



# Orinda

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m.  
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library  
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m.  
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library  
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.  
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,  
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### School Board Meetings

**Orinda Union School District**  
Monday, Dec. 11, 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  
Phone (925) 253-4200

### Chamber of Commerce:

www.orindachamber.org

### The Orinda Association:

www.orindaassociation.org



## Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report

### Oct. 22 to Nov. 4

- Alarms** 36
- Noise Complaints** 4
- 911 Calls (includes hang-ups)** 5
- Traffic Stops** 45
- Suspicious Circumstances** 8
- Suspicious Subjects** 13
- Suspicious Vehicles** 31
- Abandoned Vehicle**  
Spring Rd./Knickerbocker Ln.  
10 block El Toyonal  
Del Valle/Vista del Orinda
- Accident, Injury**  
Sanborn Rd./Moraga Way  
400 block Dalewood Dr.
- Accident, Property**  
Shell gas  
Miramonte High School  
90 block Moraga Way  
Moraga Way/Buena Vista
- Arson**  
70 block Brookwood Rd.
- Barking Dog**  
200 block El Toyonal  
10 block Southwood Ct.
- Burglary, Auto**  
40 block Oakwood Rd.  
20 block Bryant Way  
Wagner Ranch  
10 block Moraga Way  
50 block Moraga Way (2)
- Burglary**  
90 block Camino Encinas  
30 block Rio Vista  
Orinda Country Club  
200 block Canon Dr.  
50 block La Cresta Rd.
- Civil**  
10 block Valley View Rd. (3)
- Death, Non-criminal**  
100 block Crest View Dr.
- Defraud Innkeeper**  
Moraga Way/Bryant Way
- Disturbance**  
10 block Donna Maria Way  
10 block La Cintilla  
Camino Pablo/Hwy 24  
Oakridge Ln./Tahos Rd.
- Dispute, Verbal**  
400 block Manzanita Dr.  
CVS  
10 block Yosemite Rd.
- DUI**  
Moraga Way/Glorietta  
Shell
- Fire/EMS**  
40 block Donald Dr.
- Forgery**  
10 block Kittiwake Rd.
- Health & Safety Violation**  
Nation's  
Donald Dr./Hall Dr. (2)
- Hit & Run**  
100 block Crest View Dr.  
100 block Ardith Dr.  
Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd.  
200 block Moraga Way
- ID Theft**  
10 block Corte Holganza (2)
- Indecent Exposure**  
Orinda Theatre



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## Orinda city manager highlights midyear financial challenges

By Nick Marnell

While not threatening the declaration of a fiscal emergency, Orinda City Manager Steve Salomon outlined at the Nov. 8 City Council meeting some of the financial challenges faced by the municipality.

Salomon explained to the council that according to the State Board of Equalization, the city receives only 7 percent of each Orinda property tax dollar, with over half of the tax dollar going to the local schools, 23 percent to the Moraga-Orinda Fire District and 10 percent to the

county itself.

"That is very low," Salomon said of Orinda's share. Moraga receives 5 percent of every property tax dollar and Lafayette 6 percent.

Salomon also compared sales tax revenue versus other Contra Costa County municipalities, with Orinda coming in third from the bottom at \$45.61 per capita, above only Oakley and Clayton. "Other cities can provide the same services with twice the revenue," Salomon said, noting that Lafayette recognizes \$98.96 per

capita and Moraga \$49.79.

What's more, Orinda sales tax revenue is projected to increase only \$88,000 over the next seven years, according to a study done for the city. "That figure could be improved if the project across Orinda Way is built," Salomon said, referring to the planned 18,000 square foot Bella Oaks development of restaurants, retail and offices.

Lastly Salomon explained that the cost of the natural disasters to have befallen the city this year has significantly reduced

the city general fund reserves. Orinda budgeted \$3.75 million to cover expenses of the 2017 storm damage, including the Miner Road sinkhole, and that as of October, the city had spent \$3.35 million of the money with more expenses expected.

"It's taken more than half of the reserves we've accumulated over the years," Salomon said, with the city having reported \$5.9 million in its reserve fund as of June.

## Potential breakthrough to the parking logjam at Orinda BART

By Nick Marnell



BART board president Rebecca Saltzman explains Scoop partnership to Orinda City Council. Photo Nick Marnell

Commuters who carpool to the Orinda BART station using an app from Scoop Techno-

gies will be guaranteed a parking space until 10 a.m. in permit parking areas at the station,

BART board president Rebecca Saltzman announced at the Orinda City Council meeting Nov. 8.

Saltzman said that the district goal was to maximize the limited number of parking spaces at the Orinda station by increasing the number of BART riders using each parking space. "We're trying to get more than one person to show up in each car so that there will be more parking spaces available for those who need them," Saltzman told the council.

To qualify for the guaranteed parking space in the permit lot, users first download the app from Scoop, a managed carpool program based in San Francisco. The night before the trip to BART, drivers schedule a trip to the Orinda station and the app will attempt to match the driver with a rider nearby. "About 90 percent of people are getting matched," Saltzman said, based on data from five BART stations already enrolled in the program.

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## Seasonal treasure seekers to converge at annual Holiday Bazaar this Saturday

By Jennifer Wake

Hunting for the perfect gift will get a lot easier in Orinda this weekend. Individuals will be able to browse and purchase handmade holiday items, clothing, jewelry, cosmetics, candles, home decorations, homemade knit ware, organic food items and more from over 50 vendors at the 41st Annual Holiday Bazaar from

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Orinda Community Center on Orinda Way.

Orinda Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Weiss says, "This year we have 30 percent new vendors and beloved return vendors bringing one-of-a-kind goods like handbags, hand-made jewelry and knitted goods, flannel PJ's,

holiday ornaments, stationary, silverware, fashion accessories, custom made jewelry, T-shirts, metal work and signs for home décor, pottery, scarves and shawls, as well as unique children's toys and puzzles and well-known vendors like Sima's Foods, Hofssi Chocolates, Captain Vineyards, Perfectly Posh, Jamberry and Arbonne,

just to name a few!"

Scooter the Clown will be found roaming the bazaar, making free balloon animals and doing magic, added Weiss, and there will be a free children's craft area in Room 6 of the Community Center.

The free event will be held rain or shine.

- Public Nuisance**  
100 block Las Vegas Rd.
- Reckless Driving**  
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.  
Bear Creek/Happy Valley  
Bear Creek/Camino Pablo  
Southwood Dr./Moraga Way  
St. Stephens/Hwy 24  
Camino Sobrante/Camino Pablo  
Moraga Way/Valley View Dr.
- Theft, Petty**  
10 block Estates Ct.  
Safeway
- Trespass**  
10 block Broadview Terr.
- Theft, Vehicle**  
Safeway
- Vandalism**  
400 block Moraga Way  
10 block Corte Sombrita
- Warrant Service/Arrest/Advise**  
400 block 7th St., San Francisco
- Welfare Check**  
10 block Diablo View Dr.  
20 block Calvin Ct.  
20 block Calvin Dr.  
40 block Canyon View Dr.  
10 block Broadview Terr.  
CVS



Scooter the Clown will make an appearance at this year's event. Photos provided



These colorful knit caps are some of the many offerings at this year's bazaar.

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