

# **Orinda**

### **Public Meetings**

### **City Council**

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m. Library Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### **Planning Commission**

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m. Library Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### Citizens' Infrastructure **Oversight Commission**

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m. Sarge Littlehale Community Room, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### **School Board Meetings**

**Orinda Union School District** Monday, Nov. 13, 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**

# Oct. 1-7

Alarms **Noise Complaints** 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 3 **Traffic Stops Suspicious Circumstances Suspicious Subjects Suspicious Vehicles** 15 **Abandoned Vehicle** 

**Accident Injury** Wilder Sports Field

100 block Ardith Dr. **Burglary**, Auto

10 block Theatre Square **Burglary, Residential** 50 block Camino don Miguel

50 block Brookside Rd.

40 block St. Stephens Dr. 50 block Tappan Ln.

Brookwood Rd./Moraga Way **Dispute** 

200 block Glorietta Blvd. **Exhibition of Speed** 

20 block Wilder Rd. **ID** Theft

reported to police (2) Litter

St. Stephens/Hwy 24

**Medical Hospital** 20 block Vista del Mar Misdemeanor

Orinda Theater **Phone Harass** 

10 block Theatre Square (2) **Promiscuous Shooting** 

20 block Wildwood Rd. **Reckless Driving** 

Moraga Way/Glorietta Blvd. Warrant Service/Arrest/Advise 60 block Moraga Way

Share your thoughts, insights and opinions with your community. Send a letter to the editor: letters@lamorindaweekly.com



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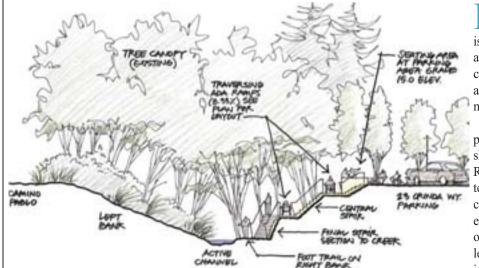
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# Expert discusses restoring streams in difficult urban locations

By Sora O'Doherty



If there is one thing that Orindans seem to agree would be a positive step in the development of downtown, it is the daylighting of San Pablo Creek. It is also generally acknowledged that doing so will be a challenging process. That is why the Friends of Orinda Creeks invited an expert on exactly that process to speak at their October meeting.

Ann Riley, Ph.D., is the executive director of the nonprofit Waterways Restoration Institute (WRI), and watershed and river restoration advisor for the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board. During her 12-year tenure with WRI, she has organized, planned, designed, constructed, and funded numerous stream-restoration projects in California and throughout the United States, and over four decades she has been involved with communitylevel nonprofits, as well as local, state and federal agencies in watershed planning, ... continued on next page

# Orinda's approved short-term rentals must be registered, pay TOT

By Sora O'Doherty

ith the growth of hosting codes. platforms such as Airbnb, rentals out of private homes have been growing in recent years, but short-term rental registration got off to a good start with the registration of six properties in early October. According to Orinda Senior Planner Daisy Allen, the city has received no complaints about the plan to allow short-term rentals and collect transient occupancy tax (TOT) on them.

The ordinance regulating shortterm rentals was adopted Aug. 15 by the Orinda City Council, and as of Oct. 5, property owners and/ or operators who list properties, or guest areas on properties in Orinda for a rental period of less than 30 days, are required to register these short-term rentals with the city. Hosts of existing short-term rentals have a grace period of two months to register; the city may pursue code enforcement on unregistered short-term rentals after Dec. 5.

The ordinance provides for a new Section 17.3.12 in the Orinda Municipal Code, creating an annual short-term rental registration system with the following requirements: signed registration forms must be submitted, including contact information and other key information; short-term rentals are not eligible for temporary event permits; there must be a maximum occupancy of two people per bedroom, plus three people; there must be a maximum of one short-term rental per property at any given time; short-term rental operators must get a transient occupancy registration certificate and pay a TOT on guests of hotels or short-term rentals of 8.5 percent of the rent charged quarterly; and the property owner must affirm that short-term rentals comply with all applicable building, fire, health and zoning

The TOT is collected by prop-VRBO and Craigslist, short-term erty owners except for those who use the Airbnb website; Airbnb builds the TOT into their booking system and passes the tax on to the city. The TOT is reported quarterly.

> Once there are 100 short-term rentals in Orinda, the planning commission will hold a public hearing to consider the effectiveness of the ordinance. Staff will prepare a report for the city council regarding implementation next August.

> More information about shortterm rentals can be found on the

city of Orinda's website: http:// Term-Rental-Registration. www.cityoforinda.org/365/Short-

Complete the Short-Term Rental Registration form. Complete the supplemental Tax Registration Certificate Application

**Short-term rental registration process:** 

Submit both documents to the Planning Department along with payment of \$100. Registration can be completed via mail or in person during Planning Department permit counter hours: Monday through Thursday 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Registration is valid for one year and must be renewed annually along with a renewal fee of \$50.

Short-Term Rental property owners must pay a quarterly transient occupancy tax. The quarterly tax return form will be provided by the Finance Department upon issuance of a TOT registration certificate.



### **500 YEARS AGO**

this Halloween, an unknown monk in a small German town nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the local church and started The Reformation.

Within 20 years Martin Luther and 'the Lutherans' were also credited with:

- Establishing the first 'Community Chest' as a way to offer support to neighbors in need;
- Inaugurating free public education for both girls and boys; and
- Changing the language of government and religion to the language of common people.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH 2PM - 5PM



- Enjoy beer tasting with numerous Lamorinda Home
- Bounce house, games, and crafts for kids
- Apple carving for people of
- all ages Oktoberfest-style
- bratwursts on the grill
- Cake walk with 'Ed the Accordion Man'
- Photo booth with the **Original Lutherans** 
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