



Orinda Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way
Tuesday, February 14 canceled

Finance Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 28, at 6:00 pm
Community Room, City Hall
22 Orinda Way

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District
Monday, April 9, 6:00 pm
OUSD Office
8 Altarinda Road, 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



Police Report

Needles and pinned, 3/20/2012 Orinda police found a 22-year-old male near the post office with two hypodermic needles and other drug paraphernalia in his car. Since that was a violation of his probation, and just plain against the law, he was booked and transported to Martinez Detention Facility.

We're not bailing you out, 3/15/2012 Orinda police arrested a 39-year-old-male on two outstanding warrants. The warrant terms were "no bail" so that's exactly what he got...

Old enough to know better, 3/14/2012 Just another driving under the influence story? Maybe not! A man who was a victim of his own poor judgment and depth perception caused a single car accident (his own) when he drove his car into a pole and became trapped inside. He was extricated by Moraga Orinda Fire Department, and medically cleared to be dealt with by police. His breathalyzer test showed .226. The gentleman in question was 73 years old.

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Roads Orinda's Number One Concern

New Capital Improvement Plan draft underway

By Laurie Snyder



Repairs to an El Toyonal roadside drainage ditch have been added to the City of Orinda's updated Capital Improvement Plan for 2012-2013. Note the aging corrugated metal pipe (CMP). Estimated price tag: \$30,000. Photo provided

"Roads are our number one concern," said City Manager Janet Keeter at a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) workshop conducted by the Orinda City Council March 14.

Attendees at the workshop received a sneak peek at drafts of the latest CIP planning documents, which are not yet publicly available via the City's web site. Those documents include a revised version of the Capital Improvement Plan FY 2011-2015, which was adopted by Council in September 2011. Updates to the CIP are being made as part of the ongoing CIP planning process by the City's staff, and will be formally presented at a future Council meeting.

Several new projects have been added to the existing CIP while others are being moved out to future

dates in order to better address Orinda's pressing drainage and slope stabilization issues.

The Camino Pablo Pavement Rehabilitation Project, slated to improve Camino Pablo between Bear Creek Road and Moraga Way, has now been moved to an, as yet, unspecified future date. Initially projected to cost the City \$130,349 and \$600,000 in fiscal years 2011 and 2013, respectively, the project's estimated cost now stands at \$1,785,545. Completion at this juncture is dependent upon receipt of State funding.

Other major ticket items projected for the next several years include: \$1,019,815 (2012) and \$762,003 (2013) for the Annual Pavement Management Program, \$1,319,915 for the Glorietta Storm

Drain Improvements Project plus a new \$100,000 outlay for the Oak Springs/Candlestick Road Stormwater Improvements Project (both in 2013, the latter of which may be required as a result of pending litigation), and \$495,600 (2013) and \$1,630,260 (2014) for the Manzanita Drive Bridge Replacement Project, among others.

Despite the gloomy forecasts of increased expenditures immediately ahead for the City, Council members noted that there is, in fact, actually good news. The City is spending more now in order to head off potentially larger and more expensive problems that would likely crop up down the road if the City opted to not deal with its aging drains, bridges, and other critical infrastructure areas in the timeliest manner possible.

Occupied Orinda?

Orinda City Council's CIP Workshop got off to a bumpy beginning when a small group of protestors blocked the entrance for several City Council members and staff to the City Hall community room prior to the start of the March 14 meeting.

The protestors – students from higher education campuses around California – were in attendance not to learn about Orinda's aging infrastructure but, instead to encourage Governor Jerry Brown to support what has been termed "the millionaire's tax." By meeting face to face with Mayor Steve Glazer, who is both Brown's political advisor and a member of the Board of Trustees of the California State University system, students hoped to persuade Glazer to convince the Governor to reverse the trends of increasing tuition and decreased State funding for California's universities and community colleges.

The students, according to City staff, did not follow the proper procedure to request that they be permitted to speak during the public forum portion of the meeting – as had a smaller, different group of students protesting at the City Council's "roads poll workshop" on January 11.

Council allowed this latest and more vocal group to have its say, recessed briefly so that the students could be encouraged to depart peacefully, and then resumed without disruption for the remainder of the CIP workshop.

OCF Board Position Opening

The Orinda Community Foundation board of trustees is looking for a new member. All Orinda residents interested in filling this position should contact orinda@foundation@gmail.com.

The Curious Case of the Yellow and Black Yard Signs

Taking a closer look at Fix Orinda Roads Now!

By Laurie Snyder

"Come on Orinda" signs featuring a pothole-slanted automobile and urging, "Let's FIX OUR ROADS NOW!" have caught

the eyes of even the most distracted of drivers passing through Orinda over the last several months, largely due to their bright yellow and black

design.

As a result, inquiring Orindan minds have been seeking out the web site of the signs' sponsoring organization for details (www.fixorindaroads.org). But the web site has not been completely built out as yet. For example, there is no "About" page – an overview page typically found on many web sites that is often used to indicate the names of an organization's management and its mission statement or objectives. Nor is there an explanation regarding the purpose of the site's online petition, or an indication of how the funds that are being raised by the organization will be used.

The web site does, however, provide the following basic data about the road signs' sponsoring organization:

Fix Orinda Roads Now!
Campaign ID #1343654
PO Box 54
Orinda, CA 94563-0054

Conversations with both the California Secretary of State's office and the City of Orinda City Clerk's office have confirmed that this campaign identification data is correct. Because the group did not begin fundraising until after the first of the year, according to representatives from those governing bodies, the financial reports for Fix Orinda Roads Now! are not due to the City until July, 2012.

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