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Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Library Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. Sarge Littlehale Community Room, Orinda Libraray

Historical Landmarks

Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, 3:00pm Orinda Community Center, Room 7 28 Orinda Way, Orinda

School Board Meetings

Orinda Unified School District Monday, Dec. 12, 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:

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Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report Nov. 6 - Nov. 18 Alarms 32 Noise complaints 5 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 4 Traffic stops 35 Suspicious Circumstances 18 Suspicious Subjects 14 **Suspicious Vehicles** Barking Dog 10 block Owl Hill Ct. 20 block Haciendas 10 block Scenic Dr. Buglary, Residential 400 block Ridge Gate Rd. 30 block Zander Dr. Civil 10 Woodcrest Dr. 50 Monte Vista Rd. (4) 20 block Ivy Dr. Dependent Child Glorietta Elementary Dispute, Verbal 10 block Irwin Way 30 block Claremont Ave Domestic 10 block Camino Encinas

10 block Irwin Way DUI San Pablo Dam/Bear Creek Drunk in Public Moraga Way/Ivy Dr. Fraud 10 block Haciendas 50 block Brookwood Forgerv 100 block Brookwood Illegal Entry 40 block Heather Ln. ID Theft 10 block Bolsita 40 block Loma Vista 10 block Rae Dr. Joyriding Veh. Recovery Town of Moraga Juvenile Miramonte High 10 block Paintbrush Missing Adult 10 block Altarinda Petty Theft 10 block Woodcrest Dr. 10 block Oak Flat Rd. 10 block Claremont Ave. 70 block Muth 10 block Via Floreado Phone Harass 20 block Van Ripper Ln. Police/Fire/EMS 500 block Moraga Way Moraga Way/Altamont Dr. 500 block Moraga Way Orinda Way/Farmers Mkt. 100 block Overhill Poss. Stolen Property Bryant/Moraga Way Promiscuous Shooting Village Square Public Nuisance BART **Reckless** Driving Moraga Way/Brookwood Bear Creek/Camino Pablo Moraga Way/Oak Dr. San Pablo Dam/Wildcat Safeway Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd (2) Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. Bear Creek/San Pablo Dam Rd. Camino Pablo/Hwy 24 Van Tassel Ln/Katrinka Ct.



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Council, ULI and Mainstreet America Come to Agreement By Sora O'Doherty

he Orinda City Council unanimously agreed to enter into a contract with Mainstreet America for assistance with downtown development, and also agreed to contract with the Urban Land Institute, by a vote of 4 to 1, with vice mayor Eve Phillips voting against ULI.

The council did agree to amend the question of what changes are needed in downtown Orinda to "what changes, if any" in case the majority of the residents believe that downtown Orinda is fine the way it is.

Other Council Activity City Attorney Honored

City Attorney Osa Wolff was honored with a proclamation in recognition of her service to Orinda for 10 years. Wolff was presented with flowers by her husband, two children and sister. The proclamation was read aloud at the city council meeting on Nov. 15, and each of the council members spoke warmly of how much they enjoyed working with Wolff. Vice mayor Eve Phillips praised Wolff as a great role model for working mothers and

council member Dolores Gee de- if something needed to be done, a scribed Wolff as a great teacher.

No New Stop Sign

The council rejected a proposal put forth by staff for a third stop sign at the intersection of El Toyonal and Loma Vista, which would vation measures for two pieces of have made the T intersection an local history. Located on the propall-way stop. Residents of the area erty of the Orinda Senior Village, showed up and told the council that a remaining trestle from the train there was actually not a problem bridge will be preserved, as will be at the intersection and that put- a cast-iron lamp post located on the ting a stop sign there might cause property of artist and sculptor Joe problems. The council agreed that Cleary.

sign on Loma Vista stating something to the effect of "Uphill traffic does not stop" would suffice.

Historic Preservation

The council agreed to preser-

Wagner Ranch Opens New Kindergarten Playground By Sora O'Doherty

rinda Union School District Superintendent Carolyn Seaton wielded giant scissors and cut a blue ribbon to officially open Wagner Ranch Elementary School's new kindergarten playground Monday, Nov. 14.

The superintendent was assisted by OUSD Board President Julie Rossiter, vice president Carol Brown, and board members Sarah Butler, Jason Kaune and Matt Moran. The project, jointly funded by the school district and the Wagner Ranch Parents' Club, benefitted from a collaborative design process that sought input from teachers, aides, principal Jim Manheimer, school board members, and perhaps most importantly, children.

By relocating some parking spaces, the school was able to grow the kindergarten playground from 4,700 to 7,200 square feet. The playground can now accommodate 60-80 children.

Manheimer touted the new playground, which was almost a year in the making, as safe and good looking, and thanked the board of trustees for their vision in funding creativity. He especially credited former OSUD superintendent Dr. Joe Jaconette, current superintendent Seaton, and director of curriculum and instruction Cathy Marshall. Manheimer went on to thank a long list of people who helped bring the playground to life, but his highest praise went to Stuart House, director of facilities, maintenance and operations. The playground was designed by HY Architects and Gates & Associates Landscape Architects and features a safe rubber surface under a creative play structure with shade features above. There is a twisting tricycle route and shiny red tricycles that were an immediate hit with the children. Brown showed she was recovering well from her recent shooting during a driveway robbery by trying out the new musical components in the playground, a xylophone with beautiful tone, and getting up an impromptu band on the drums. It may be, as Manheimer quoted from Captain Kangaroo Bob Keeshan, that, "Play is the work of children; it is very serious stuff," but the board



From left. Jason Kaune, OUSD board member, Carol Brown, OUSD vice president and Dr. Carolyn Seaton, OUSD Photo S. O'Doherty superintendent, jam at the opening of the new Wagner Ranch Kindergarten playground. members seemed to be having a

lot of fun. Kelly Lotosky of Gates and Associates explained how the architects strove for a diverse and balanced play area that would include equipment that helps children develop in a variety of ways. For example, swings benefit inner ear and balance development. Several meetings with both parents and children involved the community in the selection of elements to encourage imaginative play including movement, climbing, music and organization. The tricycle trail was designed to allow the children to engage in a little adventure that could include stops at the different playground elements, and imaginary activities like "filling up with gas."

Uncontrollable Juvenile 10 block Owl Hill Rd Donald Dr./Hall Dr. Brookwood/Moraga Way Verbal Dispute Safeway 20 block Watchwood Ct. Warrant Arrest 1200 block Upper Happy Valley



