



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

Citizens' Infrastructure

Oversight Commission

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

School Board Meetings

Orinda Union School District

Monday, Dec. 11, 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

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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

Nov 12-18

Alarms	21
Noise Complaints	1
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	3
Traffic Stops	31
Suspicious Circumstances	2
Suspicious Subjects	9
Suspicious Vehicles	11

Abandoned Vehicle

MacDonnell Nursery

Barking Dog

Van Ripper/Van Tassel

Burglary, Auto

40 block Stanton Ave.
Kite Hill Rd/Kite Hill Terrace

Burglary, Residential

80 block Underhill Rd.

Death, non-criminal

400 block Moraga Way

Dispute

100 block Moraga Way

Drunk in Public

60 block Moraga Way

Forgery

Wells Fargo

Hit & Run

CVS

ID Theft

10 block South Trail

Juvenile Disturbance

100 block Village Square
Safeway

Medical Hospital

Miner Rd/Camino Pablo

Other misdemeanor

300 block Camino Sobrante

Missing Adult

80 block Underhill Rd.

Property Accident

10 block Orinda Way
Camino Pablo/Camino Sobrante
Moraga Way/Sanborn Rd.

Reckless Driving

Camino Pablo/Via Corte
Miner Rd/Lombardy Ln.
Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.

Theft, Grand

Safeway

Theft, Petty

300 block Glorietta Blvd.
50 block Moraga Way

Unwanted Guest

600 block Fish Ranch Rd.

Vandalism

Wilder Blvd.
40 block Singlewood Ln.

Warrant Service/Arrest/Advise

Theatre Square
Hwy 24/Fish Ranch Rd.

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Labor agreement reached between Orinda and city employees

By Nick Marnell

The Orinda City Council approved a new two-year labor agreement Nov. 21 between the city and its represented employees. The agreement runs through June 30, 2019.

Key provisions include an immediate general salary increase of 3 percent, with a second 3 percent increase starting July 1. Each bargaining unit member employed as of Nov. 1 receives a one-time \$250 payment, and the medical benefits remain unchanged for both years.

Total cost to the city for the wage and benefit increases was estimated at \$140,000.

The previous labor contract expired June 30, and with no talks scheduled, city workers

represented by Teamsters Union Local 856 staged a two-day strike in July over what the union termed bad faith bargaining by the city. "They've been arbitrarily refusing to negotiate with us over important topics," city maintenance worker Robbie Thompson said at the time. "We want to be treated with respect and the games they play in bargaining are just plain unfair." The Teamsters represent 23 of the 38 city employees.

"The city council is pleased it was able to approve the new contract," said City Manager Steve Salomon. "We were able to give the employees a raise and continue their medical

benefits."

Representatives of Teamsters Local 856 did not return repeated calls seeking comment.

The city has struggled financially in 2017, using money from its general fund reserve to pay for the Miner Road sinkhole repairs, with the reimbursement date and amount uncertain. The general fund reserve balance was depleted by more than 50 percent, to under \$3 million.

"Given the financial circumstances, the council feels good about what it was able to do," Salomon said.

Moraga Adobe moves closer to approval as an Orinda cultural institution

By Nick Marnell



Moraga Adobe

Photo Sora O'Doherty

The Orinda Planning Commission unanimously recommended Nov. 14 that the city council approve General Plan and zoning map amendments applicable to the Moraga Adobe, an historic landmark on the site of the future J and J Ranch subdivision. A local community group, the Friends of the Joaquin Moraga Adobe, is negotiating the purchase of the Adobe with the intent to convert it into a history and learning center for the public.

The Adobe is the oldest residential structure

in Contra Costa County. In order for the building to be used as a local cultural institution, with the ability for FJMA to host educational, community and fundraising events, the commission recommended a General Plan parcel designation change and a zoning map change to convert the Adobe to Parks and Recreation status.

Neighbors along Donna Maria Way were not enthusiastic, as they complained about possible damage to their private road and the time and number of events to be hosted at the Adobe,

resulting in a change from the semirural nature of the area.

All of the conditions regarding parking, time and number of events and responsibility for property damage will be regulated under the terms of a general use permit, according to senior planner Daisy Miller. "The semirural nature will not be affected by the changes," Miller said.

A memorandum of agreement between J and J Ranch and the Friends specifies that the structure must be restored and opened to the public and conveyed to the FJMA if the group is able to raise \$500,000 for purchase of the Adobe.

"We have \$135,000 in the bank, which does not include a \$100,000 pledge from the Moraga Historical Society," said FJMA President Kent Long, though to operate the center, Long says the group will need much more than a half-million dollars. "We talk about a \$1 million fundraising plan," he said.

The Friends will have three years to raise the money from the time the group enters into a purchase agreement with J and J for the Adobe.

Long said the purchase agreement could be completed in early 2018.

If the FJMA fails to raise the money, the parcel reverts to a J and J Ranch homeowners association, which would allow limited public access to the structure.

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Dec. 9 from 1-4 pm

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