



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

School Board Meetings

Orinda Union School District
Monday, Dec. 10, 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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Orinda approves 9.2 percent hike in garbage fees

By Sora O'Doherty

On Nov. 13 the city council approved an increase in garbage collection rates of 9.2 percent, to be implemented by RecycleSmart, the Joint Powers Authority to which Orinda is a member. The fee increase, if adopted by the JPA, will be in effect from March 1, 2019 to Feb. 29,

2020. The increase will amount to an additional \$3.36 per month for residential 20-gallon bins and \$3.84 for 32-gallon bins. The majority (80 percent) of Orinda subscribers use either a 20- or 32-gallon bin. For those who use a 64-gallon bin, the increase would be \$7.20, and commercial

users will also see rate increases of either \$44.69 or \$67.03.

The 9.2 percent increase consists of an increase of 2.44 percent for operating costs, and 6.76 percent for the refuse vehicle impact fee adopted by the city council this year. The refuse vehicle impact fee will provide

an additional \$334,275 in road maintenance funding per year.

The fees for solid waste collection are based solely on the side of the trash bin; there is no additional charge for recycling pick up.

Orinda joins other Contra Costa County cities in declaring a shelter emergency

By Sora O'Doherty

At the urging of former Orinda city council member California Sen. Steve Glazer, Orinda adopted a resolution declaring a shelter crisis in Contra Costa County at its Nov. 13 meeting. The adoption of the resolution was required in order for the county and cities within the county to receive grant funding from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program. The State of California Homeless Coordination and Financing Council announced the availability of \$500 million in HEAP grant funding

Sept. 5. The resolution was adopted without discussion as part of the council's consent calendar.

In 2017, according to the county, 10 clients from Orinda received services such as meals, food pantry items, clothing, showers, laundry services, emergency supplies, transportation, case management services, rehabilitation services, veteran's rapid rehousing services, housing eligibility and vulnerability assessment services, emergency shelter, warming center shelter and street outreach services. Of

the 10 Orinda clients, one was a veteran and five were seniors over the age of 60.

The county is in a position to increase its funding for homeless emergency services by over \$7 million with the HEAP money. In order to receive funding in the first round, applicants must apply by the end of this year. Half of the money must be obligated by Jan. 1, 2020, and all of the funds must be spent by June 30, 2021.

Included in the background material for the resolution was a table of current year homeless-

ness data for the county, broken down by municipalities. Orinda was at one, as was Discovery Bay. Nine municipalities, including Moraga, were at zero, while Lafayette was at six. Cities with high homelessness included Antioch at 350 and Concord at 252. Martinez, Richmond and Pittsburg were over 100, and the rest were between seven and 100. The total was 1,352. The data for 2017 of individuals homeless for at least a year totaled 2,680 for the county, including six for Orinda.

After an early Thanksgiving, holiday events dominate December

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Lafayette's Tree of Lights ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 29 in the Roundup Saloon parking lot, at the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Lafayette Circle, and the Moraga tree lighting is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Moraga Country Club.

On Sunday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. toys will once again come to life at Orinda Theatre Square. Children are invited to meet their favorite characters, including: Belle, Elsa, Chase from the Paw Patrol and Spiderman, plus real live reindeer. There will also be a photo booth. Also at The-

atre Square, Square Baby will be collecting new diapers for victims of the recent fires. There will be a collection container outside their store. Lafayette has several holiday festivities planned on Dec. 9 as well (see stories on Page A3).

The Orinda Ballet Academy will once again present "A Sweet Dream Nutcracker," with performances on Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 8 at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way. Tickets for adults and children cost \$22 in advance or \$25 at the door, if avail-

able. Advance tickets can be purchased from brownpapertickets.com. There is also a Toys for Tots donation event planned in Moraga that day (see story on Page A4).

On Thursday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m. there will be a free movie screening of "A Christmas Story," presented by the California Independent Film Festival and Diablo Magazine and sponsored by Cine Cuvée.

On Sunday, Dec 16, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. families are invited to join members of the Orinda/Tabor Sister City Foundation for a Czech cookie class in room number 4 in

the Orinda Community Center. Participants will get a hands-on experience with traditional Czech cookie making and will be able to bring some home. The event, sponsored by Sokol S.F., costs \$10 per family.

Finally, while not quite holiday oriented, the Orinda City Council will honor outgoing Mayor Amy Worth and Council Member Dean Orr at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Orinda Library. The meeting, which will feature the welcoming and swearing in of newly elected council members and selection of the 2019 mayor and vice mayor, will be followed by a reception.

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7 Darnby Court, Orinda

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1055 Silverhill Drive, Lafayette
25 Rustic Way, Orinda

RECENTLY SOLD
62 Hacienda Circle, Orinda
9 Las Mesas Path, Orinda
145 Warfield Drive Moraga
515 Miner Road, Orinda
1276 Lindell Drive, Walnut Creek

6 Dover Court, Orinda
132 Camino Sobrante, Orinda
770 El Verano, Walnut Creek
4400 El Nido Ranch Rd, Orinda
1076 Serrano Court, Lafayette
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