



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, July 10, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Citizens' Infrastructure

Oversight Commission

Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

School Board Meetings

Orinda Union School District

TBA
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

June 3 to June 16

Alarms	62
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	10
Traffic	86
Suspicious Circumstances	9
Suspicious Subjects	13
Suspicious Vehicles	14
Patrol Request/ Security Check	23
Service to Citizen	52
Supplemental Report	14
Vacation House Check	24
Welfare Check	10

Accident Property

10 Block Camino Pablo Safeway
Santa Maria Way/Camino Pablo
Miner Rd./Gardiner Ct.
Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd.
Ardilla Rd./North Ln.
Camino Pablo/Monte Vista Rd.

Auto Burglary

60 Block Moraga Way (2)

Battery

Safeway

Civil

Park N Ride
100 Block Lombardy Ln.
Citibank
30 Block Camino Don Miguel
500 Block Dalewood Dr.

Death Non Criminal

10 Block Chelton Ct.
Orinda Convalescent

Disturbance-Fight Prom Shoot

Camino Pablo/Ardilla Rd.

Disturbing The Peace

50 Block Underhill Rd.
Ardilla Rd./North Ln.
St. Stephens Dr./El Nido Ranch Rd.
Sleepy Hollow School
500 Block Dalewood Dr.

Dui Misdemeanor

Orinda Way/Santa Maria Way

Embezzlement

Safeway

Grand Theft

20 Block Bel Air Dr.

Grand Theft From Building

20 Block Knickerbocker Ln.

Hit And Run Misdemeanor

Moraga Valley Swim And Tennis

Identity Theft

100 Block Camino Don Miguel

Juvenile Disturbance

10-00 Block Edgewood Rd.
Miramonte High School

Litter

Rheem Blvd./Zander Dr.

Loud Music

10 Block Southwood Dr.
Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd.
10 Block Great Oak Cr.
Monte Veda Dr./Moraga Way
Great Oak Cr./Orchard Rd.

Loud Noise

10 Block Harran Cr.
10 Block Monte Veda Dr.
10 Block Great Oak Cr.

Loud Party

Great Oak Cr./Orchard Rd.
Ivy Dr./Arroyo Dr.
Miramonte High School
10 Block Loma Linda Ct.
30 Block Sleepy Hollow Ln.

Medical Hospital

10 Block Las Piedras



Now Serving Breakfast!

7 am - noon

French Toast, Pancakes, Eggs Benedict,
Crab Cakes, Avocado Toast,
Biscuits & Gravy, BLT, Traditional Breakfast

** Rooms available for meetings or private celebrations.

La Piazza

15 Moraga Way, Orinda | 925-951-8131

Mid-cycle budget approved; includes new library parcel tax

By Sora O'Doherty

New Finance Director Paul Rankin presented his first mid-cycle budget to the Orinda City Council on June 12 as part of a two-year budget adopted May 2017, covering fiscal years 2017-19. According to the staff report, since the budget relies on estimates and projections, it is appropriate to periodically review the financial plan and make adjustments as necessary. The council approved this budget on June 19. Rankin explained to the council that he has a different way of do-

ing things, so they would notice some changes, which he believes contribute to greater transparency. This involves reducing the practice of allocating staff across multiple departments instead of reporting all costs in their "home" department. As a result, there are more significant changes in this mid-cycle budget than in the past. Reimbursed consultant costs are now included, showing the costs as well as the reimbursing revenue. In the past these had been zeroed out, but this led to significant costs and revenues not being included in the budget. Now, the full costs of each department will be visible.

The mid-cycle budget still reflects the impact of the Miner Road sinkhole repair. The repair was completed in less than six

months, and \$3.75 million was advanced from the general fund to complete the work. The process of reimbursement continues.

According to City Manager Steve Salomon, there has been a net positive impact of over \$1 million on the city's finances as a result of revenue increases, and expenditure reductions. Revenue increases include the library parcel tax, the solid waste vehicle road maintenance fee, the collection of transient occupancy taxes from short-term rentals, and other increased fees. Expenditure reductions include a net staffing reduction of 1.6 full-time positions, elimination of subscriptions to newspapers, and consolidation of the distribution of the Orinda Way publication with the Parks and Rec brochure. In addition, the Big Bel-

ly trash and recycling receptacles provide more efficient servicing of trash in public areas. Property tax revenue is up by 4 percent and sales tax revenue is projected to increase by 3 percent in 2018-19.

The mid-cycle budget also highlights increased maintenance expenses in the Parks and Rec Department as two new fields at Wilder have been completed and are in operation and the Art and Garden Center is expected to open within a couple of months. Public Works will receive additional funding to provide supplemental professional engineering services to help address the city's backlog of projects. Information technology will get an additional \$100,000 for critical improvements to the network and software systems and an aging telephone system.

Community Park Master Plan rewrite responds to community concerns

By Sora O'Doherty

The revised master plan for the Orinda Community Park adopted by the city council on June 12 appears to make everybody happy. When plans for revising the plan were brought to the council last March, there was a public outcry against some aspects of the plan, which would have basically ended the three-decades-long run of the Orinda Starlight Village Players and replaced the popular tennis wall with bocce ball courts. The new plan does not include bocce ball courts, which may later be

placed in another location, such as Orinda Oaks Park. OSVP will be accommodated with a box office and a bathroom nearby, while another bathroom will be located nearer the children's playgrounds.

Todd Trimble, director of Parks and Recreation, said that the original plan was assessed as requiring \$25 million, but that the new plan might cost even less. Carolyn Mills, chair of the Parks and Rec Foundation, said that the foundation, which has raised millions of dollars for recreation in Orinda since its inception in 1975

before Orinda was incorporated, supports the new plans. Former mayor Laura Abrams also supports the new plans, and was happy to see the tennis practice wall remaining and OSVP being accommodated. Jill Gelster of OSVP thanked the council for accommodating the group with the box office and bathroom. Vice Mayor Inga Miller was also happy to endorse the changes, having served as liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission before being elected to the city council.

Community gathers for movies in the park

There's something magical about watching one of your favorite movies on fresh cut grass with a picnic dinner under the stars. Lamorinda residents can gather together at the Orinda Community Park this summer to watch some great films, starting with "Despicable Me" on June 28, starring the voice of Steve Carell as the supervillain Gru. Movies begin at dusk. Bring your minions to this magical event, and don't forget your unicorn!

Other upcoming movies:
"Mary Poppins" - July 12
"Coco" - July 26
"Wonder" - Aug. 9

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