



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Citizens' Infrastructure

Oversight Commission
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

School Board Meetings

Orinda Union School District
Monday, Feb. 12, 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

Dec. 24 to Dec. 30

Alarms	28
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic	52
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subjects	6
Suspicious Vehicles	11
Patrol Request	4
Security Check	55
Service To Citizen	19
Supplemental Report	5
Abandoned Vehicle	
100 Block Camino Don Miguel	
Accident Injury	
Valley View Dr./Moraga Way	
Auto Burglary	
10 Block Wilder Rd.	
Beat Info	
San Pablo Dam Rd./Bear Creek	
Death Non Criminal	
100 Block Lombardy Ln.	
Dependent Adult Abuse	
100 Block Orchard Rd.	
Fire/Ems Response Info	
Moraga Way/Valley View Dr.	
Identity Theft	
Police Department	
Juvenile Disturbance	
Orinda Theater	
Loud Music	
40 Block Descanso Dr.	
Medical Hospital	
100 Block Stein Way	
300 Block Overhill Rd.	
Occupied Stalled Vehicle	
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way	
Ordinance Violation	
20 Block Ramona Dr.	
Other Non Criminal	
Manzanita Dr./Camino Pablo	
Out Investigate	
100 Block Orchard Rd.	
Prom Shoot	
100 Block Orinda Way	
Public Nuisance	
Santa Maria Way/Camino Pablo	
Resist Delay or Obstruct	
10 Block Theatre Sq.	
Traffic Hazard	
Moraga Way/Brookside Rd.	
Vehicle Theft	
70 Block Oak Rd.	
Verbal Dispute	
300 Block Camino Sobrante	
Violation Custody Order	
300 Block Village View Ct.	
Welfare Check	
10 Block Orinda Way	
Library	
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Trash talking with a techie accent

By Sora O'Doherty



Bigbelly trash cans in downtown Walnut Creek Photo Sora O'Doherty

Orinda will soon be considering joining the ranks of those using "smart" trash cans provided by Bigbelly. The company, which has been in business for 14 years, uses technology to make trash and recycling collection greener and more efficient in cities, on university campuses and other venues. Used in a significant number of locales in California, including UC Berkeley, the Yerba Buena Center in San Francisco, and the city of Walnut Creek, Bigbelly receptacles can also be found in all 50 states and 54 countries around the world.

The sleek, fully enclosed containers utilize 100 percent renewable solar power for their "smart" functions. The bins can periodically compact the contents and use a cellular data system to communicate the condition of each bin to the responsible authority, including how full the bin is as well as any maintenance issues. A software program allows the authority to see when the bin needs to be emptied, which can reduce costs by avoiding unnecessary trips to empty bins that don't need it, which also means that the damage to streets caused by large, heavy garbage trucks can be reduced as well.

Orinda's Director of Public Works Larry Theis said some trash and recycling from city locations is processed by a subcontractor to Republic Services. Containers in the parks are picked up by the city and brought to a central point. While the cost of the Bigbelly service is significant, he said, it can be taken out of the city's reserve "trash fund" under the contract with the Recycle Smart joint powers authority. Long term, the city believes that costs will be reduced by lower pickup and maintenance costs.

Kevin Schoenthaler, Bigbelly regional accounts director, explained that the company produces a variety of systems in order to provide the right sized solution for each customer. High capacity containers have the ability to compact the contents, while standard capacity containers do not. Compaction is only one part of the system. He also explained that the compaction used on recycling bins is very light: not enough to break glass bottles or even push the tops off, but sufficient to reduce the amount of air in

the container, which, for a regular trash can is typically about 90 percent.

Because of the solar-powered high-tech components contained in each Bigbelly container, they can also function as Wi-Fi hot spots with an approximately 200-foot radius, although Orinda is not considering this feature.

The possibility of contracting with Bigbelly will come before the city council early this year. More information about the company can be found at <http://bigbelly.com>.

2018 may bring surprises for Bella Oaks development

By Sora O'Doherty



Bella Oaks site Photos Sora O'Doherty

Last June Paul Ugenti, developer of the Bella Oaks project at 25 Orinda Way, was disappointed when the city council refused to grant a waiver that would let him lease a large ground floor space to Chase Bank. But now Ugenti has done a turnaround and come up with what might be an exciting project for the city, more in line with the concept of downtown development: he wants to turn the space into a gourmet market hall, much like the Oxbow public market in Napa – a sprawling marketplace that features a riverside deck,

food vendors, local produce and more.

Ugenti says that he has two new tenants as anchors, and is aiming to put together the best of the East Bay under one roof. "We continue to focus on creating a casual gourmet food destination for Lamorinda residents and beyond," he added. He plans to put the building permit to the planning commission soon, and hopes to break ground on the project in May. His aim is to deliver the space in the first quarter of next year.



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