



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

School Board Meetings

Orinda Union School District
Monday, March 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

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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. 11 to Feb. 17

Alarms	39
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	2
Traffic	70
Suspicious Circumstances	5
Suspicious Subjects	4
Suspicious Vehicles	8
Patrol Request/ Security Check	47
Service to Citizen	21
Vacation House Check	11
Welfare Check	5

Accident Injury

50 Block La Campana Rd.

Accident Property

Santa Maria Way/Camino Pablo
Moraga Way/Brookwood Rd.
Santa Maria Way/Camino Pablo
10 Block Valley Dr.

Auto Burglary

Rite Aid Ori

Civil

Police Department
Shell Gas Station

Death Non Criminal

20 Block Irwin Way

Forgery

70 Block Claremont Av
Police Department

Hit And Run Misdemeanor

10 Block Wilder Rd.

Identity Theft

60 Block Boeger Ranch Rd.

Juvenile Disturbance

Glorietta Elementary School

Loud Party

10 Block El Camino Moraga

Medical Hospital

10 Block Donna Maria Way

Ordinance Violation

30 Block La Campana Rd. (2)
Wild Rye Way/Rabble Rd.

Prom Shoot

20 Block Bates Blvd.

Public Assembly Check

Orinda Library

Reckless Driving

Camino Pablo/Sol Brae Way
Lombardy Ln./Irving Ln.
Moraga Way/Leslee Ln.
Moraga Way/Woodland Rd.
San Pablo Dam Rd./Bear Creek Rd.
Donald Dr./Hall Dr.

School Assembly Check

Miramonte High School (4)

Traffic Hazard

La Campana Rd./La Espiral

Traffic Stop

Ivy Dr./Lavina Ct.



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Nonprofit group ready to build more senior housing in Orinda

By Sora O'Doherty



Site of new senior housing in Orinda

When it came time to refine the Orinda Senior Village in order to achieve savings on interest, the organizers realized that they could pull out enough equity to possibly make another senior housing project in Orinda feasible. Thus, with \$14 million from the first project, the Orinda Senior Village has begun planning a second senior housing project to be located on land leased from Orinda Community Church. The land in question is the highest parking lot, rarely used by the church, which borders a PG&E easement for high

voltage towers.

On the other side of that easement are the homes on Watchwood, whose residents would be the most directly affected by the new building. Mark Roberts, president of the Orinda Senior Village and the Orinda Senior Housing Foundation, said that they are working with the neighbors on adjacent streets to address their concerns.

Unlike Orinda Senior Village, the new project will not be a Section 8 development for very low-income seniors, but will be intended for low- and middle-income

seniors. Orinda Senior Village has 150 units, while the new development may be 35 to 40 units of varying size from one to two bedrooms, available on an annual lease basis. The property would be managed by the same company, Walnut Creek-based Barcelon Associates, which manages Orinda Senior Village as well as about 20 other senior housing developments.

The project would have to be economically feasible, and studies are currently underway. Whereas OCC originally donated the land for Orinda Senior Village, for the

new project a lease will provide an ongoing income stream for the church and lower expenditures for OSHF. OSHF is being assisted by consultant John Wyro, who has decades of experience, and Dahlin Group Architects. In addition, OSHF is looking at an environmental study and is working with the Orinda planning department.

Roberts said that he knows a lot of people with mobility concerns who would be interested in downsizing in Orinda. The proposed project will probably be five stories terraced into the hillside. A shuttle would be provided to take residents into downtown Orinda. He also noted that the project will require a general plan amendment. Senior housing overlay provides for somewhat higher density. In addition, the church property would need to be subdivided.

As for traffic, Roberts said that Orinda Senior Village opened about three years ago with no noticeable increase in traffic. Also close to the Orinda Community Church is Monteverde senior apartments, which won the Orinda Mayor's Award for Architectural Excellence in 2016 and provides another 67 one-bedroom units for seniors.

Photo Sora O'Doherty

Library parcel tax increase to be on June ballot

By Sora O'Doherty

A compromise on the parcel tax to fund the library resulted in the Orinda City Council unanimously agreeing to put a straight \$30 per year increase on the June general election ballot, but without built-in inflation increases. If passed by a two-thirds vote in June, this would bring the library parcel tax up to \$69 per year for each property subject to the tax. At that level, the library is expected to be able to continue to maintain the 17-year-old library building for another seven years before having to go back and ask the public for another increase. With the increase, the library will continue to provide the extended hours currently enjoyed by Orindans. Without it, hours would have to be cut.

Owing to previous cuts to the Contra Costa County library budget, the county only funds 30 library hours per week; the remaining 25 hours per week that the library remains open are funded by the Friends of the Orinda Library. The Friends now number 400 members, and put up \$5 million to build the library. The library is clearly a very popular institution, with Linda Landeau of the Friends saying that her son brought his first date to the

library. Volunteer Lauri Patel noted that different types of patrons use the library at different times of the day, meaning that cuts could impact some groups more than others. Landeau told the council that the Friends supported the increase to \$69 per year as the best choice, although she noted that the parcel tax for the Oakland Library is \$75 per year.

Earlier, Orinda had undertaken polling on a \$25 increase, but with

an inflation factor. This would have put the library parcel tax at \$64 per year. While the increase polled positively, the inflation factor did not, and put passage of the measure in doubt. At the Feb. 20 meeting, the council considered proposals to raise the tax by a range of numbers. A \$30 per unit increase would result in a positive fund balance for the next seven years, while an increase of \$34 per unit would have resulted in a positive fund balance

for the next 11 years. The council opted for the lowest proposed amount, which means that it will have to return to the electorate in a shorter time.

The calculations for the tax were based on the assumption that operating expenses will increase by three percent and utility costs will increase by four percent annually. A maintenance reserve funded at a level of \$100,000 per year was also counted.



Laura Abrams

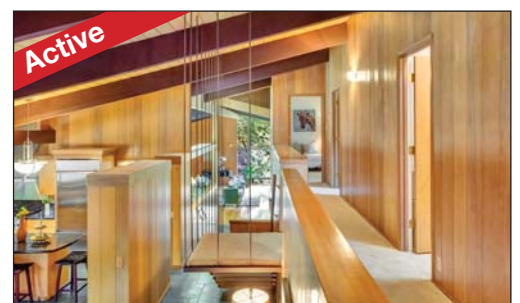
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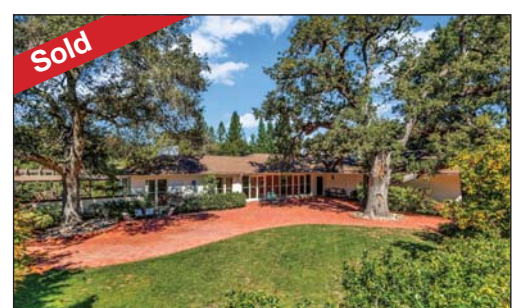
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