



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Special Meeting:

Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m.

Regular Meeting:

Tuesday, June 21, 7 p.m.

June 7 has been cancelled

Library Auditorium, Orinda Library

26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m.

Sarge Littlehale Community Room,

Orinda Library

Citizens' Infrastructure

Oversight Commission

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Sarge Littlehale Community Room,

City Hall, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda

School Board Meetings

Orinda Unified School District

Monday, June 13, 6 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting

8 Altarinda Rd., Orinda

www.orindaschools.org

See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

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 April 17 to April 30

Alarms	52
Noise complaints	3
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	8
Traffic stops	69
Suspicious Circumstances	5
Suspicious Subjects	9
Suspicious Vehicles	23
Battery	
Safeway	
10 block Rio Vista	
Barking Dog	
200 block La Espiral	
Burglary, Auto	
30 block Valley View Dr.	
Wildcat Canyon/San Pablo	
60 block Avenida de Orinda	
Civil	
40 block Charles Hill Cr.	
30 block Barbara Rd.	
60 block Brookwood Rd.	
Reported to police (2)	
400 block Moraga Way	
10 block Harran Cr.	
Credit Fraud	
address n/a	
Custody violation	
10 block Woodland Rd.	
Dispute	
10 block Kittiwake Rd. (2)	
40 block Lost Valley Dr. (verbal)	
300 block Tappan Terr. (verbal)	
Van Ripper/Lombardy Lns. (verbal)	
Disturbance	
Orinda Intermediate School	
20 block Orinda Way	
Harassment	
100 block Canon Dr. (phone)	
ID Theft	
100 block Coral Dr.	
10 block Lavina Ct	
90 block Underhill Rd.	
4300 block El Nido Ranch Rd. (2)	
Misdemeanor	
10 block Diablo View Dr.	
Ordinance Violation	
60 block La Cuesta Rd.	
Orinda Country Club	
Police/Fire/ EMS	
70 block El Toyonal	
20 block Heather Ln.	
Orinda Intermediate School	
Claremont Ave/Camino Pablo	
Public Nuisance	
MOFD Station 45	
70 block Moraga Way	
Reckless Driving	
50 block Camino Encinas	
Camino Pablo/Manzanita Dr.	
Camino Pablo/Hwy 24 (2)	
Canon Dr./El Toyonal	
Moraga Way/Theater Square	
Restraining Order violation	
10 block La Bolsita Way	
Stolen car recovery	
Cal Shakes/Bruns Amp.	
Tampering with Vehicle	
San Pablo Dam Rd/Bear Creek	
Theft, Petty	
60 block Moraga Way	
Theft, Grand	
10 block Bates Blvd.	

MARKET ACTION REPORT April 2016

Lafayette, Orinda

The Median Sales Price in April was \$1,537,500, up 13.9% from \$1,350,000 in April of 2015 and up 1.6% from \$1,514,000 last month. The Average Sales Price in April was \$1,598,546, up 10.6% from \$1,445,279 in April of 2015 and down -8.4% from \$1,745,089 last month. April 2016 ASP was at highest level compared to April of 2015 and 2014.

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In Orinda, Utility Work is the Harbinger of Repaving Season

By Victor Ryerson



A PG&E welder cuts a new steel lateral for installation.

Photo Victor Ryerson

This spring's spectacular show of flowers is not the only sign that summer is coming. If you live on an Orinda street that is slated to be repaved this year under the city's road repair plan, you may have stepped out of your home recently to find your street covered with colorful graffiti. It's all legal – the first step in preparing the street for the onslaught of backhoes, skip loaders, trucks and other heavy equipment later this year.

"I thought they were putting in a speed bump [in front of my house]," mused one Ivy Drive resident as she looked at the lines painted across the street and onto her lot. "Shows how well informed I am."

The fact is that, although some effort has been made to let residents know what is going on, public outreach by the city and utility companies could be better. Contractors have quietly shown up in front of homes, spray-

painting strange hieroglyphics on the pavement, and little yellow flags have popped up across front yards and well into people's lots, fueling speculation and concern by homeowners. Machinery has followed, and a number of owners were surprised last month when a backhoe started chomping into their curbs and yards, preceded only by a knock on the door by the harried Pacific Gas and Electric Company foreman in charge of the work. Alerted to the notice problem, the utility finally distributed flyers in door-hangers to local area residents after the work was underway. Still, the process remains a mystery to many.

What is happening is the result of the city learning from experience about coordinating utility work with the repaving. "It's not easy," said Orinda Citizens Oversight and Infrastructure Commission member Richard Nelson at a recent Orinda Association informational meeting. The city has been learning from last season's repaving experience. The work is designed to reduce the likelihood that the paving work will damage gas distribution lines and other utility facilities that serve adjacent homes, and prevent the need to cut into the newly paved street to make subsequent repairs. In the long run, it is an effort well worth making.

Most of the preparatory work is being done by PG&E. The process takes time, and is being accomplished in stages as crews are rotated to other area projects, including Moraga's infamous sinkhole. Pipe welders are in particularly short supply. ... continued on page A11

Orinda City Council Declines Funding CCE Study

By Sora O'Doherty

The Orinda City Council stayed focused on its roads, not renewable energy, when it decided not to contribute funds to a proposed study of Community Choice Energy (CCE). After hearing a detailed review of developments in the area and explanation of what the county seeks to determine with the study, the council decided that it preferred to keep the city's focus – and funds – directed toward the goal of dealing with the city's roads.

The council voted unanimously at its May 3 meeting to decline the request of Contra Costa County to contribute up to \$10,000 for a feasibility study of providing renewable energy through a provider other than Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

In neighboring towns, the Moraga Town Council unanimously agreed to contribute up to \$10,000 to the preliminary CCE study made by the county, according to Moraga Assistant Planner Coleman Frick, and Lafayette has already joined Marin Clean Energy – one of five of the county's 20 cities to join MCE, including El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo and Walnut Creek.

No one, the council reasoned, was clamoring for an alternative source of renewable energy in Orinda. In fact, no member of the public spoke either for or against the proposal.

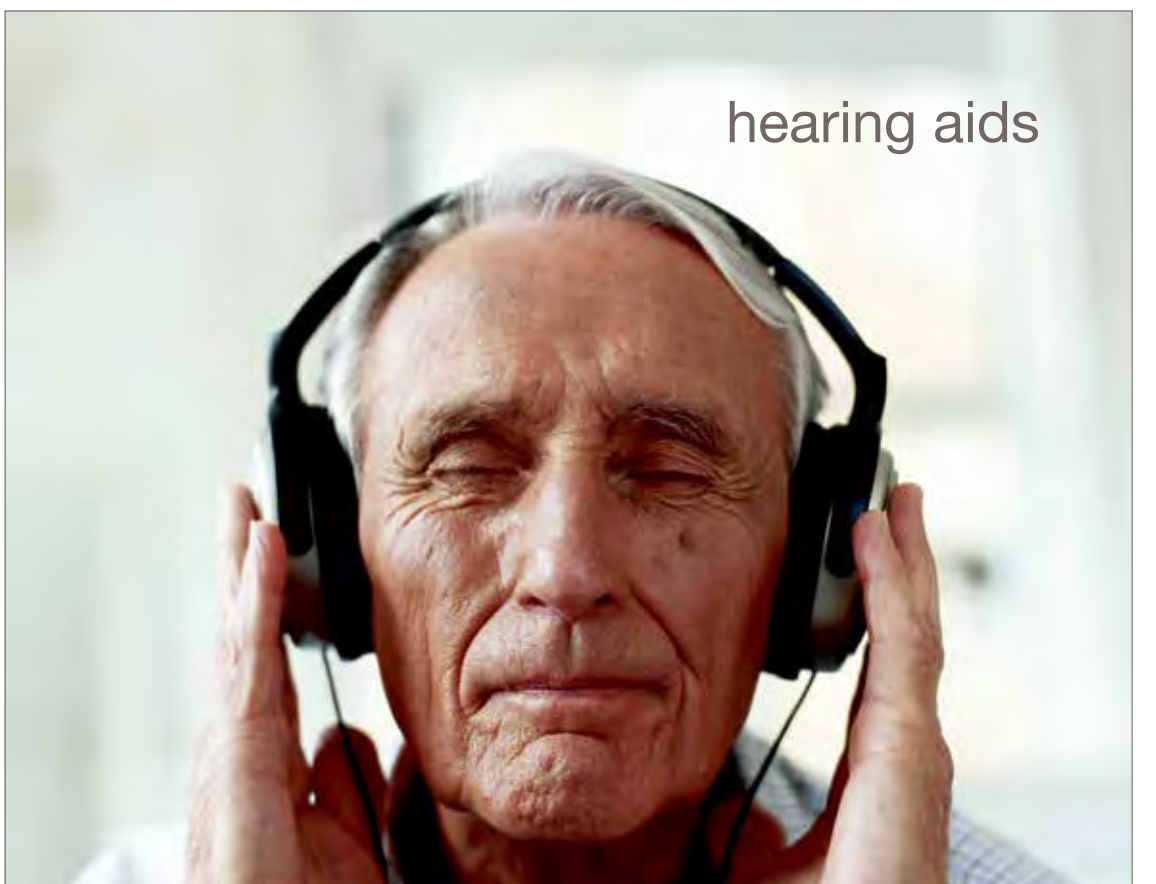
Last January, the council agreed to allow the county to obtain Orinda's electrical load data from PG&E for the Community Choice Aggregation Study. The

county has been considering three options for Community Choice Energy: join MCE; form a new joint powers authority (JPA) of Contra Costa County and interested cities within the County; or form a new JPA together with Alameda County and interested

cities within the two counties. Jason Crapo, deputy director of Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, and Seth Baruch, of Carbonomics, discussed the issue and fielded questions from council members. Darlene Gee, whose

husband works for PG&E, recused herself from the discussion.

According to Baruch, thus far Marin and Sonoma have been able to provide a higher level of renewable energy at lower rates to consumers. ... continued on page A11



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