



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Saturday, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. (special Meeting)
Community Room City Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. (regular Meeting)
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

TBA
Room#7 of the Community Center,
28 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure

Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
City Hall, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda

School Board Meetings

Orinda Unified School District

Monday, Feb. 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

City of Orinda:

www.cityoforinda.org

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Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org



Alarms 69

Noise complaints 2

911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 9

Traffic stops 46

Suspicious Circumstances 6

Suspicious Subjects 9

Suspicious Vehicles 18

Abandoned vehicle

Lavenida/Donna Maria Way

Burglary, Auto

Orinda Theater

Civil

40 block Oakwood Rd.

100 block Caro Ln.

Death, non-criminal

100 block Melody Ln.

800 block Ironbark Place

20 block Los Cerros

Disturbance

Wilder Sports Fields

20 block Stanton Ave.

40 block Brookwood Rd.

DUI

Moraga Way/Brookside Dr.

50 block Oak Dr.

ID Theft

reported to police

Illegal entry

300 block Minert Rd.

Loitering

Orinda Theater

Orinda Community Center

Police/Fire/ EMS

100 block Ivy Dr.

Camino Pablo/Sol Brae Way

500 block Moraga Way

Promiscuous Shooting

Miramonte High School

Public Nuisance

100 block Village Square

20 block Scenic Dr

Reckless Driving

Miner Rd./Camino Sobrante (2)

Oak Dr./Moraga Way

Miramonte High School

100 block Wilder Rd

Hwy 24/Camino Pablo

Camino Pablo/Claremont Ave.

San Pablo Dam Rd/Bear Creek Rd.

Camino Pablo/Wildcat Canyon

Hwy 24/St Stephen's Dr.

Orinda Appoints Interim City Manager

By Sora O'Doherty



Steve Solomon Photo provided

Steve Solomon, a longtime city manager for several California cities, will take over as interim city manager for Orinda, the Orinda City Council decided Jan. 10. Solomon was hired to replace the departing Janet Keeter, who has served more than 11 years in the position. Because Solomon is not available until Feb. 21, Keeter has postponed her retirement to accommodate his start date. Solomon has had a successful career in local government spanning over 40 years. He has served as city manager and as interim city manager of cities including Hercu-

les, Albany, Watsonville, Visalia, Brentwood and Benicia. In his 17 years as city manager of Visalia, his emphasis was on economic development, capital improvements, downtown revitalization, fiscal stability and staff development.

Salomon has a master's in City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with an emphasis on transportation and public works from the University of Cincinnati. He has served in leadership positions within the California Redevelopment Association, Contra Costa County City Managers Group, South San Joaquin Valley Division League of California Cities - City Managers' Department, and is a member of the International City/County Management Association.

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Dead Animals, Strays and the Glamorous World of Contra Costa Animal Services in Orinda

By Sora O'Doherty

Steve Burdo, community relations director of Contra Costa Animal Services, gave a presentation to the city council reviewing 2016 at Animal Services and looking toward new developments. For Orinda, Animal Services in 2016 conducted 43 investigations into animal noise or inhumane treatment, picked up 142 stray animals,

and 156 dead animals. Over all, the department provided over 2,000 low cost vaccinations and 5,000 spay/neuter surgeries in 2016. A new volunteer coordinator was hired to oversee the more than 300 volunteers - 100 of whom were new in 2016 - who conduct all manner of tasks. The department has introduced

several new programs, including Book Buddies, where children read to the animals, and a new cafe (cat cafe) in Martinez where patrons can enjoy the beverage of their choice while playing with cats, and, perhaps, adopting one.

Burdo expressed the department's thanks to outgoing city manager Janet Keeter, and answered council member Amy

Worth's questions, noting that the department provides volunteers and materials for city schools and will be starting a monthly newsletter. Burdo also mentioned that the department provides vouchers for \$6 rabies vaccinations.

MOFD Crew Celebrates Future Firefighter's 4th Birthday

By Nick Marnell



Seated, from left, Capt. Steve Gehling, engineer-paramedic Jon Ford, birthday boy Vivek Rathod; Standing, from left, firefighter-paramedic Anthony Stephens, Capt. Sean McGee, Chandni Rathod, Sameer Rathod. Photo N. Marnell

Not infrequently, kids receive birthday presents of firefighter helmets, fire engine puzzles or books about the fire service. In the case of 4-year old Vivek Rathod, he received those gifts from Moraga-Orinda Fire District

firefighters at a birthday party they threw for him at Fire Station 45 in Orinda.

On Jan. 13, 2013, Capt. Sean McGee led his crew of MOFD firefighters and paramedics on a childbirth response call to Stanton Avenue

in Orinda. "If you guys were even a minute or two later..." said Sameer Rathod, Vivek's dad. Capt. Steve Gehling, then a firefighter-paramedic, delivered Vivek in the bedroom at 10:17 p.m. and the crew rushed the baby and his mom to the hospital for follow-up care.

"(Vivek) knows the whole story," said Chandni Rathod, Vivek's mother. "He's passionate about firefighters. He thinks of Station 45 as his second home." Vivek constantly talks about coming to the fire station, because he wants to stop and "see my friends," she said.

Vivek received a fire station command performance on Jan. 16, including gifts, cupcakes, a fire engine tour and even a special session with Gehling on how to use the fire hose.

"Most of the time, we pick the moms up and take them to the hospital," said Gehling, who noted the singularity of Rathod's situation. The captain has delivered nine babies in the field throughout his career, so he was the right person on duty the night of the Rathod emergency medical call.

"We are still very grateful," said Sameer Rathod.

- Runaway juvenile 80 block Claremont Ave.
- Attempted Suicide 50 block Park Lane Dr.
- Surveillance 50 block Altarinda Dr.
- Theft, Petty 70 block Claremont Ave.
- Theft, Grand 40 block Robert Rd. 10 block Meadow Park Ct. 10 block North Ln. 10 block El Gavilan
- Theft, Vehicle 10 block Camino Sobrante
- Trespass Theatre Square
- Uncontrollable juvenile 20 block El Toyonal
- Unwanted Guest Taco Bell
- Vandalism 40 block Sleepy Hollow Ln. Theatre Square
- Warrant Service/Arrest/Advise 10 block Alta Vista

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