



# Orinda

## Public Meetings

### City Council

Tuesday, April 11, 7 p.m.  
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library  
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 11, 5 p.m.  
Special Joint Meeting with City Council  
Library Auditorium, Orinda Library  
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### Citizens' Infrastructure

#### Oversight Commission

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Sarge Littlehale Community Room,  
22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### School Board Meetings

#### Orinda Union School District

Monday, April 17, 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



### March 5 to 18

Alarms	43
Noise complaints	4
911 Calls (includes hang-ups)	4
Traffic stops	103
Suspicious Circumstances	4
Suspicious Subjects	20
Suspicious Vehicles	29
Barking Dog	
20 block Charles Hill Rd.	
Burglary, Commercial	
details n/a	
Civil	
100 block Orchard Rd.	
600 block Ironbark Cr.	
700 block Miner Rd.	
10 block Orinda Way	
Death, non-criminal	
60 block Donna Maria Way	
Disturbance	
60 Brookwood Rd.	
Lavenida Dr./Donna Maria Way (2)	
Donald Dr./Hall Dr.	
Dispute	
70 block Estates Dr.	
30 block Evergreen Dr.	
100 block Orchard Rd.	
Drunk in Public	
10 block Orinda Way	
DUI	
San Pablo/Miner Rd.	
Fraud	
reported to police	
ID Theft	
reported to police	
10 block Corte Sombrita	
Panhandling	
Safeway	
Police/Fire/ EMS	
10 block Crown Court	
BevMo	
Orinda Community Center	
Miramonte High School	
200 block Sundown Terr.	
Public Nuisance	
Eastwood/Coral Drives	
100 block Camino Pablo	
10 block Harran Cr.	
30 block Las Cascadas Rd.	
10 block El Caminito	
Moraga Way/Bryant	



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## 28 homes in Orinda Grove get new addresses

By Sora O'Doherty

In an effort to avert potentially lethal confusion, Orinda City Council voted to rename the streets in the Orinda Grove development, requiring changing the addresses of 28 residences.

Currently the development consists of streets and paseos, or pedestrian walkways. The houses face the paseos and have addresses on them, while the garages front the streets. Thus the addresses of the residences don't reflect the street name from which the residence is accessible, but rather the "paseo" name. With the renaming of the streets, the houses with garages on either side will be given addresses associated with that street name. The city designed the change to affect the fewest possible residence.

In an earlier attempt to clarify, address plaques were affixed to each garage. While Orinda first

responders are familiar with this arrangement, other emergency personnel are not, and staff has determined that there is a possibility that confusion could create a deadly delay if another jurisdiction needs to be called upon to respond to a 911 call. In an emergency, a delay of even a few minutes can affect the patient's outcome.

Not all the residents of Orinda Grove are thrilled by the change. Although the city will bear the

costs of changing the street signs, and the residents will not have to deal with the U.S. Postal Service regarding the change of address, some residents did appear before the council to object to the associated costs, for example reprinting of business cards and checkbooks. However, the city decided that the change was necessary to assure public safety and voted unanimously on March 21 to go ahead with the change. (See graphic.)

The land upon which Orinda Grove is built was part of a three-way swap that enabled the city to build its new city hall in 2007. Subsequently Pulte Homes developed the 11-acre former school site and the adjacent 3.1-acre city-owned ball fields, building 73 homes and the Orinda Union School District office building to replace the former district offices on the site. The homes were sold starting in 2013.



## New tax-free municipal bonds to be issued for Orinda's streets

By Sora O'Doherty

Orinda will issue \$35 million in municipal bonds on April 6 to provide financing for the continued repair and maintenance of residential streets. Of that, \$10 million is the second tranche of Measure J, passed by the voters in 2014; the remainder is from Measure L, passed in 2016.

Orinda bonds are rated AAA, according to James Cervantes of Stifel, the brokerage firm handling the bond sales. The tax-free bonds will be available in various configurations, from one to 20 years; depending on the bond, the interest rate will vary. The minimum increment to purchase is \$5,000.

Money raised by the bond issuance will fund the ongoing repair of residential streets. Arterial and collector routes, which bear more traffic, are not funded by bonds, but

by gas taxes and money returned to source by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. These roads would include, for example, Miner Road and Moraga Way.

According to Farah Khorashadi, recently hired Paving Program Project Manager for Orinda Public Works and Engineering Services, the city is in the middle of a five-phase, 10-year paving project begun in 2012. By 2022, only maintenance of the roads should be required, all the substantial repairs having been completed. This year 63 segments of road will be repaired, including almost 60,000 linear feet of curbs and gutters. Khorashadi explained that prior to a residential street being repaired, residents are notified and asked to have their sewer lines checked and repaired or replaced as needed. The

sewer lines from the home to the main sewer line in the street are the responsibility of the homeowner. Once a street is newly paved, it can only be dug up for an emergency.

Some adjustment to the schedule of road repairs has been necessitated by the Miner Road sinkhole and the traffic increase on the detour routes. Repairs to Camino Sobrante from La Espiral to Miner Road had been scheduled for 2019, but have been moved up to this year.

Khorashadi started at Orinda at the beginning of the year, having retired from Riverside County where she worked in transportation design and maintenance for 25 years. She has a master's degree in engineering from Southern Illinois University. She rejoins her husband, who has lived in the Bay Area since 2008.

### Paving Project: Community Outreach Meetings

Orinda's 2017 Annual Paving Project is a combination of Measure J and L programs. This year Orinda will rehabilitate one collector road (El Nido Ranch Road) with a slurry seal and rehabilitate two school route roads (Don Gabriel Way and El Camino Moraga) with full depth reclamation (FDR). In addition, the Measure J and L pavement rehabilitation funding will rehabilitate 60 residential roads with FDR.

To learn about the projects and ask questions, attend one of the three scheduled community outreach meetings to be held at the Orinda City Hall in the Sarge Littlehale Community Room located at 22 Orinda Way:

- 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday, April 17
- 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, April 27
- 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 13

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