

### Orinda

#### **Public Meetings**

#### **City Council**

Tuesday, July 24, 7 p.m. Library Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### **Planning Commission**

Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m. Library Auditorium, Orinda Library 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

### Citizens' Infrastructure

**Oversight Commission** Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m. Sarge Littlehale Community Room, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### **School Board Meetings Orinda Union School District**

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** June 17 to June 30

Alarms 911 Calls (includes hang-ups) Traffic 114 **Suspicious Circumstances** 5 Suspicious Subjects 15 Suspicious Vehicles 16 Patrol Request/ Security Check 24 Service to Citizen Supplemental Report 10 Vacation House Check 52 Welfare Check

Abandoned Vehicle 80 Block Via Floreado Eb Sr 24 Jwo St Stephens Dr.

Accident Injury

#### Hall Dr./Moraga Way **Accident Property**

10 Block Lavenida Dr. Camino Pablo/Miner Rd. 40 Block El Toyonal Post Office

Wilder Rd./Orinda Fields Ln. Camino Pablo/Miner Rd.

#### **Animal Cruelty** Cvs

**Auto Burglary** 70 Block Brookwood Rd. **Barking Dog** 

20 Block Hacienda Cr. 30 Block Barbara Rd.

Burglary

Rite Aid Civil

10 Block Beaconsfield Ct. Civil Problem

10 Block Richard Ct.

**Civil Standby** 

70 Block Valley View Dr. Counterfeit

Safeway

Disturbance-Domestic

Camino Pablo/Bear Creek Rd. Failure To Obey

Moraga Way/Camino Encinas

Forgery 200 Block La Espiral

Fraud Credit Card

10 Block Camino Encinas Fraud False Pretenses

10 Block Crest View Terrace

**H&S Violation** Orinda Community Center

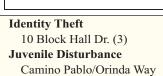
**Hailed By Citizen** 

20 Block Orinda Way

Harassment

Orinda Country Club

Hit And Run Misdemeanor 10 Block Lavina Ct.



Moraga Way/El Camino Moraga

**Lost Property** Miramonte High School

30 Block Los Dedos Rd.

500 Block Tahos Rd.

**Loud Party** 10 Block La Cintilla

**Medical Hospital** 

80 Block Mossbridge Ln. Del Rey School

200 Block Stein Way **Misc Burglary** 

20 Block Diablo View Dr. **Ordinance Violation** 

30 Block Overhill Rd. (2) 10 Block La Bolsita Way 10 Block Vista Del Orinda

100 Block Ivy Dr. 10 Block Honeywood Rd.

20 Block Orinda Way

San Pablo Dam Rd./Wildcat Canyon Happy Valley Rd./Sundown Terrace El Toyonal/Loma Vista Dr. McCaulous

San Pablo Creek/Miner Rd.

**Residential Burglary** 

10 Block E Altarinda Dr. 10 Block Brookbank Rd.

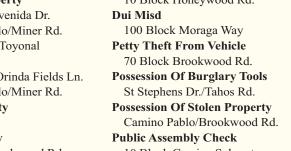
Beverages And More **Trespass** 

Camino Pablo/Los Amigos, Vandalism

Walk Through

**Warrant Arrest** 

70 Block Lost Valley Dr. 60 Block Oak Rd.



10 Block Camino Sobrante

**Public Nuisance** 

20 Block Southwood Dr. **Reckless Driving** 

Miner Rd./Lombardy Ln.

Camino Pablo/San Pablo Dam Rd. St Stephens Dr./Eb Sr 24

**Shoplift** 

10 Block Quarry Hill Rd. Trespass W/ Vehicle

Chevron **Verbal Dispute** 

10 Block Easton Ct.

10 Block Camino Sobrante

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# CIOC unanimously approves motion to form private road task force

By Sora O'Doherty



Photo Tod Fierner

ture Oversight Commission held a special meeting June 27 to consider whether or not there should be a task force to address the issue of private roads and, if so, what the composition of such a task force should be. The meeting was attended by Public Works Director Larry Theis and Paving Program Project Manager Farah Khorashadi. Theis opened the meeting by stating that, although the city council requested that the CIOC consider the formation of a task force, the CIOC didn't have to recommend

that one be formed. Theis expressed his concerns about the burden on the city of dealing with the maintenance of private roads. Staff feels that it is important that there be a "do nothing' alternative," he said. The costs for the task force could be very high, he pointed out, adding that the city attorney is very expensive. To properly evaluate a road's condition is also very expensive, he explained. The costs for repairs of any private roads could be very high, Theis added, and "liability is a huge concern." The possibility of sinkholes or trip and fall claims need to be weighed heavily, he concluded.

The Orinda Citizen's Infrastruc- His suggestion, however, did not sion. "The city council didn't ask gain traction with the commission-

> limit the scope of the task force. Through roads would provide the most public benefit, he said. A bond would be very difficult from a voter perspective and Theis reiterated that "staff believes there is a huge concern here." In addition, he suggested that the task force, if formed, be fewer than nine members, perhaps three, five, or seven members. He thought it might be difficult to find a sufficient number

of people to serve. In the public forum portion of the meeting, the CIOC heard from a number of Orinda residents. Melissa Roeder said that the city has done a fantastic job on the public roads. "Private roads is a new idea," she said, and submitted a letter of support for forming the task force with nearly 400 signatures. Theis' suggestion of not forming the task force was in bad faith, Roeder said, and, in her opinion, it would not be hard to find nine of the task force, but it could be exmembers willing to serve.

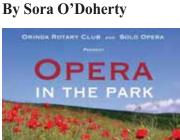
Steven Cohn spoke in an impassioned manner to the commis-

you to consider if a task formed should be formed," he argued, but Theis also suggested that the asked how a task force should be CIOC consider a pilot program to formed and what it should do. He spoke of alternative ways to finance private road maintenance, including bond measures, real estate transfer taxes, or additional sales taxes. "It's nuts to say it is too expensive to even look at the private streets," he said, adding that many of the private streets, such as Wilder, Orinda Woods, and Orinda Downs are in good shape and don't need much more than maintenance.

Several points were agreed upon by the commissioners during their discussion. While a larger task force was desirable, allowing members with specific expertise, they agreed it might be a problem recruiting nine members. Seven members would be an acceptable alternative, if nine could not be obtained. The suggestion that the task force complete its work in nine months was questioned, and it was decided that nine months should be the goal for completing the mission tended if necessary.

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# 10th anniversary of Opera in the Park



he Orinda Rotary Club will present its 10th annual Opera in the Park in conjunction with Solo Opera. The free performance, which will feature professional opera singers performing favorite arias, duets, and ensembles, that organizers say will thrill even nonopera lovers, usually attracts at least 1,000 people. The concert will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 22 at Orinda Community Park.

"We have assembled a truly spectacular lineup of talent," says Sylvia Amorino, Solo Opera's artistic director/producer and master of ceremonies for the concert. According to Amorino, the program includes eight singers who have performed at prestigious venues, including San Francisco Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Opera San Jose, West Bay Opera, Lamplight- ville," "Marriage of Figaro," "La ers, and Carnegie Hall.

Solo Opera was founded in much more. 2000, and has producing 15 operas and community including the recent 2016 Arts Recognition Award from AC-5 Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County. Solo Opera has been performing the Orinda Opera in the Park for several years now, and, according to Rotary event chairman Ken Jew, Solo has made the concert even

The performers include: sopranos Liisa Dávila and Diane performance even more enjoyable. Squires, mezzo-sopranos Deborah Rosengaus and Leandra Ramm, tenors Michael Orlinsky and Stephen Cannon, baritones Ben Brady and Bradley Kynard and pianist Chun Mei Wilson. The singers will perform well-known selections from operas such as "Turandot," "Don Pasquale," "Carmen," "Don Giovanni," "Barber of Se-

better than it was originally.

Bohème," "Die Fledermaus," and

According to the organizers, and many concerts at the Lesher enjoying live opera has become Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek so expensive that it's almost imand other Bay Area venues. Their possible for the average family to productions have receiving rave attend. Opera in the Park is a way reviews and awards from the press to introduce children to opera, or even friends who might never attend live opera. There will be running commentary on the works by the master of ceremonies, so everyone will be able to understand the operatic plots. The music has been selected to represent pieces considered very likeable, and the master of ceremony's short explanations of what is happening in each piece or section is designed to make the

> The Rotary Club and Solo Opera invite people to bring their entire families including children, a blanket and/or chairs, and a picnic. Free parking is available. For more information on Solo Opera or the concert, please visit www.SoloOpera.org or email solomail@pacbell.



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