



Orinda Civic News

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.
Auditorium, Orinda Library,
26 Orinda Way

Tri Cities Council Meeting

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.
Saint Mary's College,
1928 Saint Mary's Rd., Moraga

Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.
Founder's Auditorium, Community Center
28 Orinda Way

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way

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

School Board Meeting

Orinda Union School District

Monday, April 14, 6 p.m.
OUSD Office, Vintage Building
25 Orinda Way, Suite 200
www.orindaschools.org
See also AUHSD meeting page A2

State of the City

For those who cannot attend today's State of the City address, Mayor Sue Severson will deliver a second address at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27 in the Orinda Library Auditorium. This program is free to the public and no RSVP is necessary.

ORINDA POLICE

Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report, March 2-16

Alarms	47
911 calls	11
Suspicious Person	12
Suspicious Circum.	10
Suspicious Vehicle	32
Death (unknown cause)	
100 block Ravenhill Rd	
Domestic Disturbance	
Fish Ranch Road/Hwy 24	
Greenwood Ct	
Disturbing the Peace	
10 block, La Madronal	
Drug Possession	
Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Wy	
DUI Misdemeanor	
Pleasant Hill Rd/Amino Dr	
Hwy 24/St Stephen's Dr	
Camino Pablo/Hwy 24	
End of Bryant	
Drunk in Public	
Theatre Square	
Brookwood Rd/Moraga Wy	
Moraga Wy/Southwaite	
60 block Donna Maria	
Grand Theft	
100 block Amber Valley Dr	
Reckless Driving	
Moraga Wy/Glorietta Bl	
Wells Fargo, Orinda	
Camino Pablo/Brookwood Rd	
Restraining Order Violation	
10 block Dos Posos	
Vandalism	
400 block Camino Sobrante	
Warrant Actions	
70 block Rheem Bl	
10 block Dolores Wy	
40 block Cedar Tr	
100 block Moraga Wy	
Hwy 24/St Stephens Dr	



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Orinda City Leaders Pave Way for 2015 Road Improvements

By Laurie Snyder

In consultation with city staff, following a review of Orinda's most recent StreetSaver assessments, the Orinda Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission recently recommended its list of roads to be repaired under the Fiscal Year 2015 Pavement Reconstruction Project. That list was given to the Orinda City Council at its March 18 meeting, along with the CIOC's annual report regarding commission activities and "the state of Orinda's roads; the on-going pavement management program; the Measure L Sales Tax" and "remaining infrastructure issues still facing the City of Orinda."

Four parts of two roads will receive help in 2015: St. Stephen's from the north side of the Highway 24 overpass to La Espiral and Overhill Road from Westwood to Highland

courts, from Westwood to Moraga Way and Highland to Broadview Terrace. "St. Stephen's needs a lot of help; that's a big project," said Chuck Swanson, public works director. The thoroughfare missed past lists because the city was faced with the choice of fixing the largest number of streets possible or expending limited funds on just one big road. The current projected cost of more than \$1 million for the four-segment repair is likely to change as engineering estimates are refined.

Funded through Gas Tax and Contra Costa County Sales Tax Return to Source funds (formerly labeled "Measure J funds"), the pavement reconstruction project fixes base failures and rebuilds arterials, collectors and school routes – streets in Orinda with the highest traffic volume. Staff

typically do as much preventive maintenance as possible with the funds allowed to be used for this purpose.

The annual CIOC report was prepared by Richard Nelson and Darlene Gee, and presented by Dennis Fay. "The key focus of the CIOC efforts in 2013 was related to developing policies and selection criteria for using the Measure L Sales Tax dollars ... The CIOC also selected initial road segments to be repaired in 2014 with the Measure L funds" and reviewed a "drainage facility maintenance ordinance and planned drainage studies" in order to "further incorporate drainage considerations into future repairs once more data is available in 2014."

Fay noted that the number of very poor or poor arterial and collector seg-

ments was reduced from 43 in April 2009 to just 19 as of Dec. 31, 2012. CIOC members now project that Orinda will finish those repairs by 2018 without using Measure L funds. Those dollars can, therefore, be used residentially. This is vital since more than 130 residential segments are now classified as very poor.

Following deliberation, the City Council unanimously approved the 2015 pavement reconstruction project list and authorized staff to begin preparing contract plans, specifications and engineering estimates. In addition to bringing its annual report back to the City Council at a future meeting, the CIOC will present the list of roads to be repaired under Measure L sometime in April.

The Broad Shoulders of a Volunteer

Susan Garell Named Orinda's 2014 Citizen of the Year

By Laurie Snyder



Susan Garell

Photo Ohlen Alexander

A Harvard-trained MBA who is intelligent, graceful and deeply supportive of the arts – but occasionally goofy. A skilled communicator, "power texter," and energetic, highly organized, strategic planner – who also knows how to have fun and is genuinely kind. There were kudos and adjectives aplenty in the air in Orinda on Friday, March 14, and the love was all flowing in one direction – toward Susan Garell, co-president of the Orinda Arts Council and Orinda's 2014 Citizen of the Year.

Co-sponsored by the Orinda Rotary and Contra Costa Times, the 67th annual celebration of community volunteerism and civic engagement began with a social gathering during which impressions of Garell were exchanged freely among attendees before opening remarks were offered by Rotary president, Sue Breedlove; Times editor, Sam Richards; and master of ceremonies, Richard Westin, executive director of the Orinda Community Foundation. Contra Costa County Supervisor Candace Anderson personally presented an impressive proclamation

– as did Orinda Mayor Sue Severson, City Council Member Victoria Smith, and representatives from state and federal government offices.

But the evening will be most remembered by those present for the touching tributes by the children and adults of Orinda who have benefitted from arts programs that have flourished under Garell's guidance. Lamorinda Idols, Arriana and Kiera Glenn, sang Josh Groban's, "You Raise Me Up" before longtime arts advocate, Myrna Witt, spoke of Garell's sincerity and gift for listening as well as seeing. Witt added that Garell is known for driving out the devil from "the devil in the details," and said, "Susan always ends her emails with 'Best to You,'" – and means it.

"As much as we love our sports," observed Anderson, "the arts are so important in defining and building a community." Garell, she noted, helped shepherd OAC through its lean years to recruit a full board of directors and become an even more vibrant, effective organization.

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