



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
Orinda Library

Citizens' Infrastructure Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
City Hall, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda

School Board Meetings

Orinda Unified School District
Monday, Aug. 15, 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

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 July 10-23

Alarms	53
Noise complaints	5
911 Calls (incl. hang-ups)	4
Traffic stops	81
Suspicious Circumstances	17
Suspicious Subjects	10
Suspicious Vehicles	23
Abandoned Vehicle	
Tamalpais View Rd./Diablo View	
Armed robbery	
20 block Moraga Way	
Barking Dog	
300 Block Dalewood Dr.	
40 block Muth Dr.	
Burglary, Auto	
Theatre Square	
Civil	
10 Block Altarinda Rd.	
50 Block Monte Vista Rd.	
Muth Dr./Bates Blvd.	
30 block Barbara Rd.	
Corporal Injury	
Hwy 24/Wilder Disturbance	
Camino Pablo/El Toyonal	
Donald /Hall Drives (3)	
100 block Silver Oak Terrace	
Glorietta Elementary	
Orindawoods Dr./Kite Hill Rd.	
Dispute	
El Toyonal/Alta Vista	
100 block Orchard Rd.	
Drunk in Public	
Moraga Way/Woodland Rd.	
20 Block Ardilla Rd	
DUI misdemeanor	
Pleasant Hill Rd./Old Tunnel Rd.	
500 block Moraga Way	
Fraud	
700 Block Miner Rd.	
Hit & Run	
20 block Spring Rd.	
ID Theft	
20 Block Crescent D.r	
100 block Meadow View Rd.	
Illegal entry	
50 block Oak Dr.	
Ordinance Violation	
North Ln./Camino Pablo	
Moraga Via/Glorietta Blvd.	
Police/Fire/ EMS	
Santa Maria Way/Orinda Way	
Promiscuous Shooting	
10 Block El Sueno	
Orinda Senior Village	
Miner Rd./Camino Lenada	
Reckless Driving	
Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.	
Wilder Rd./Rabble Rd.	
Moraga Way/Valley View Dr.	
Glorietta Blvd./Moraga Way	
500 Block Moraga Way	
Runaway Juvenile	
Safeway	
Theft, Grand	
Wells Fargo	
Theft, Petty	
200 block El Toyonal	
10 block Estates Ct	
Theft, Vehicle	
Brookwood Rd./Spring Rd.	
Trespass	
Orindawoods Dr./Altarinda	
Vandalism	
500 Block Bear Creek Rd.	
Warrant Service/Arrest	
1000 Block Oak Hill Rd.	
Wilder/ Hwy 24 (2)	
10 block Lavenida (2)	



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At 175 Years Old, Moraga Adobe is Slated for Restoration

By Sora O'Doherty



The once neglected Moraga Adobe will be restored.

The Moraga Adobe is celebrating its 175th year, making it the oldest residential building in Contra Costa County and one of the oldest in Northern California.

Although it is located in Orinda, the Moraga Adobe borders Moraga, the town named for Joaquin Moraga. Both Orinda and Moraga have been interested in the fate of the building, which has regional significance.

Plans to restore the Adobe are progressing, although it is not yet possible to see that progress. Built in 1841, the Moraga Adobe was the home of Joaquin Moraga, who, together with his cousin, had received a 13,000-acre land grant from the Mexican government in 1835. The Adobe sits high on a hill above Miramonte High School and Del Rey Elementary School. The extensive views from the Adobe extend out over much of Orinda, Moraga, Rheem and farther.

The Adobe had never been open to the public and has always been in private ownership, most recently owned by the developers of J&J Ranch. In 2009, when J&J acquired the property, they opened the Adobe for a walk-through, and, inspired by the historical building, the Friends of the Moraga Adobe was formed, with Kent Long as president. In 2012 the FMA appealed the approval of J&J's development plan by the Orinda Planning Commission, under which the Adobe would have become a private clubhouse for the development. The Moraga Town Council took an interest in the building, and wrote a friend of the council letter to Orinda to try to explore options regarding access to the building for public benefit.

After years of talks, J&J and the FMA reached an agreement which has been recorded in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). In late 2015 J&J obtained approval for 13 homes on 20 acres adjacent to the Adobe, with 2.3 acres and the Adobe building to be deeded to the Friends of the Adobe.

According to Long, the FMA needs to raise \$450,000 plus a reserve of \$50,000. J&J will pay the balance to restore the Adobe and to build a support structure with bathrooms. Thus far, the FMA has raised over \$100,000 and are hosting another fundraiser: the Fandango Fantastico on Aug. 27 to celebrate the Adobe's 175th year. (See sidebar.)

There is a three-year timeline for the Adobe restoration project, but the time has not yet begun to run. Long says, however, that in

the next few months planning will begin in earnest. The Adobe originally was three rooms. Owing to the fact that the land grant included the redwood forest of Canyon, the

Adobe had the unusual feature of redwood plank floors. Many parties and dances were hosted at the Adobe, and the redwood floors were very popular. Cooking was

Photo Sora O'Doherty

done outside the building.

The adobe walls of those original three rooms are still sound, although they are not visible, having been covered by later additions to the structure. The Adobe was expanded to include three bedrooms in 1848. Those added rooms will probably be removed, although there may be an indication of where they were. There was also a hay barn on the property, but it was removed years ago. The property had been substantially renovated in the 1960s.

The Moragas incurred substantial legal bills during the transfer of California from Mexico to the United States and during the tumultuous years of the Gold Rush. By 1886, they lost the Adobe to a reputedly unscrupulous attorney. But the property remained in private hands and was been used as a residence until it was vacated. The building shows signs of neglect and some vandalism, but is now fenced off to prevent further harm until the work begins on restoration. ... continued on page A14

Fandango Fantastico!

The Friends of Joaquin Moraga Adobe are hosting their third annual Fandango to raise money for the restoration of the Moraga Adobe.

Fandango party celebrations were the core of the social calendar for early Mexican settlers, and the Moraga family was well known for those held at the Adobe in the 1840s. This year's Fandango will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27. The MC for the evening will be radio personality John Hamilton, host of On the Go with KGO. Entertainment will feature traditional music from Los Arribeños de San Francisco, a band that includes a direct descendant of the Moraga family.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Visit www.MoragaAdobe.org for more information or to buy tickets online. Tickets may also be purchased by sending a check payable to "FJMA" to "Fandango Tickets" at PO Box 872 Orinda, CA 94563.

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