

# Lamorinda Community

## Calendar, Notes, News

# Orinda

Calendar	
City Council	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, April 7	
Monday, March 23, 6PM: Planning Process Review Task Force. Joint Planning Commission/ City Council Workshop Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way	
Planning Comm.	7pm
Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way Tuesday, March 24	
Finance Advisory Committee	
Gallery Room, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way 6pm Wednesday, March 25	
Mayor's Com. Liaison	8:30am
Community Room at City Hall 22 Orinda Way Monday, April 6	
City of Orinda: <a href="http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us">http://www.ci.orinda.ca.us</a> Chamber of Commerce: <a href="http://www.orindachamber.org">http://www.orindachamber.org</a> • local businesses • upcoming events	



**Drunk in public, 3/06/09** A 55-year-old white male was stumbling as he walked down the sidewalk at Theater Square using a tree limb for assistance. He had a bottle of red wine in his hand. The subject couldn't stand without swaying. Because of his .14% blood alcohol level and his obvious wooziness, he was arrested as a danger to himself and cited for public drunkenness. Perhaps just another really bad day in the stock market?

**Mystery robbery, 3/05/09** A Muth Drive resident parked and locked his car in front of his residence at 6:00 p.m. At 8:00 a.m. the next morning he noticed the passenger door slightly open and that his iPod, digital camera and several tools were missing. According to the police report, "an unknown suspect came from an unknown direction, used an unknown object to open the vehicle and left in an unknown direction." Well that clears it up.

**Home burglary, 3/05/09** An unknown suspect entered an Orchard Road home via the backyard, once inside two flat screen TVs were taken. No suspects or leads at this time. Perhaps the burglar just really wanted to be prepared for March Madness.

**Phone Harassment 3/01/09** A Sleepy Hollow resident has complained to the police about an individual phoning his place of business and leaving "I am going to kick you f---ing ass" voice mail messages. The victim, a 26-year-old male had complained to the police about a similar incident in December of 2008. The message recipient has since taken out a restraining order, and is seeking prosecution if it happens again



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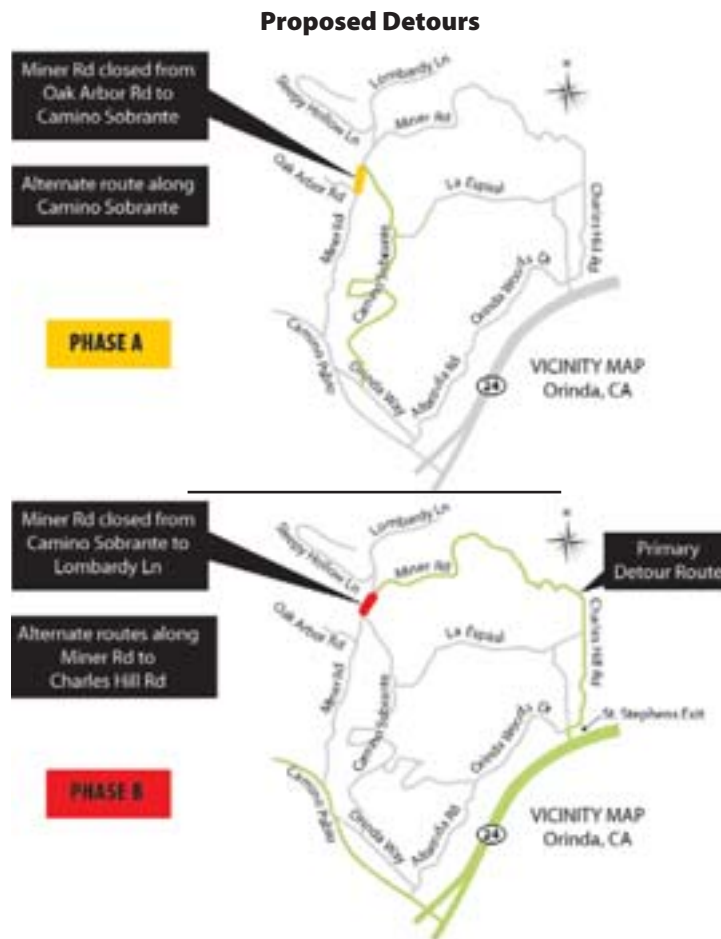


## Miner Roadworks May Be Major Disruption

By Andrea A. Firth



Miner Road Pipeline Project Phase 1 Maps provided by EBMUD



Miner Road will get a much needed facelift this summer with the installation of a new water pipeline, an improved sewer line, and ultimately a new surface. Residents who live on, around, or en route to or from Miner Road might want to start planning now for an early and extended vacation.

Both the East Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and the Contra Costa County Sanitary District (CCCSD) have plans to be working on Miner Road starting in mid-June.

Single-lane passage, road closures, and detours will be necessary to navigate traffic throughout the project. Extensive planning and coordination has gone into the two projects to minimize the time that residents will be inconvenienced, but slower traffic and longer commute times in this part of the city is inevitable.

EBMUD Pipeline Improvement Project. Starting around June 15th, EBMUD will install 1,400 feet of new pipeline along Miner Road between Oak Arbor Road and

Lombardy Lane as part of a two-phase project to support the future water demands in the area. Phase 2, scheduled for 2012, will include the construction of a new pumping plant and an additional 3,900 feet of new pipeline.

Because Miner Road is narrow and has little or no shoulder, closing the road to all traffic is necessary for EBMUD to work in this section. Drivers will be redirected to detour routes on Camino Sobrante and then Charles Hill Road as the work progresses. The City has requested EBMUD to work extended hours between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on weekdays to expedite the completion of the project. Outside of the weekday work hours (after 9 p.m. and up til 9 a.m.) and on weekends, Miner Road will be re-opened to two-way traffic. The project will move forward about 100 feet a day and is projected to take six weeks or possibly less to complete.

Sewer Renovation from Camino Pablo to Oak Arbor: The timing of CCCSD's trunk sewer renovation project on Miner Road will coincide with the EBMUD project. The majority of the CCCSD work will be completed underground without impacting the road surface. Intermittent single-lane closures on Miner between Camino Pablo and Oak Arbor Roads and smaller streets nearby [Camino Lenada, Bien Venida, Camino Don Miguel, and Oak Arbor] will be necessary. These single-lane closures will occur about one day a week outside of high-traffic times. The sewer improvement project will address the cracks, broken pipe, and extensive root infestation across 3,600 feet of the 58-year old clay sewer pipe.

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## Police Services Study to Get Underway

By Andrea A. Firth

Orinda recently joined Lafayette and Danville to hire the Matrix Consulting Group to conduct a Police Services Study. Since the incorporation of Orinda, the City has contracted with the Costa County Sheriff's Office for police services. Lafayette and Danville also contract with the Sheriff for law enforcement.

Although Orinda has been very satisfied with the Sheriff's Office law enforcement coverage and emergency response, the costs for those services have increased over time and escalated recently due to the County's post-employment medical and pension obligations. "I have been im-

pressed by the commitment of the Sheriff's Office to provide quality law enforcement services to the City of Orinda," states Orinda City Manager Janet Keeter. "The intent of the study is to identify and evaluate options for law enforcement services and associated costs, including continuation of the contract with the Sheriff's Office. The study is being driven by the increasing costs of the contract and is no reflection on the quality of services being provided by the Sheriff's Office," she adds.

The study will take approximately four months to complete and the results will be presented at a future City Council meeting.

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