



Orinda

Public Meetings

City Council

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

Planning Commission

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,
Orinda Library

Historical Landmarks

Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, 3:00pm
Orinda Community Center, Room 7
28 Orinda Way, Orinda

School Board Meetings

Orinda Unified School District

Monday, Dec. 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 Oct. 16 - Oct. 29

Alarms	44
Noise complaints	1
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	6
Traffic stops	60
Suspicious Circumstances	11
Suspicious Subjects	13
Suspicious Vehicles	9

Battery

20 block Miramonte Dr.

Barking Dog

10 block Virginia Dr.

Burglary, Auto

Orinda Community Center
BevMo
Theatre Square (2)

Burglary, Commercial

10 block Country Club Plaza

Burglary, Residential

10 block Broadview Terrace

DUI

Acalanes Rd./Mt. Diablo Blvd.
Hwy. 24/Wilder

Dispute

100 block Crest View Dr.
Hall Dr./Moraga Way
10 block Lost Valley Dr.
20 block El Verano
10 block Theatre Square
10 block Kittiwake Rd.

Disturbing the Peace

St Stephen's Dr./Hwy. 24

Drunk in Public

Starbucks
500 block Moraga Way
Rheem Blvd./Hall

Harassment

20 block Muth Dr.

Hit & Run

Safeway
400 block Moraga Way
Details n/a
Camino Pablo/Camino Sobrante

Illegal entry

20 block Orinda Way

ID Theft

100 block Claremont Ave

Juvenile disturbance

Lavenida Dr./Donna Maria Way
70 block Muth Dr.
Lavenida Dr./Estabueno

Loitering

El Toyonal/Canon

Misdemeanor

CVS

Panhandling

Safeway

Police/Fire/ EMS

Pine Grove Business complex
800 block Ironbark Place
20 block Bryant Way
70 block Hillcrest Dr

Public Nuisance

Library
Theatre Square
Hawkridge Terrace/Orinda Way
10 block Ellen Ct.
30 block Miner Rd.
200 block Overhill Rd.

Reckless Driving

Camino Pablo/Hwy. 24 (2)
Moraga Via/Glorietta Blvd.
Rheem Blvd./Zander Dr.
Ardilla Rd./Camino Pablo
10 block Lost Valley Dr.
Camino Pablo/Manzanita
Camino Pablo/Claremont
Orinda Way/Camino Sobrante
Camino Pablo/Brookwood



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Gee, Miller Win Council; Weiner, Hoxie Take OUSD

By Sora O'Doherty



Inga Miller

Candidates Inga Miller and incumbent Darlene Gee topped the ballot boxes, winning seats on the Orinda City Council.

Gee will hold on to the seat to which she was appointed in 2015 to serve out the remainder of Steve Glazer's term after he was elected to the California State Senate. Miller will take the seat vacated by Mayor Victoria Smith, who ran unsuccessfully for a spot on the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District board.

"I am so happy for this endorsement," Gee said on election night.



Darlene Gee

"This is a great feeling because as much as I loved being appointed, being elected makes me feel even more committed...to finish my work with the roads and downtown."

Miller was just as thrilled. "It makes me feel good that I ran a positive campaign which has produced positive results," she said.

Gee and Miller had run a joint campaign, and both are advocates of progress on the updating of Orinda's downtown. Both candidates were supported by What's Up Downtown Orinda, which advocates for improvements to downtown.



Hillary Weiner

Miller was the top vote-getter at 4,602 votes (33.94 percent) followed by Gee with 4,111 votes (30.32 percent). Bruce London garnered 2,835 votes (20.91 percent) and Linda Delehunt came in with 1,971 votes (14.54 percent). These numbers are from the first update by Contra Costa County Elections and are not the final count.

OUSD

Candidates Hillary Weiner and Cara Rubenstein Hoxie won the two seats on the Orinda Unified School District, defeating incumbent Sarah Butler, who had been



Cara Hoxie

elected in 2012, and replacing Matt Moran, who retired after eight years on the OUSD Board.

Weiner led with 4,602 votes (38.94 percent) and Hoxie was elected with 3,952 votes (32.17 percent). Incumbent Butler had 3,560 votes (28.98 percent) as of the first vote update.

Superintendent Carolyn Seaton extended an invitation to the public to attend the school board meeting on Dec. 12 when the newly elected members of the board will be sworn in and outgoing members Moran and Butler will be thanked for their service over the past years.

Neighbors, PG&E Hash Out Substation Problems

By Sora O'Doherty

Representatives of Pacific Gas and Electric met with 25 members of the Lost Valley Association recently to help clarify the look of the the Moraga Substation located at the entrance to Lost Valley in Orinda.

The meeting was held on site, to facilitate understanding of the neighbors' concerns and PG&E's plans. There appears to have been greater understanding on both sides about what the neighbors want and what PG&E can do, and, although there appeared to be greater consensus, neighbors still expressed doubts about whether PG&E will follow through on their promises and do so in a timely fashion.

The neighbors' primary concern was screening the view of the substation with appropriate vegetation. Lost Valley is an established neighborhood, and many of the residents have lived there for decades. When they arrived, the substation was barely visible behind heavy screening of trees. But as time went on, some trees died and some were removed to comply with tightening standards on vegetation under and around electric facilities. As a result, the substation is now clearly visible to drivers approaching Lost Valley. The Lost Valley Association has been dealing with issues of the substation, which recently underwent changes to improve security, for quite some time now.

It was clear that the neighbors and PG&E were not, from the outset, on the same page, as

PG&E suggested solutions to problems that the neighbors did not agree were problems. PG&E suggested removing some bushes to deal with leaves falling from the large silver oak at the front entrance of the substation. The neighbors were not concerned about the leaves, but worried that the oak would be removed. PG&E suggests installing a block wall to screen a meadow, and the neighbors made it clear that it isn't the meadow they wish screened, but the substation, and that they do not want walls but trees.

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Residents of Lost Valley neighborhood discuss the look of Moraga Substation with Jack Paulus, chair of the liaison committee and PG&E representatives, from left, Matt McClane, Lindsey Welchoff and Tom Guardino. Photo S. O'Doherty



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Theft, Petty

location n/a
Safeway

Theft, Vehicle

10 block Charles Hill Rd.
20 block Irwin Way

Trespass

Safeway

Unauthorized possession

80 block Camino Encinas

Unwanted guest

Orinda Convalescent

Vandalism

20 block Bryant Way
10 block Theatre Square
10 block Orinda Way (2)

Warrant Service/Arrest

Brookwood/Camino Pablo