



# Orinda

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.  
Auditorium, Orinda Library,  
26 Orinda Way

### Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m.  
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,  
22 Orinda Way

### School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District

Monday, March 14, 6 p.m.  
OUSD Office, 8 Altarinda Road,  
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 Jan. 17-30

Alarms	51
Noise Complaints	4
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	7
Traffic stops	35
Suspicious Circumstances	10
Suspicious Subjects	11
Suspicious Vehicles	19
<b>Barking Dog</b>	
100 block Las Vegas Rd	
20 block Woodacres Ct	
<b>Civil Problem</b>	
70 block Rheem Blvd	
<b>Credit Fraud</b>	
50 block Valley Dr	
<b>DUI</b>	
Safeway	
St Stephens/El Nido Ranch Rds	
<b>Dispute</b>	
10 block Manzanita	
<b>Harassment</b>	
10 block La Bolsita Way	
<b>Health &amp; Safety Violation</b>	
200 block Canon Dr	
<b>Hit &amp; Run</b>	
Miramonte High School	
<b>ID Theft</b>	
reported to police (2)	
20 block Normandy Ln	
40 block La Encinal	
10 block Broadview Terr (2)	
40 block La Vuelta	
<b>Loitering</b>	
Wagner Ranch Elementary	
<b>Police/Fire/ EMS</b>	
Moraga Way/Camino Pablo	
10 block Hall Dr	
10 block Nobi Ln	
<b>Promiscuous Shooting</b>	
Glorietta Ct/Glorietta Blvd	
10 block Mira Monte Rd	
30 block Oak Rd	
<b>Prowler</b>	
10 block Lost Valley Dr	
<b>Public Nuisance</b>	
Orinda Theater	
<b>Reckless Driving</b>	
Altarinda/Orindawoods	
Moraga Way/Hall Dr	
La Espiral/El Gavilan	
San Pablo Dam/Bear Creek Rds	
Miramonte High School	
Miner Rd/Oak Arbor Rd	
Donna Maria Way/El Camino	
Hwy 24/St Stephens Dr	
Moraga Way/Camino Encino	
Wagner Ranch Elementary	
<b>Shoplift</b>	
Safeway	
<b>Theft, Grand</b>	
30 block Southwood Dr	
100 block Moraga Way	
Moraga/Stein Ways	
Reported to police	
10 block Sally Ann Rd	
<b>Theft, Petty</b>	
10 block El Castillo	
100 block Overhill Rd	



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## Community Outreach Meeting Kicks Off Downtown Parking Study

By Victor Ryerson



These six discrete downtown and adjacent residential areas will be analyzed

Orinda's parking study consultant, TJKM, began public outreach efforts on its parking study of Orinda's downtown area by conducting a public meeting for the city on

Jan. 27. At that meeting the methodology for conducting the study was explained with a slide presentation, and public comments were received.

Among the highlights of the slide

presentation, which may be viewed on Orinda's website, www.cityoforinda.org, were the parking needs identified by TJKM. These include the needs of visitors, employ-

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ees and business owners, commuters, service providers, and persons with special needs, as well as residents. The consultant has defined six discrete downtown and adjacent residential areas for analysis, three on the Village side, and three on the Crossroads side. Existing conditions will be analyzed and operational solutions will be identified, and the public will have further opportunities to contribute as the study progresses to the point where the city can consider a proposed action plan.

Various operational solutions under consideration include time limits, loading zones and curb restrictions, wayfinding signs, event-specific measures and enforcement. Selection of specific solutions will be governed by the parking policies defined by the city, such as pricing of parking, benefit districts, and availability of special permits.

The six-month study is expected to provide a clearer path for the City Council to follow in addressing Orinda's burgeoning parking problems, and the council has emphasized that it wants the study to produce an actionable plan that it can implement.

## Survey Results Create Dilemma for Council

By Victor Ryerson

An evenly split Orinda City Council struggled with the question of whether to approach voters with a proposal to fund just another piece of the city's ongoing Road Maintenance and Improvement Project, or shoot for the moon and seek the voter support necessary to cover the entire \$47 million cost to complete the job.

Working against a tight deadline to put the matter before voters on the June 16 ballot, the four council members struggled to reach a consensus at their Feb. 2 meeting. All agreed that the repair job must be done, but not necessarily how to fund it, because the stakes are so high: A wrong call could substantially delay the needed work as it has in the past if the voters turn it down, leaving roads crumbling and Orinda residents fuming.

In a presentation of results of the public opinion poll recently commissioned by the council, David Metz, president of survey firm FM3, reported that voters are generally happy with city services and satisfied with the work of the council, but somewhat skeptical about the job the city has done spending tax dollars, an obvious concern for a city that is on the cusp of spending an awful lot of them.

Voters are most dissatisfied with road maintenance, but they worry about the price tag for accomplishing the full repair job. Given the choice between doing some or all of it, nearly half of the 346 registered voters contacted by telephone between Jan. 16

and 24 of this year prefer a measure that would solve all of the city's \$47 million in road repair needs – but any such measure would require approval by a supermajority of two-thirds of the voters in order to succeed.

The poll focused on the two

funding methods previously identified by the council as the most desirable, a general obligation bond and a parcel tax. Of these two options, voters more consistently supported the bond approach by a slight margin, but the “no” responses were consistently far higher – 28 versus 16 per-

cent – for the parcel tax. However, this still resulted in a 31 percent “swing” category for the bond option, and half of that group would need to be persuaded to vote “yes” in order to reach the necessary supermajority for approval.

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