

#### **Public Meetings**

#### **City Council**

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m. Auditorium, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way

### **Planning Commission**

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. Auditorium, Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way

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

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m. Sarge Littlehale Community Room, 22 Orinda Way

#### **School Board Meeting Orinda Union School District**

Monday, Nov. 9, 6 p.m. OUSD Office, 8 Altarinda Road, www.orindaschools.org See also AUHSD meeting page A2

Check online for agendas, meeting notes and announcements

City of Orinda: www.cityoforinda.org

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**Chamber of Commerce:** 

www.orindachamber.org The Orinda Association:

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www.orindaassociation.org

### **Orinda Police Department Incident Summary Report**

Oct. 11 to 24 Alarms 42 **Noise Complaints** 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) 10

Traffic Stops Suspicious Circumstances Suspicious Subjects Suspicious Vehicles **Abandoned Vehicle** 

**Animal Cruelty** 10 block Knickerbocker Ln

10 block Ardor Dr

**Barking Dog** 

100 block Via Floreado 30 block Oak Rd 60 block La Cuesta Rd

#### Battery 10 block Van Tassel Ln

Burglary, Auto Quarry Hill/Bigleaf Rds

**Burglary**, Residential 60 block Moraga Via

Civil

#### Citibank Disturbance

El Toyonal/Camino del Cielo Miramonte High School 10 block Altarinda Rd 20 block Dos Posos Camino Pablo/Brookwood 1000 block Walnut Dr 10 block Theatre Square 80 block Orinda Way

### Fraud

10 block Broadview Terr 10 block Charles Hill Rd

### Harassment

70 block Coral Dr 100 block Spring Rd

#### **Health & Safety Violation** Glorietta Elementary

Hit & Run

St Stephen's/El Nido Ranch Rd

**Indecent Exposure** 

70 block Donald Dr **ID** Theft

### Reported to police

50 block Singingwood Ln 40 block Ivy Dr

### Police/Fire/ EMS

200 block La Espiral 600 block Ironbark Cir

### **Public Nuisance**

#### 20 block Orinda Way **Reckless Driving**

Camino Pablo/Claremont Av Bear Creek/San Pablo Dam Rds Hamlin Rd/Solana Dr Camino Pablo/Santa Maria Way Moraga Way/Orchard Rd

Miramonte High School St. Stephen's/Hwy 24 **Shoplift** 

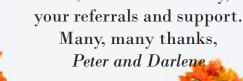
10 block Camino Sobrante

Theft, Petty

50 block La Cuesta Rd 10 block Harran Cr

## Happy Thanksgiving

Our sincere thanks to our clients for making 2015 a wonderful year. And to our clients, friends and family, thank you for

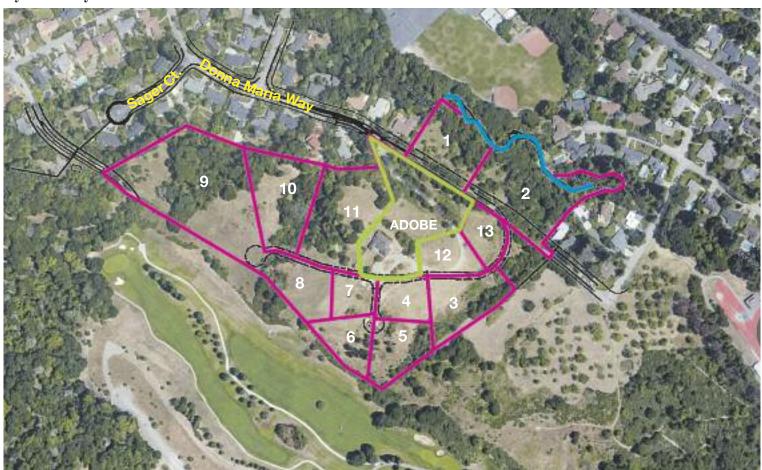


# Council Denies Appeal, Approves J&J Ranch **Subdivision Plan**

**By Victor Ryerson** 

Peter & Darlene

Hattersley



Proposed site

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Map data Google, overlay Tentative Map J&J Ranch Subdivision 9271, Rev. 6-18-13 courtesy City of Orinda website

environmental impact report (EIR) and subdivision map for the development of 13 home sites surrounding the Moraga Adobe, the Orinda City Council has denied an appeal of the previous planning commission approval by three neighboring homeowners. The council's action clears the way for the developer, J&J Ranch Partners, to move forward with the process of seeking further approvals required to build the homes, and for restoring and using the historic adobe.

The discussion during the long Oct. 20 meeting focused on specific challenges to the adequacy of the EIR and complaints by members of the public at the meeting. The large group was composed of local residents who showed up to speak. The council had little difficulty accepting the city staff's responses to a number of alleged inadequacies of the environmental review, but two aspects of the plan emerged as particular concerns.

One issue was the selection of the vehicular entry to the subdivision. The developer's plan calls for access via the northwesterly end of Donna Maria Way between El Camino Moraga and Adobe Lane, the new road on the subdivision property. One group of neighbors challenged this choice, favoring instead Alternative 5, a shorter route to Adobe Lane via Donna Maria Way East. However, that entry crosses Moraga Creek and associated riparian wetlands, and the council rejected the choice in favor of the planned route as the environmentally superior alternative.

The second issue, which emerged

Safeway (2) 500 block Tahos Rd

**Trespass** 

**Threats** 

Safeway

**Unwanted Guest** 

Library

100 block Camino Pablo

60 block Claremont Av

20 block El Toyonal

200 block Camino Sobrante

a challenge by owners along Donna Maria to widening certain portions of the road to 20 feet in order comply with fire code requirements. This requirement was recently called to the attention of the developer and the city by the fire marshal. A number of affected owners, whose road frontage would have to be widened by one to three feet, object that this would be

fter taking a second look at the for the first time at this hearing, was created along the private road when project, but were not troubled by the it was laid out 50 years ago. The existence of the controversy and exissue may be litigated by the developer and the homeowners, causing project plan and EIR as a whole. Council Member Eve Phillips to cast avoid the appearance of "giving tacit approval for the easement" pending resolution of the dispute. Several easement issue in explaining their an impermissible use of an easement reasons for voting to approve the deal."

pressed their overall support for the

Mayor Dean Orr particularly the lone vote against approval to stressed the amount of work that went into providing for preservation of the Moraga Adobe as "worth noting," and praised the preservation of other council members referred to the nearly 40 percent of the property as a scenic easement as "not a small



Warrant Service/Arrest 10 block Dos Encinas 200 block Moraga Way