51
Noise complaints	2
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	5
Traffic stops	103
Suspicious Circumstances	9
Suspicious Subjects	14
Suspicious Vehicles	19
Barking Dog	
20 block Woodacres Ct.	
Battery	
100 block Orchard Rd.	
Burglary, Auto	
10 block South Trail	
Burglary, Residential	
100 block Casa Vieja	
Civil	
100 block Holly Lane (two)	
40 block Canyon View Dr. (standby)(three)	
80 block Moraga Way	
Coroner's Case	
70 block Tara Rd.	
Custody Violation	
100 block Rheem Blvd. Del Rey School	
Dispute, verbal	
Mechanic's Bank	
50 block Moraga Way	
Hit & Run	
30 block Vista del Mar	
Hidden Valley Rd./St Stephen's Rite Aid	
Intoxicated Subject	
Moraga Way/Eastwood Dr.	
Juvenile disturbance	
Orinda Theater (two)	
Fraud	
10 block Beaconsfield Ct.	
30 block Acacia Dr.	
100 block Knickerbocker Ln.	
10 block Monte Vista Rd.	
ID Theft reported to police	
200 block Courtney Ln.	
30 block Irving Ln.	



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Former Military Contractor Takes Over as New Orinda Planning Director

By Nick Marnell

Back in 2013, Drummond Buckley picked a good day to arrive late for a lunch date.

"I was lucky," said the new Orinda Planning Director, who was doing urban planning as a defense contractor for United Research Services at the Forward Operating Base Salerno near Khost, Afghanistan in 2013. "There was a huge blast. The explosion was so big that when you opened the office door, all you could see was dust. Alarms went off. They have sounds that tell you what kind of emergency it is, and we knew from the sound of the siren that attackers were on the base." At lunchtime, a suicide bomber had blown up a truck outside the dining facility, and six armed attackers stormed the military base, killing two and injuring many.

"I was waiting for colleagues to arrive from another base. Otherwise, I would have been there," Buckley said.

After his next government contract ran out — working in design

development in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia — Buckley returned to the Bay Area just in time to slide in to his current position. He had worked in the Orinda planning department in the late 1990s before he left to take outside consulting jobs.

Buckley listed the immediate goals for his department. "We need to revisit the general policies for downtown development," he said. "What is the process we need to go through? How do we get started?"

With more development agreements coming up for the Wilder subdivision, Buckley said the city has to coordinate all of the different standards that have been adopted over the years into a user-friendly handbook. "Plus, we are going through a design review process," he said.

And he plans to beef up the city code enforcement process. "Different parts of the municipal code can be affected by a complaint," he said. "The complaint could violate a zoning code and a building code, for example. Which agency will be responsible for enforcing which section?"

With a master's degree in urban planning from UCLA, and perspective he has acquired from



Drummond Buckley

Photo Ohlen Alexander

working all over the world, Buckley comes across as unflappable. "But all I can say is that this job is not as bad as working in a war zone."

"Planning can be stressful,"

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