



# Orinda

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m.  
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library  
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### Planning Commission

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

### Citizens' Infrastructure

**Oversight Commission**  
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m.  
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,  
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### School Board Meetings

**Orinda Union School District**  
Monday, Feb. 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:

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

Jan. 14 to Jan. 27

Alarms	37
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	3
Traffic	69
Noise Complaint	4
Suspicious Circumstances	12
Suspicious Subjects	13
Suspicious Vehicles	17
Patrol Request	18
Security Check	15
Service to Citizen	53
Supplemental Report	14
Vacation House Check	15

### Accident Injury

Del Rey School  
20 Block Orinda Way

### Accident Property

600 Block Moraga Way  
Moraga Via/Glorietta Blvd.  
Via Hermosa/La Espiral  
Moraga Way  
Orinda Oaks Open Space,  
Donald Dr.  
Moraga Way/Lavenida Dr.  
50 Block Charles Hill Rd.  
Wagner Ranch Elementary School

### Auto Burglary

Library

### Barking Dog

200 Block El Toyonal

### Beat Info

Fish Ranch Rd./Eb Sr 24

### Civil

300 Block Dalewood Dr.  
100 Block Rheem Blvd.  
10 Block Fern Way  
50 Block Muth Dr.  
80 Block Moraga Way

### Commercial Burglary

Miner Rd./Camino Pablo

### Defraud Innkeeper

80 Block Moraga Way

### Disturbance-Domestic

70 Block Brookwood Rd.

### Disturbing The Peace

500 Block Tahos Rd.

### DUI Misdemeanor

Knickerbocker Ln./Spring Rd.

### Fire/EMS Response Info

30 Block Ramona Dr.

### Found Property

10 Block Via Las Cruces

### Fraud False Pretenses

100 Block Casa Vieja Pl.

### Grand Theft

10 Block Bigleaf Rd.

### Grand Theft from Building

10 Block La Campana Rd.  
30 Block Marston Rd.

### Hit And Run Misdemeanor

Safeway

### Identity Theft

100 Block Camino Don Miguel

### Lost Property

Pd Ori Police Department

### Medical Hospital

3200 Block Stanley Blvd.  
500 Block Moraga Way

### Ordinance Violation

200 Block Glorietta Blvd.  
Manzanita Terrace/Manzanita Dr.



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## Educational Foundation of Orinda opts for professional leadership

By Sora O'Doherty



After almost 40 years of successful fundraising to benefit Orinda schools, the Educational Foundation of Orinda has decided to hire an executive director to drive donations higher than the current annual plateau of just over \$1.5 million. Over the course of its existence, the EFO has provided over \$27 million to Orinda's seven public schools, which are among the lowest funded in the state. Lo-

cal revenue sources fund 32 percent of educational programs in the district. Orinda schools consistently rank in the top 1 percent of California public schools.

EFO President Shauna Simmons said that the superintendent's fundraising taskforce put together a group to look at best practices in fundraising for public schools. The group examined 15 demographically comparable districts and concluded that the EFO has not been as effective as others. In particular, the Manhattan Beach Education Foundation, Piedmont Education Foundation, and the Palo Alto Partners in Education Foundation stood out as models for improved fundraising. It was therefore de-

ecided that a highly skilled professional director should be hired to manage the fundraising efforts for Orinda schools.

The EFO will also operate as an umbrella organization over the parents clubs that raise funds for each individual public school in Orinda. The EFO fundraising goal is \$1.635 million for the 2017-18 school year, which, together with Parents' Club fundraising efforts of approximately \$3.5 million, are the local revenue sources that provide for many programs above and beyond that which could be funded by the ordinary state school funding. The EFO has concluded that centralizing fundraising has worked well in other communi-

ties and that it should improve fundraising in Orinda too. The goal of hiring an executive director is, with significant collaboration from the Parents' Clubs, to create a lasting organization that will continue to serve Orinda students for generations. One of the responsibilities of the new executive director will be to develop a centralized district fundraising vehicle with the ultimate goal of "one ask" per child per year to meet current and future financial goals.

Currently the EFO is almost completely volunteer-led, with only a part-time administrator.

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## Orinda Community Foundation celebrates 8 years

By Sora O'Doherty



The Orinda Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the life of all Orinda residents, will celebrate its eighth anniversary at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 at Heggie Plaza on the upper level of the Orinda library building. The event will recognize the over \$50,000 in grants this year to benefit the community. All are welcome to attend.

The OCF was founded in 2010 and supports numerous local initiatives such as the Fourth of July

parade, Lamorinda Idol and the purchase of outdoor art found in various parts of town. The OCF relies on two main fundraisers each year: direct mail solicitations and the NorCal Kids Triathlon. This year the triathlon will be held on Aug. 25.

OCF grants support events such as children's writing classes, Orinda's garden clubs, the Music in the Park and Opera in the Park programs, and much more. Grant applications are accepted Sept. 15 through Nov. 1, and grants are usu-

ally awarded each December.

Upcoming events include the popular Dancing with the Cars on the evening of Sept. 7 and the Classic Car Show, the following day. The OCF also organizes the annual Orinda Action Day each year on Earth Day; this year the annual cleanup event is scheduled for April 21.

For information about the Orinda Community Foundation and to learn how you can help, visit www.orindafoundation.org.

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