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Central San work causes road closure in Orinda

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You may have wondered what that block-like building behind Theatre Square is. It is a very old pumping station, constructed in the 1950s. The Contra Costa County Central Sanitation station, which serves more than 90% of Orinda residents, is being updated, and the work has necessitated a couple of road closures, requiring a detour to access Highway 24. A road closure scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25, was changed to Sunday, Oct. 3, when the road will be closed from 6 a.m. to noon and will affect northbound Camino Pablo at Brookwood Road. In addition, the sidewalk on the east side of Camino Pablo has been closed, but should reopen by the end of this September or early October. For more information, call (925) 229-7200.

At the Mayor's Liaison Meeting on Sept. 14, Chris Carpenter of Central San updated the community on Central San news. The update to the pumping station includes the installation of a generator. Completion of the project is expected by end of year. In addition to the big pumping station, they have also updated two smaller pumping stations that serve Lamorinda, another in Orinda and one in Moraga. Central San has also been working in Lost Valley all summer, starting in North Orinda. Carpenter mentioned that recycled water available from Central San has been a hit this year with the drought.

Central San is also very excited to be celebrating its 75th anniversary. Central San turned 75 on July 15, and it is celebrating all year long with online virtual tours featuring 360-degree photos. Student education programs are also available.

Join the celebration at <https://75th.centralsan.org/v/531BopwkzBL>

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