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Kensington Hilltop 62nd Annual Spring Carnival on May 9th!

Come join the festivities! Kensington Hilltop Elementary School's PTA and Dads' Club are hosting the school's 62nd Annual Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The carnival will include fun games for all ages, a great selection of prizes, a White Elephant Sale filled with treasures galore, a superb lunch cooked by Dads' Club chefs, delicious treats from the bake sale, and memorable visits from the Kensington Police and Fire Departments. Given the recent state budget cuts to education, community support is needed more than ever before. Revenue generated by this tremendous fund raising event will support Kensington Hilltop's educational programs and provide much needed school and classroom supplies.

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Kensington Quilting Queens Romy Douglass, Marie Streshinsky, and Rachelle Sherris-Watt work on the In The Pink Quilt for the Spring Carnival Raffle.

Education Foundation Assists With Budget Woes

Due to the continuing budget crisis in the State of California, the West Contra Costa Unified School District is facing significant cuts in order to balance its budget for the coming year. Schools are being closed, teachers have received pink slips, and school site funds are frozen. Two elementary schools, Castro and El Sobrante, as well as Adams Middle School are slated to close at the end of this school year, along with two district facilities. State funds that have been used to pay for reading and math intervention programs at Kensington Hilltop School (KHS), as well as library books and other necessary instructional materials, are no longer available.

The District believes that the new federal stimulus package may help with some funding but at this point there is still uncertainty as to how much, in what areas, and how long it will last. Fortunately for Kensington Hilltop, the Kensington Education Foundation (KEF), a 501c3 non profit, was established in 1983, with the mission to support school enrichment by funding programs that the district did not offer, limited, or altogether cut. The science lab was one of the first programs to be offered by KEF, and over the years, as programs have been eliminated, KEF-sponsored programs offered at the campus have expanded.

Currently, in addition to the recent expansion of funding of credentialed instructor compensation for Read Naturally and the math intervention program, KEF funds pay for the instructors and equipment that include science lab, spectra art, and physical education programs, the Read Naturally program, computer lab and vocal music for grades K-3, portions of the school library budget, and Oceans Week, a campus-wide program held in June. Teachers use KEF funds to pay for basic classroom supplies; discretionary grants are also available to teachers for the purpose of curriculum enhancement.

Over the years, KEF has maintained a "rainy day" reserve and this year the rain has definitely arrived! In response to the recent district cuts, the KEF has decided to draw on their reserves in order to maintain continuity of programs for all students at Kensington Elementary this school year. One consequence of dipping into the reserves is that programs for next year are at risk of being reduced unless new funding sources can be found.

The Foundation obtains its revenue through annual fundraising events including the Fall Parent Pledge Drive, the Spell-a-thon, the Garden Party, as well as from friends of the community. Now, more than ever, KEF needs additional support to maintain the educational offerings that used to be the standard elementary school experience.

Based on high quality administration, a dedicated staff, and the unwavering support of the parents and community, our school has and continues to thrive despite the increasing financial hurdles facing California schools. According to the California Department of Education's Growth Academic Performance Index (API), a 1,000-point scale based on how well schools perform on a variety of tests, a score of 800 is considered excellent. For the past two years, Kensington Hilltop's API score was well over the "excellent" level.

The kindergarten enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is expected to be more than 20% above current enrollment. The trend of increased enrollment can be attributed to the school's solid reputation which continues to be a draw

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Kensington/El Cerrito Fire Department Mourns the Loss of Fire Engineer David L. Garrett

20-Year Veteran

The Fire Department regrettably reports that Fire Engineer David L. Garrett died tragically at his home on Friday evening, March 13, 2009.

Garrett is survived by his wife Joan and daughter Tiaira.

Garrett began his career with the El Cerrito Fire Department in 1989 as a firefighter and was promoted to engineer in 2004. Garrett spent eight years in the Navy as a firefighter at the beginning of his career.

Garrett was known and loved by all for his good humor, fantastic cooking, and larger than life presence. He was a dedicated husband, father, and basketball coach, and a die-hard Raiders fan. Garrett will be sorely missed by all who knew, loved and laughed with him.

A quiet hour was held on March 19th at C P Bannon Mortuary in Oakland and funeral services were held at Sunset Mausoleum with a reception following at the El Cerrito Community Center on March 20th.

To contribute to the Tiaira Garrett Education Trust, please send donations to the Mechanics Bank, 9996 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.



David L. Garrett

KCC Celebration Benefits Kensington Parks and Recreation

The Kensington Community Council celebrated their 21st Annual Spring Celebration party on March 14th. Andronico's Market, Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Mechanic's Bank generously sponsored the event. Vida Sarrafan was responsible for organizing everything down to the last flower. She relied on KCC staff and members Esther Hill, Vida Dorroh, Anne Forrest, Debbie Hayakawa-Wing, Joan Gallegos, Ted Blankenberg, Todd Hodson, Bruce Morrow, Danielle Power and Laurie Ushigusa along with many other volunteers.

D'Jour Floral and Antiques provided fresh flowers. Delicious food by Fat Apples, Inn Kensington and the Junket graced the tables. A favorite of everyone was the artistically decorated plate of hummus The Arlington donated. Lisa Kirkby made her scrumptious Éclairs; Nation's Great Pies provided their famous apple, berry and lemon pies,

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Class of 2009 - Grad Photo May 3

Seniors, mark your calendars for this year's graduation photo on Sunday, May 3 beginning at 3 p.m. in Kensington Park. All high school seniors are encouraged to attend. This includes seniors who currently or previously lived in Kensington, and all those seniors who attended Hilltop Elementary for some or all grades, regardless of where they now live. There will be a small charge to cover pizza, drinks, fruit and dessert, as well as an electronic version of the photos. Please contact Cynthia McAfee for additional information at 528-1908 or cjmcafee@pacbell.net.

LAFCO Report Recommends Consolidating Kensington Districts Special Meeting of KPPCSD Board Sunday, April 5 at 3:00 p.m.

The Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), whose responsibilities including the formation and consolidation of special districts, is issuing a draft report that recommends that the Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) be consolidated into the Kensington Police

Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD). This recommendation is part of a larger report commissioned to review Fire and Emergency Medical Service Providers in Contra Costa County.

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New Editor

The Kensington Community Council has hired Joel Koosed as the Editor of the *Kensington Outlook*. Koosed begins his new post with the May issue of the *Outlook*. Read his unique resume on Page 2.

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Cheap Stunt? Or Show of Smarts, Humor, Chutzpah?



Joel Koosed, experienced editor and entrepreneur.

This month, the *Community Council* takes on the challenge and privilege of choosing a new editor for the *Outlook*.

Our newspaper is not simply a way for us, as neighbors, to communicate with each other, but it is also the face we show to the world. The Council will be selecting the person in whom we, as a community, will place our trust – our trust to listen to us, to hear us, and to report not only what we say, but also what we *mean* – with accuracy and with heart.

Joel Koosed, previously the publisher and editor of *KICKS Magazine*, has the experience and sensitivity that make him an outstanding candidate for this position.

In addition to his writing and graphic design talents, Koosed has already shown the determination, humor, and *chutzpah* needed to produce our newspaper.

Koosed has written on topics as diverse as real estate, relationships, dance, business development, and science and technology. He has published a monthly magazine (circulation 20,000), edited a

monthly newsletter for the better part of two decades, and written a weekly e-mail newsletter for the past nine years. This guy knows how to meet a deadline!

Joel Koosed, an Editor and Creator of Community

Koosed is also the founder of five businesses, including the *San Francisco Roommate Referral Service*, the *Avenue Ballroom*, the above-mentioned *KICKS Magazine*, *The Meeting Game® Salon* (a social networking group), and the eponymous *J. Koosed and Associates*, a promotion and consulting firm working with East Bay real estate agents.

When questioned about how he developed his facility for language and community-building businesses, Koosed replied, “I guess I miss the small Ohio town I come from, so I try to recreate an atmosphere like that – where everybody knows each other.

With regard to my writing, when I was in junior high school, my mother and I used to stay up late at night working on the syntax and grammar for my class papers. We’d spend hours rearranging sentences and searching for just the right words to express my intended meaning. I’ve enjoyed that process ever since.”

Local Resident With Kensington Ties

Koosed has been a Bay Area resident since 1971. He made his home in Berkeley for many years, lived in Albany for eighteen, and has lived in El Cerrito for the past three. His life partner, Magie Resnick, is a realtor at *Marvin Gardens Real Estate*. Previously, she was a teacher at *Kensington Hilltop School* for sixteen years.

A songwriter and photographer in his spare time, Koosed has a knack for capturing a moment – in words *or* images. His poetry has been published in the *San Francisco Chronicle*; one of his photographs was chosen for the cover of the *East Bay Express*. His writing has also appeared in *The Sun* magazine.

The Time, the Talent, and the Experience

Add it all up and Koosed is a perfect candidate for the editorship. Augmenting his publishing background is his experience with *InDesign*, the software used to publish the *Outlook*. He has the writing, editing, graphic design, and photographic skills needed to produce the paper, the determination to get to the bottom of a story (ask him how he happened to be at this month’s council meeting!), a flexible schedule, and more than thirty years of local references attesting to his good ideas, ethics, enthusiasm, and the ways in which his businesses have made the Bay Area an even better place to live.

The Best Person For the Job

Koosed now lives just off The Arlington, only a few minutes from town. He knows the secret location of the best post office in the world, and the best sandwich to order at *Young’s*. We can’t think of a reason *not* to hire him!

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KCC Fund Drive

There’s still time to give. If you enjoy receiving the *Outlook* in the mail 10 times a year, playing catch with your child, playing a game of tennis with friends on the courts, watching your child scramble up the new play structure, sitting on a park bench watching a sunset over the bay, or knowing that Kensington’s children have a safe place to learn and play after school and during the summer, then you know the work of the Kensington Community Council.

The KCC board of directors would like to thank all those who have donated to the Annual Fund Drive so far. Every donation, from \$10 to \$1,000 is important. If you have been meaning to send your check and have not gotten around to it yet, please do so today. Recent donations for the KCC Annual Fall Fund Drive are as follows: \$100, Jean Reilly; \$50, Ross and Dorothy Laverty; George Moore; Stephen Van Den Eeden; and Assiamira Ferrara.

Peace Corps Stories and Slides

Sue Gershenson, with the Peace Corps San Francisco Regional Office, will offer an opportunity for Peace Corps volunteers to share their stories and slides with Kensington residents on Monday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. The event is free and will take place at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue.

Teaching in another culture is an exciting challenge. Peace Corps Volunteers

serve in 76 countries around the world. In many of these countries, volunteers teach English, Science and Math at the primary, secondary and university levels. Some assignments include teacher training. More Peace Corps Volunteers work in education than any other sector.

Some of the volunteers, who have since returned from their assignments, will share their stories about teaching in the Peace Corps and offer an opportunity to learn about becoming a teacher in the Peace Corps. Those with other skills and an interest in Peace Corps are also encouraged to attend. For further information you can call 524-3043 or visit the Contra Costa Library website at <http://ccclib.org>.



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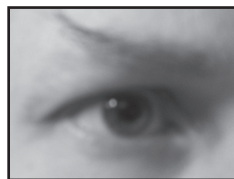
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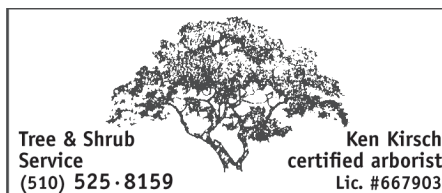
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Kensington Library

The Kensington Library is incredibly well-used, boasting the highest circulation per capita of any of the 25 libraries in Contra Costa County. However, after 44 years of having its residents making good use of this public facility, the library is showing its age. When its doors opened in 1965, the library was designed to hold 20,000 items. It now holds over 34,000 items and sees an average increase in circulation of 10% each year.

Last year, the county undertook a Facility Condition Analysis of the library and found that the building requires various basic improvements in order for it to reach the minimum standard of county facilities. These include fire alarms and sprinklers, a new furnace, and accessible restrooms. The Library also needs to adopt a new service model and implement more self-service options, including self check-out and returns and self-service holds.

The preliminary estimate of the cost of a renovation is roughly between \$2.0 and \$2.4 million. The county is continuing to gather information and these numbers will likely change over time until the actual start of the work on the building, as the economy changes and the cost of construction fluctuates. Fortunately, the Contra Costa County Library has a capital projects fund which will help to offset up to \$1.6 million of the cost of the renovation.

Two public meetings were held to which the community was invited to express their "wish list" for their neighborhood library. Though the list quickly grew, one of the obvious elements that residents repeatedly mentioned was additional space.

With the addition of a modest 2,000 square feet, the Library would have more room for its increasingly popular programs, as well as more room for its collections. At the request of the Friends of the Kensington Library, the county has been looking into the possibility of an expansion to be completed at the same time as the renovation. If an expansion were to happen, it would be accomplished most efficiently and economically if it were done concurrently with the renovation. The county estimates that this expansion would add roughly another \$1.3 million to the total construction budget, leaving a shortfall of just under \$2 million.

A new community group is forming in Kensington to work towards expanding the Kensington Library. An offshoot of the Friends of the Kensington Library, this group is looking into both the feasibility of a fundraising campaign and a ballot initiative to raise the money to expand the library. For more information or to volunteer to assist this group, please contact Gretchen Gillfillan at 524-3966.

Book Club – *What is the What* by Dave Eggers

What is the What is the fictionalized story of Valentino Achak Deng, who is a refugee of the Sudanese civil war. Fleeing from his village in the mid-1980s, Deng becomes one of the so-called Lost Boys - children pursued by militias, government soldiers, lions and hyenas, and myriad diseases, in their search for sanctuary, first in Ethiopia and then Kenya. Eventually Deng is resettled in the United States with almost 4,000 other young Sudanese men, and a very different struggle begins.

The Kensington Library book club meets monthly, on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please join us on Monday, April 27th and participate in book discussions and offer suggestions for future titles.

A poem is read by a book club member at the start of each meeting, and a brief discussion follows the reading. The poems are selected by the member reading for the evening. Any book club attendee is welcome to contribute to our poetry reading.

The Kensington Library is located at

61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. The library is open Mondays and Tuesdays 12 to 8 p.m., closed Wednesdays, open Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 to 5 p.m. Phone number: (510) 524-3043. Website: <http://ccclib.org>

Knit Two, Purl Two

Please join the Kensington Library Knitting Club, called the "Castoffs." The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kensington Library where we will enjoy an evening of knitting, show and tell, and yarn exchange. All levels are welcome and some help will be provided. Normally this group meets on the first Monday of every month in the library at 7:00 p.m.



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Neighborhood Notes

The Arlington

A great opportunity to see and hear live music in your very own neighborhood. The Arlington has been featuring local musicians playing jazz, rock, fiddles, and chamber music. Friday, April 3, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. "The Misconceptions" will entertain with rock music and the "Inside Men" will feature jazz on Friday, April 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday afternoons will feature Chamber music with dates to be announced. Kensington Hilltop's PTA Happy Hour every month honors a different parent volunteer for their work at the school. A great opportunity for community building and fun. Kid friendly, delicious food, and chocolate chip cookies that keep calling you back. Trish and Marc are divine hosts. If you'd like to meet the women behind all the informative emails sent to Kensington residents, Val Paola will be happy to make your acquaintance as she takes your order at The Arlington.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

Kensington Nails Spa, located between The Arlington and Mechanic's Bank on Arlington Ave., had a well attended grand opening mid-March. Delicious hors d'oeuvre, fruit, tea and juices were offered to the many Kensington residents that stopped by to say hello. Owners, Lieu Tran and Phuong Tu had an opening special of 20% off the usual rates of their various nail care, facial and waxing services. They graciously donated gift certificates to the KCC Spring Event. While guests were admiring the beautiful décor and magnificent orchids, Lottya Clayton sat back and enjoyed a pedicure while Joe DeVille had a manicure.



Art Show at the Post Meridian

Karen Frock displayed her evocative city images on handmade photographic paper at a recent artist reception. Robin and her staff served wine and cheese during the reception and many stayed for dinner afterwards. Frock's exhibition will run until April 26. You can see some of her work online at www.kfrockphotography.com

Retirement Dinner for Philip Balousek

Join us in the celebration of over 40 years of law enforcement service for Officer Philip Balousek. Wednesday, April 15 – doors open at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost \$25.00. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. For tickets and more information call: (510) 526-4141.



Students Perform at Yoshi's

Kensington Hilltop students who participate in Hilltop mom Kathryn Roszak's Children's Dance Program will perform Saturday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at Yoshi's, Jack London Square, Oakland. This event is by reservation only. Please call (510) 233-5550. For additional information and/or to enroll in the Summer Dance Camp from July 13 – July 31, call 510-233-5550 or email kdance@sonic.net



Kensington Seniors

The Kensington Senior Activity Center is co-sponsored by the Arlington Community Church, the Richmond Older Adult School, and the Bay Area Community Services Department. The group has met every Thursday in the social hall of the church for the past 21 years. Buffet lunch for \$3.00 at 12:15 p.m. Ongoing German conversation, current events and various activities planned throughout the month. April 2nd John Woo will be giving a presentation on Thailand and Cambodia; April 9th Jackie Hetman's ever popular slide presentations on travels throughout the world; April 16th "CSI: Kensington" with Sgt. Angela Escobar of the Kensington Police Department offering updated information helpful to all ages; April 23 DVD viewing of the series



Sgt. Angela Escobar discussing debit card fraud, reporting solicitors at your door, and senior scams.



Senior Musical Instrument Players Group performing at the St. Patrick's Day lunch.

"Planet Earth;" and April 30th a presentation from the Center for Better Hearing. Senior Musical Instrument Players Group meets most Thursdays from noon to 2:00 p.m. They play 20's, 30's, 40's, WWII, Folk, Gospel, and more. For additional information call Judi Jung at 409-0606.

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Spring session continues through Friday, June 5. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can be reached at (510) 525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com.

KCC Summer Camp

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Avenue in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in fall 2009. The camp runs June 15 through August 21, 2009, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. Cost per week is \$205. To ensure the best experience for each child, our camp has a maximum of 62 children per week. We employ one director, a head counselor, eight counselors, a tennis instructor, and a “specialty consultant” each week to work with the campers. Extended day care is available 8-9 a.m. and 5-5:30 p.m. each day for an additional \$7 fee paid to our camp director.

Each week the campers will enjoy:

*Field trip on Wednesday by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area such as Scandia, Water World, the Exploratorium and the Jungle.

*Special activities such as carpentry, gymnastics, golf, dance and cooking.

*Tennis with Kim Roots, three days per week.

*Games, arts and crafts, hiking and fun!

SUMMER CAMP SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE*

Week 1, June 15 – June 19, Carpentry with Sandy Thacker, field trip to The Jungle.

Week 2, June 22 – June 26, Carpentry with Sandy Thacker, field trip to Lake Anza.



Week 3, June 29 – July 3, Environmental Art with Chris Lack, field trip to Oakland Zoo.

Week 4, July 6 – July 10, Golf with Alex Brown, field trip to The Exploratorium.

Week 5, July 13 – 17, Gymnastics with Judy Baker, field trip to Scandia.

Week 6, July 20 – 24, Gymnastics with Judy Baker, field trip to Oakland A’s game.

Week 7, July 27 – 31, Hip Hop with Tati Argue, field trip to Lake Temescal.

Week 8, Aug. 3 – 7, Sports and Games with Kim Roots, field trip to Waterworld.

Week 9, Aug.10 –14, Cooking with Janet Martorano, field trip to Pier39/Alcatraz/ Aquarium.

Week 10, Aug.17 – 21, Cooking with Janet Martorano, field trip to The Jungle.

**Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances.*

Interested in working for KCC as a summer camp counselor? Please call the office at 525-0292 or e-mail at kccrec@yahoo.com. Applicants should be graduating from high school in spring 2009 or currently in college.

NEW CLASS for INFANTS and TODDLERS!

Musical Playgroup with Sarah Sunshine

Join Sarah Torney for stories, songs and movement geared toward infants and toddlers (newborn up to age 2). Please bring your favorite blanket or floor mat. Parent/ Caregiver participation is required.

About the Instructor: A Bay Area native, Sarah Sunshine Torney holds over 25 ECE units, a valid child and infant CPR certification, and is mother to two children of her own.

When: Tuesdays 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.
Fees: \$15 for drop-in or \$50 for a series of 4 classes.
Where: Kensington Recreation Building (Building E) in Kensington Park
Contact: Sarah at 525-2811 and lyric-sis@sbcglobal.net or KCC at 525-0292

ADULT CLASSES

NEW CLASS! User Friendly Pilates: Get Stronger Without Getting Hurt

Next series beginning April 22 and running through June 3

When: Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., March 4 through April 15.
Where: KCC Recreation Bldg, Room A
Minimum of 7 students required for class; drop-in allowed only for first class on March 4.
Cost: \$84 for seven classes for residents; \$93 for seven classes for nonresidents. Please register with KCC.

This class is for anyone who wants an introduction to Pilates and for those who want to get stronger without getting hurt. Your core muscles protect your spine and prepare you for strenuous activities. Developing core strength involves engaging your deepest abdominal, lumbar, and pelvic floor muscles. The instructor, Ernie Adams, presents an intelligent, less stressful way of learning Pilates and has 16-years experience specializing in movement education and injury prevention. He is a Certified Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Practitioner with an exten-



Ernie Adams

sive background as a professional dancer.

In addition to private practice Adams has many years clinical experience collaborating with physical therapists and chiropractors to treat orthopedic, neurological, dance and sports injuries. These include improving walking, balance, posture, back care, scoliosis, MS, CP, Parkinson’s, traumatic brain injury and stroke, repetitive strain and chronic pain, and movement re-education. He offers individual sessions and classes at his offices in Albany and El Cerrito, CA.



For more information about the class, please contact Ernie at (510) 619-9223 or adams@bodyinaction.com. Website is www.bodyinaction.com.

YOGA FOR HEALTH, Tuesdays 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Harmonize your body, mind and spirit. This class involves basic yoga poses, correct body alignment, breathing techniques, and relaxation. Develop strength, flexibility, endurance and grace. Therapeutic concerns such as wrist, knee, neck and back pain, and stress reduction will be addressed. No prior experience required – all ages welcome. Please bring a mat to the class.

Instructor Nicole Becker, a registered yoga teacher, was trained in Anusara Yoga and has studied acupressure and Qi Gong. She describes her teaching style as light-hearted and welcoming and strives to make each student feel cared for in his or her practice of yoga. For more information about the class, please contact Nicole at (510) 527-6443.

When: Classes are Tuesdays, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Fees: For residents: \$15 for drop-in; \$75 for a series of 6 classes. Nonresidents please add 10 percent (\$16.50 per class/\$82.50 for six classes). To register, call the KCC office at (510) 525-0292.
Where: Classes are held in the Community Center.

Thursday Hatha Yoga: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Classic yoga postures and breathing practices for revitalization. Learn to listen to your body and your breath; explore and enjoy. On the second and the final Thursdays of the month, relax in a blissful restorative practice. First and third Thursdays are a more active practice. All levels of experience welcome.

Fees: for residents: \$12 for drop-in One-month pass (4 classes) for \$40 Non-residents please add 10% (\$13.20 for drop-in and \$44 for month pass)

For questions about the Hatha Yoga class content, please contact Instructor Claire Lavery at 681-3077.

For questions about registration or location, please call KCC at 525-0292.

Classes are held in Room A in the Recreation Building (Building E).

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Fees: \$32/month (\$36 for nonresidents)
Where: Community Center

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Kim Roots offers classes for youth and adults. To register, call Kim at 526-6730.
Adult classes: 5 classes \$40 per resident; \$45 per non-resident.
Youth classes: \$10 per class for Kensington residents; \$11 per class for nonresidents.

TENNIS COURTS (West Court)

To Register for classes:
Please call the office unless otherwise specified. Some classes have enrollment limits; those registering will be notified if they cannot be enrolled.

Tennis Court Reservations:
Reservations are for weekends and holidays only; the earliest is 9 a.m. Call the KCC office at 525-0292 for tennis court reservation information.

Tennis Court fees:
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Community Center Rental:
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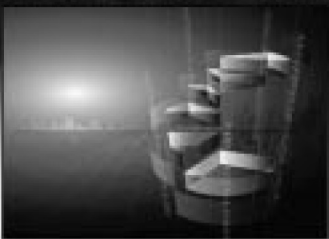
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◆ CELEBRATION from page 1

Arlington Wine and Spirits offered some wonderful wines, and Semifreddi's and Virginia Bakery donated lots of good crusty bread and other treats. Betty Anne Engel was one of many who made dozens of deviled eggs. The superb coffee was thanks to Gary Goldstein.

Paintings, pictures, jewelry, gift certificates, hand made shawls and knitted

caps were just some of the various items donated by members of the Kensington community for the silent auction. KCC would like to thank Be Fit, Stay Alive, Berkeley Chamber Orchestra, Alex Brown, Dean Burris, Elaine Chu, Patty Coluse, Patty and Leo Carrousel, D'Jour Floral & Antiques, Dr. Zarrin Ferdowsi, Barbara Fracchia, Ruth Frassetto, Dena Fredric, Laurie Freeman, Joseph Holmes, Helen Horowitz, KCC, Elizabeth Kavalier, Kensington Chevron, Kensington Fine

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While adults enjoyed an evening of fine wines, superb food, and mingling with other Kensington residents, a pizza party with movies, games, and foosball at the Recreation Building kept the younger crowd content. KCC publishes the *Outlook*, sponsors the Kensington After School Enrichment Program (KASEP), the Summer Day Camp, and classes for adults and children. The non-profit organization uses the funds raised from the spring event to benefit their various programs.

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A beautiful quilt will be raffled off at the Carnival as well. This year's quilt, *In The Pink*, was designed and crafted by Marie Streshinsky, Romy Douglass and Rachelle Sherris-Watt. These talented Hilltop parents each have a background in sewing and design: Romy was a fashion design major, Marie has formal costume making experience, and Rachelle has hand sewn clothes for friends and family for years. According to Marie, "I rallied my crafty friends this year – conned them actually – into helping out. Seriously though, it's been an enjoyable experience for all of us." When deciding on a theme for this year's quilt, "We were thinking of a gender neutral theme and colors," said Rachelle. While shopping for just the right fabric, "A particular one 'spoke to us' and we built it around that," shared Romy. The quilt is 96 x 72 inches and the stunning color palate is comprised of six shades of pink, ranging from baby to burgundy, and

◆ LAFCO from page 1

According to the report, "Consolidation. . . would streamline local government, and offer cost-saving opportunities to the community . . . and continue to provide the community with the local control that it desires."

The KPPCSD Board has not yet taken a position on this matter. The KPPCSD Board will be holding a special meeting, open to the public, on Sunday, April 5th at 3:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the Community Building (aka the "Youth Hut"). All Kensington residents are encouraged to attend and provide comments. Any board action taken at the April 5th meeting will be communicated

◆ KEF from page 1

for new residents to Kensington. We are most fortunate to live in a community that creates an educational support system like KEF.

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six shades of green, from sage to forest. Ever eco-conscious, the group chose organic cotton batting as well.

They will take the quilt through Hilltop classrooms as students always have many questions. The *In The Pink* quilt will also be on display toward mid-April at the Kensington Library. Last year the quilt raffle raised over \$5,000 for the school.

Other prizes from local merchants will also be included in the raffle. Amy Kurzer, from Prudential California Realty, generously donated the raffle tickets, which are available from Hilltop students. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for a book of 12. For questions or to purchase tickets, contact Anna Siria Ortiz at Hilltopquiltraffle@hotmail.com or call (510) 421-1164. For additional Carnival details, contact PTA Carnival Coordinator, Felicia Layser Robertson at felicia@alumni.ggu.edu or call 526-5670.

Come join the festivities! Kensington Hilltop Elementary School's PTA and Dads' Club

at the LAFCO public hearing in Martinez on April 8th. The KPPCSD Board will also be discussing other district matters on April 5th.

There are two elected boards in Kensington. The first is the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board which oversees the Kensington Police Department, the management of the Park and related buildings, and the Solid Waste and Recycling Contract. The second is the Kensington Fire Protection District Board which oversees the contract with City of El Cerrito Fire Department. The draft report is available for download under the Municipal Service Reviews section of the LAFCO website: www.contracostalafco.org.

will strengthen our community by helping us meet one of our most important responsibilities – educating our future. Please consider a tax deductible donation in support of the Kensington Education Foundation, 90 Highland Boulevard, Kensington, CA 94708. Article written by KEF Board Member Katie Kaneko and submitted by KEF Board Member Allen Meachan.

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The Kensington Fire Protection District wants to inform you that Fire Prevention staff will be conducting fire hazard inspections of all properties within Kensington beginning in mid-May. We encourage you to begin your spring pruning, weeding and cutting prior to these inspections. Properties that have an unresolved fire hazard after completing our inspections will receive a notice and be subject to the 2009 Fire Hazard Abatement Process.

You, as the property owner, are the most important person when it comes to protecting your home from a wildfire. If you need guidance in resolving a fire hazard on your property please call the Fire Prevention Officer at (510) 215-4457 for assistance.



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To assist you in planning and developing a defensible space for your home or property, you are welcome to pickup a copy of our Defensible Space Brochure from the Kensington Fire Station or you can obtain information from our website at www.kensingtonfire.org/safety.

IN MEMORIAM

Craig H. Wilson and Michele L. Wilson

Craig H. Wilson, 36, and his wife, Michele L. Wilson, 37, were killed in a small plane crash on June 28, 2008, 40 miles outside of Las Vegas. They were traveling with another young couple after celebrating their 9th anniversary. Craig and Michele lived in Oakley, CA with their



Michele, Jack, Craig, Ryan, and Alexis Wilson.

three children, Alexis (14), Ryan (8), and Jack (3). Craig is survived by his parents, Paul and Rhea Wilson of Kensington, his sister Karen Veitch, also of Kensington, and his brother David Wilson of Fresno and their families. Michele is survived by her parents, Dale and Marsha Wright of

Clayton, IN, her sister Melissa Star and brother David Wright, also of Indiana, and a brother Dwayne Wright of Santa Rosa, CA.

Craig was raised in Kensington and was an alumnus of Kensington Hilltop, Portola Junior High, and El Cerrito High School where he played football and was a proud part of the first team to beat the infamous De La Salle in an eight year stretch. He was a member of local Boy Scout Troop 100 and an Eagle Scout as well. His Eagle project included rebuilding the deck and benches by the Youth Hut. He met Michele at United Airlines where she worked as a flight attendant and he was a mechanic. They married in the summer of 1999.

Craig went on to become a police officer with Bay Area Rapid Transit and Michele continued flying with United. They brought a complementary balance to one another and are still deeply missed by their family and friends.

Craig's older brother, David Wilson, relocated from Fresno to care for Alexis, Ryan and Jack. This allowed the children to stay in their family home, surrounded by their community, schools and friends.

Donations in honor of Craig and Michele Wilson can be made to The Wilson Children Trust at Bank of the West, 2195 Main St., Oakley, CA 94561 or call (925) 625-2211.



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April 9 • 7:00 p.m.
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April 10 • 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m.
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April 1 Wake Up To Al-Anon 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Fireside Room Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Kensington.

April 2 Kensington Senior Activity Center. Arlington Community Church. For info call: 409-0606.

April 2 Babies and Toddlers StoryTime. These 20-25 minute storytimes are packed full of lively stories, songs and action rhymes. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Kensington Library. 524-3043.

April 3 “The Misconceptions” rock group at The Arlington. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For additional info call: 525-3900.

April 4 Special Event: “Gloria!” with The Kensington Symphony and 4 local choirs with works by John Rutter, Gabriel Fauré and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Tickets are \$20/\$15. Saturday, 8:00 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. For more info: 525-0302.

April 5 Traditional Palm Sunday Service. 10:00 a.m. Arlington Community Church. 526-9146 for more information.

April 5 Personal Theology Seminar.

The Sacred Scriptures and How They Shaped My Life. Beth Glick-Rieman, Ordained Minister, Church of the Brethren, UUCB member. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. For info: (510) 525-0302.

April 6 Spirit and the Arts Theater, Dance, Song & Story for Youth 7–14 years. Monday, 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Arlington Community Church. 526-9146 for more information.

April 6 Kensington Community Council Monday, 7:30 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 525-0292.

April 6 Kensington Library “Tween” Events T(w)een Crafts from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kensington Library. 524-3043.

April 6 Kensington Library Knitting Group – “Castoffs” meets Monday at 7:00 p.m. Free event. All levels are welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 524-3043.

April 7 Family Storytime – Best for Pre-school and up. 7:00 pm. Kensington Library, 524-3043.

April 7 Friends of the Kensington Library 7:00 p.m. Meeting held at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave. For further info call: 524-3043.

April 7 – 10 Scholastic Book Fair Kensington Hilltop School Library. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Books for all ages.

April 8 Kensington Fire Protection District 7:30 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. For information call: 527-8395.

April 8 Wake Up To Al-Anon 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Fireside Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue.

April 9 Kensington Community Services District. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 526-4141.

April 9 Kensington Senior Activity Center. Arlington Community Church. For info call: 409-0606.

April 9 Scholastic Book Fair Kensington Hilltop School Library 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Family Event. Books for all ages.

April 9 Kensington Library “Tween” Events Manga Club 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

April 9 Babies and Toddlers Storytime Kensington Library – See April 2 Listing.

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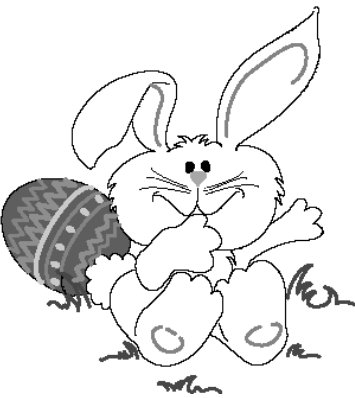
April 10 Good Friday Meditation Friday, 12 p.m. till 3:00 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church. 526-9146 for more information.

April 11 Gateswingers Jazz Band Dance to traditional jazz Saturday at 7:30 p.m. 33 Revolutions Record Shop and Café, 10086 San Pablo Ave. at Central, El Cerrito. No cover charge. 898-1836.

April 11 American Rhododendron Society, Cal Chapter annual show and sale. Saturday viewing from 10:00 a.m. and plant sale from noon to 4:00 p.m. Lakeside Garden Club, 666 Bellevue, Oakland near Children’s Playland on Lake Merrit. The event is free. For additional information call Marilynne at 223-0443.

April 12 Traditional Easter Sunday Service 10 a.m. Arlington Community Church.

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9:45 a.m. Egg Hunt
10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship Service Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. (510) 525-0302



April 12 Personal Theology Seminar. Cathleen Cox, Community Minister at UUCB. Why Jesus Matters: The heavily mythologized figure of Jesus is at the center of the cultural wars rocking the country and the world today. Sunday, 10:00 a.m., UUCB, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. 510-525-0302.

April 13 Spirit and the Arts Theater, Dance, Song & Story for Youth 7–14 years. Monday, 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Arlington Community Church. 526-9146 for more information.

April 13 Teaching Overseas in the Peace Corps: Returned Volunteers Share their Stories and Slides Sue Gershenson. This event is free. Monday at 7:00 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 524-3043.

April 14 Classroom Safari Wild Animal Show Presenter Bonnie Cromwell. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 524-3043.

April 14 Alexander String Quartet – Classical Treasures. Haydn, Bartok, and Shostakovich. Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Cost: \$25.00. High school students: Free; Post-high school Students: \$10.00. Wheelchair accessible. 525-5211. www.berkeleycham-

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- berperform.org.
- April 15 Wake Up To Al-Anon 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Fireside Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington.

April 16 Kensington Senior Activity Center. Arlington Community Church. For info call: 409-0606.

April 16 Babies and Toddlers Storytime Kensington Library – See April 2 Listing.

April 17 Mini Concert 7:30 p.m. New Age Music with David Glass (piano). Cost \$15.00. Arlington Community Church. 526-9146 for more information.

April 17 “Inside Men” jazz group at The Arlington. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. For additional info call: 525-3900.

April 18 Breakfast with County Supervisor John Gioia. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Light breakfast included. No cost. George Miller III Children’s Center, 300 South 27th, Richmond. Call Kate Rauch at 374-3231 for more information.

April 18 How to Google or Search the Web Free Internet Classes. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 am. Call the library at 526-7512 to sign up. El Cerrito Library ,6510 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito.

April 18 UUCB Workshop. Write for your Life: Victories and Defeats and How They Shaped My Life. Led by Beth Glick-Rieman. Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Suggested fee: \$40, bring a bag lunch. To register, call Beth: (510) 524-2858. UUCB, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington.

April 19 Queer on Their Feet: an evening of hilarious stand up comedy and improvisation Two performances at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door; college students \$10 w/valid ID at the door. Advance tickets available at www.BrownPaperTickets.com or 877-278-4842. UUCB, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. For more info call UUCB: 525-0302.

April 19 Personal Theology Seminar. Rabbi Harry Manhoff, PhD, Temple Beth Sholom in San Leandro. Little known facts and other trivia about the Passover. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. UUCB, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. (510) 525-0302.

April 20 Kensington Library “Tween” Events Graphic Novel Café 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

April 20 Spirit and the Arts Theater, Dance, Song & Story for Youth 7– 14 years. Monday, 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Arlington Community Church. 526-9146 for more information.

April 21 Berkeley Garden Club Meeting – Benefit Spring Tea. Kay Wolf. Meeting is Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$8.00. United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Call 524-7296 for information.

April 21 Family Storytime – Best for Preschool and up. Kensington Library. See April 7 listing.

April 22 Wake Up To Al-Anon 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Fireside Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue.

April 22 Kensington Area Republican Women’s Club – Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Lunch at Mira Vista Golf & Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Cost \$20. Reservations by April 17. Call 524-5689.

April 23 Kensington Senior Activity Center. Arlington Community Church. For info call: 409-0606.

April 23 Babies and Toddlers Storytime Kensington Library – See April 2 Listing.

April 24 Congress of Republicans Speaker: Former Assemblywoman Lynn Leach 7:15 p.m. Gonzales Restaurant, 12955 San Pablo Ave., Richmond. Cost \$16.00. For reservations call Kay Weeks at 524-5689.

April 25 West County’s 10th Annual Earth Day Celebration. From 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Free event takes place at the recycling plant at 101 Pittsburg Ave. For additional information call 215-3021.

April 25 Invitation to Beauty. Explore how and where we find and make beauty in our lives. Led by Ruth Gendler. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Suggested fee: \$45.00. To register, call Ruth: (510) 524-7853. UUCB, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington.

April 25 All About Email. Free Internet Classes. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 am. Call the library at 526-7512 to sign up. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito.

April 26 Personal Theology Seminar. John McNally, Graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry, Hospice Chaplain. How Studying near Death Experiences has Benefited and Informed my Spiritual Life and my Life in General. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. UUCB, 1 Lawson Road .510-525-0302.

April 26 The Secret Gardens Village Marketplace. Park Day School 370 - 43rd St. Oakland 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free Admission www.SecretGardenTour.org

- April 27 Kensington Library Book Club will discuss *What is the What* by Dave Eggers. Monday 7:00 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. (510) 524-3043.
- April 27 Kensington Library “Tween” Events T(w)een Crafts from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.
- April 28 Family Storytime – Kensington Library. See April 7 listing.
- April 28 Kensington Municipal Advisory Council. 7:00 p.m. Call 273-9926 for further information.
- April 28 El Cerrito Democratic Club Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Light Refreshments and pizza for \$4.00 per person. Workshop chaired by Ms. Eileen Raphael from Just Economics. Theme will be “The Current Financial Crisis, What Happened and Why.” Fellowship Hall, El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave. For further info Contact Kip Crosby at 527-5953.
- April 29 Wake Up To Al-Anon 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Fireside Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue.
- April 30 Kensington Senior Activity Center. Arlington Community Church. For info call: 409-0606.
- April 30 Babies and Toddlers Storytime Kensington Library – See April 2 Listing.
- May 3 Class of 2009 Grad Photo 3:00 p.m. Kensington Park. High school seniors. (see page 1) Please contact Cynthia McAfee for additional information: cjmcafee@pacbell.net or 528-1908.

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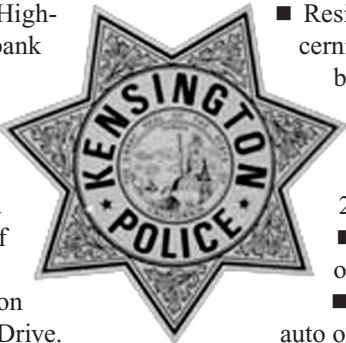
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From the case files of the KPD

Events in February.

- Identity theft on 100 blk Highland Blvd fraudulent use of bank account information.
- Counciled a juvenile with a parent the 600 block of Oberlin Avenue.
- Neighbor dispute over a new yard fence 00 block of Jessen Court.
- On-going alarm malfunction on the 200 block of Lake Drive. Resident present and addressing problem.
- On-going identity theft since 1996. local agency case number required for FTC investigation on 200 block of Willamette Avenue.
- Neighbors exchanging info after a minor parked auto collision on the 100 block of Windsor Avenue.
- Resident reported a door to door scam attempt on the 200 block of Lexington Road.
- Welfare check of resident on the 200 block of Arlington Avenue. No crime.
- Resident complaining of traffic problems/speeding vehicles on 00 blk of Arl-mont Rd.
- Female transported to hospital on the 700 block of Coventry Drive.
- Resident reported a speeding vehicle on 200 block of Arlington Avenue.
- Resident reports a parked vehicle on Anson way @ Eureka Avenue.
- Subject arrested on the 100 block of Kenyon Drive and released from station.
- Assisted with traffic control at Arl-mont Rd and Highland Blvd.
- Solicitor contacted at 00 blk of High-gate Rd and given a courtesy ride out of Kensington.
- Residents having a BBQ., Coventry Road @ Arlington Ave no crime.
- Vandalism - graffiti in park, 00 blk. Arlington Ave.
- Dog escapes 1600 blk. Oak View Ave, but is recaptured prior to KPD arrival.
- Vandalism - 300 blk. Arlington Ave. graffiti on gas pump.
- Complaint of solicitors on 00 block of Kingston Rd.
- Id theft reported on 600 blk of Beloit Ave.
- Vehicle blocking roadway on 400 blk of Colusa Ave.



- Resident requested advice concerning family situation on 600 blk of Oberlin Ave.
- Items stolen from a car on Kingston Rd.
- Resident feeling dizzy on 200 blk of Trinity Ave.
- Husband and wife arguing on 200 blk of Arlington Ave.
- Stereo stolen from Honda auto on 200 blk of Amherst Ave.
- Abandoned auto reported on 100 blk of Highland Blvd.
- Stereo stolen from locked vehicle on 200 blk of Yale Ave.
- Vehicle broken into on 200 blk of Colusa Ave. No property missing.
- Auto theft stolen out of Berkeley recovered on 00 blk of Anson Way.
- Subject on blk of Kenyon Avenue transported via AMR for trouble breathing.
- Fall victim on 00 block of Edgcroft Road transported to hospital via AMR.
- Vandalism on 00 blk of Rincon Road. window shot with bb gun.
- Security check on 300 blk. Arlington Ave. Requested by business owner.
- Identity theft 00 blk of Kenyon Ave. bank card used fraudulently.
- Keys found in street - Arlington Ave @ Oberlin Ave.
- Minor parking incident on 200 blk. Arlington Ave.
- Outside assist - traffic control at fire scene at 400 blk. Berkeley Park Blvd.
- Hit & run 100 blk. Purdue Ave. Late report of hit & run accident.
- Unable to locate barking dog on Coventry Rd. and Willow Ln.
- Vandalism graffiti at school - 00 blk. Highland Blvd.
- Abandoned auto on 00 blk of Kenil-worth Dr.
- Truck blocking driveway on 200 block of Willamette Ave. moved.
- Big rig blocking roadway at Oberlin Ave./Stanford Ave.

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Police dispatch	236-0474
Non Emergency office (daytime)	526-4141
Kensington Fire Department	
Emergency	911
Non Emergency office (daytime)	527-8395

Kensington Police Officer saves a life with CPR

On a recent winter morning, Kensington police officer Keith Barrow received a call to attend to a man lying in the road on Stanford Street. Upon arrival, he found the man lying behind a car. He checked to see if the man had a pulse and was breathing. He ascertained that the man was in full

cardiac arrest and had neither pulse nor breath. Immediately he called for backup and started CPR, alternately pumping the heart with chest compressions and blowing air into the man’s lungs. Once it is started, this process cannot be stopped unless it is decided that the victim is beyond reviving. Officer Barrow continued with this process and managed to control the gathering crowd of onlookers, until the arrival of Engine 65 from the Kensington Fire Station, when the paramedics took over the very exhausting process. They continued CPR while transporting the man to Doctors’ Hospital. By the time the patient arrived at the hospital, he had returned to life; he had a self-sustaining pulse and was breathing on his own. This was a very rare recovery, considering that the man had been clinically dead for a while before Officer Barrow arrived at the scene.

The Fire Department wrote to Police Chief Harman commending Officer Barrow’s professionalism, care, and cooperation. Officer Barrow will receive a commendation for his action from the department. For further information, please contact Kensington Police Chief Greg Harman at (510) 526 4141. Article reprinted from KPPCSD website.



Kensington police officer Keith Barrow

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