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KCC volunteers, above, put on an annual fund raiser so the kids who attend the Kensington After School Program, can do what they do best – from art (bottom right) to yoga (top right), and more.

KCC's Spring Celebration to Benefit KASEP

The Kensington Community Council will hold its 23rd Annual Spring Celebration this year on Saturday, April 9th, from 6:30-9:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome spring with neighbors and friends, and to help support the many recreational and educational programs that KCC provides for the community.

KCC is a nonprofit organization, which was incorporated in 1960 to provide educational and recreational programs and a neutral forum for community groups. KCC sponsors the Kensington After School Enrichment Program (KASEP) – which offers a wide variety of classes for children in kindergarten through sixth grade throughout the school year. Classes include art, Mandarin language, carpentry, sewing, cooking, music, dance, tennis, and other sports. The fall 2010 session saw a total of 55 classes offered, with an enrollment of 236 students. Approximately 42% of the students at Kensington Hilltop are taking classes with KCC.

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Please Contact Danielle Power at 524-6737



KCC also sponsors a Summer Day Camp for 200 children each year, adult recreational programs – including yoga and Pilates, it sponsors community events and programs, including the Fall Festival and Parade, a holiday performance for children, the Spring Celebration community fundraiser, the annual meeting of Kensington organizations, eco-talks co-sponsored with the Kensington Library, and walking tours of Kensington neighborhoods, among others. KCC also publishes the *Kensington Outlook*, which is funded by classified and display advertising, and by the KCC's annual fund drive.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Easy Way to Remove Kosel?

Cathie Kosel continues to defame and harass our elected officials as well as our fine chief of police and our CC supervisor, with an unmistakable racist tinge and sexism. The C.O.P. is doing a great job and got rid of a few nasty eight balls who had for years marred the force with quota arrests for traffic infractions while completely ignoring the stuff we hire them for. Is there a mechanism to remove her from office quickly?
mic jordan

Refuse Rate Increase?

To the Editor:
Residents of Kensington recently received a letter from Bay View Refuse stating their current contract to provide garbage pickup is insufficiently profitable due to the unforeseen popularity of smaller, 20-gallon garbage cans. Bay View Refuse is seeking a rate increase despite a contract that extends until 2015.
I have been happy with the service provided by Bay View, and the professionalism of their employees. But it's a simple fact that they made an agreement with our community at the current rates, and it was their decision to agree to a lower rate for the smaller cans.
In my work as a software engineer, I am asked to give estimates for the time and cost necessary to complete projects. I learned early in my career that failing to do this accurately can have significant consequences. I was at one point self-employed and had a fixed bid project that took longer than I expected. Breaking the agreement with my customer was not an option. I felt obligated to put in extra hours without additional pay. After that, I learned to think about unforeseen problems that could arise and worked hard to both consider them in my estimates and find ways to avoid them.
Bay View has been operating for a long time, and they know their business a lot better than we do. They should know what they need to charge to provide the service they agreed to and make a reasonable profit. If, at the time KPPCSD negotiated the agreement, Bay View had told them they wanted to charge more, our community might very well have considered other vendors.
The reason our community agreed to a contract with Bay View in the first place was to lock in a set rate for their service for the duration of the agreement. Why should we tear up that agreement and accept these new, higher rates? How does renegotiating this agreement serve the interests of Kensington?
Contracts such as the one we have with Bay View are the basis of our economic system. I believe we should hold them to our agreement for the duration of the contract. After that, they are welcome to ask for whatever rate they see fit during negotiations. And we may choose to consider bids from other service providers and decide who is best suited to meet our needs.
Isn't that how it's supposed to work?
Very truly yours,
Rodney Paul

Not Looking to be Calmed

To the Editor,
I was disappointed with your coverage of the traffic safety issue along Arlington Ave. (March: Calm the Traffic, Calm the Neighbors). The inclusion of a photo of a young child surveying property damage was not exactly unbiased reporting. Moreover, as a Kensington resident who lives on Arlington Avenue, I am not looking to be calmed. I am looking for real solutions that protect not just the Maguires but all of us who walk along this stretch of Arlington. A few facts and observations I would like to throw into the arena:
The first I heard of this proposal was in the *Outlook*. I live within the 00-59 stretch of Arlington Ave., and never received any petition from the Maguires or any communication from the city (*sic*), County, or the KPPCSD. This, despite the fact that the proposed radar sign will be in full view from my house. All of us along this stretch of Arlington deserved better communication. Learning about this after the solar radar system has already been purchased is disappointing.
There is no question all of us are agreed that something must be done to increase the safety along this stretch of the Arlington. For the Maguire's protection, for the protection of all pedestrians, as well as the motorists who drive too aggressively at this curve in the road. I hope we can all keep that in mind. We all want a good solution, and the sooner the better.
A radar sign placed a block before the dangerous area is at best merely a suggestion. As noted in your article, there is research questioning the effectiveness of these speed signs in getting drivers to actually slow down.
I would be very interested in why the radar sign has been proposed as the best solution. Why not permanent concrete barriers/bollards at the curve that would not only be a very strong incentive for drivers to slow down, but would also provide some measure of protection for pedestrians, as well as the McGuire's? An article explaining the reasons behind the choice of the radar sign over other seemingly more protective measures would be an article I would love to read in the Outlook.
Sincerely,
Carla Fried

Clarification

This clarification is in reference to the article published in the Dec./Jan. *Outlook*, titled 'New Directors of KPPCSD Board.' While the facts of the article are accurate, the Outlook wants to emphasize that there was no intent to imply that there was any unethical behavior on the part of Ms. Mari Metcalf.
Bruce Morrow
KCC President

Another Refusenik

Dear Friends,
When I received the recent letter from Bay View Refuse saying essentially that they were in financial straits, I went looking to find out if there had been regular reviews of the Bay View rates, and also, for the terms of the agreement between Kensington and Bay View. Upon reviewing the agreement with Bay View, and a copy of a "Final Report" from an independent firm which reviewed their rates, I found that Bay View was entitled to a small increase, which I understand has been implemented. In particular, I noted that the agreement with Bay View aims to give it a 12% profit margin. So the review found that Bay View was getting a good profit, but was entitled to a small amount more to achieve its targeted profit. In my view, Bay View receives a very generous return. The rumor I have heard from several folks is that owner of Bay View

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

The spring session of KASEP began on March 21st and continues through Friday June 3rd. A brochure of our current classes is posted at the www.AboutKensington.com website, under “Children’s Services.”

Adult/Child Hoop Workshop!

Come out and learn to hoop with your child/nephew/niece/grandchild/little brother or sister! Join Kaye for a 1½ hour hoop dance workshop for kids (ages 6 and up) and their grown-ups.

You and your child will learn how to move and dance in a hoola hoop! Kaye incorporates games and hoop tricks that will get you and your child having fun and moving together! No hoola hoop experience needed...Hoops provided for class and available for purchase. Please bring water.

Sunday, May 15th 10-11:30am

Kensington Community Park

\$30 per adult/child pair

(If you sign up with more than 1 child, it’s \$10 per extra child). Foster parents/children free.

Reserve your spots today! Contact Kaye at kayelcsw@hotmail.com or register directly through the Kensington Community Council at 525-0292. Learn more about Hoop Power at www.hoop-power.com.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

KCC Summer Camp Registration on Wednesday, March 16th 7:00 pm at the Community Center!

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Avenue in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Camp is for children entering first grade through sixth grades in fall 2011. The camp runs from June 13th through August 19, 2011, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis.

The price for one week of camp is \$205 (except Week 4, July 5th- 9th, \$160.00). Our camp has a maximum of 62 children per week. We employ one director, eight counselors, a tennis instructor and “specialty consultants” who work with campers each week on special interest activities. Extended daycare 8-9am and 5-6pm is available for an additional fee.

Each week campers will enjoy: Field trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area such as Scandia, Water World, the Exploratorium and the Jungle. Special interest activities include carpentry, art, golf, engineering and cooking.

Our new KASEP Administrator, Marty Westby, is not only working her administrative magic in the office, but is also a “phantastic” photographer! The photos on this page and the two KASEP kids on the front page are a few of her recent snaps.



Instructor, Vicky Brodt, creates beautiful mirror art with her crafty KASEP students

Registration

Registration will take place as follows:

Wednesday, March 16th, 7pm

at the Community Center.

Thursday, March 17th, 10am to 4pm

at the KCC Office.

On-going day camp registration: Walk-ins welcome.

Parents may register their children on a space-available basis during KCC office hours.

Brochures Available

For more information or a brochure, call the KCC office at (510) 525-0292.

*Special Activities Schedule:

Week 1: June 13 – June 17

- Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
- Field Trip to The Jungle

Week 2: June 20 – June 24

- Dynamic Engineering with Lance Akiyama
- Field Trip to Lake Anza

Week 3: June 27 – July 1

- Art for Fun with Jeanne Rehrig.
- Field Trip Oakland Zoo

Week 4: July 5, 6, 7 & 8

(July 4th holiday)

- Golf with Alex Brown

- No field trip

Week 5: July 11 - July 15

- Gymnastics with Judy Baker
- Field Trip to Scandia

Week 6: July 18 - July 22

- Gymnastics with Judy Baker
- Field Trip to The Exploratorium

Week 7: July 25 – July 29

- Cooking with Vicky Brodt
- Field Trip to Water World

Week 8: August 1 - August 5

- Sports & Games with Kim Roots
- Field Trip to Lake Temescal

Week 9: August 8 - August 12

- Recycle sculpture with Jeanne Rehrig
- Field Trip to Pier 39 / Alcatraz/Aquarium

Week 10: August 15 - August 19

- Wearable Art with Marge Essel
- Field Trip to The Jungle



Lance Akiyama’s budding KCC scientists are intrigued with the concept of density

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HOOP POWER

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Tuesday Mornings, 8:45 – 9:45am

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nity Center/Youth Hut

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No hoop experience necessary. This is a beginning class. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Hoops provided for class and will be available for purchase.

Kaye Anderson is the founder and lead hooper of Hoop Power. She is also a clinical social worker who has been working with children, teens, and families for over 15 years.

Questions: kayelcsw@hotmail.com or 919-2783. Registration: 525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com.

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Wednesdays, May 11-June 29, 7:30-

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Intermediate Pilates is faster paced and more challenging than beginning level classes. We will work with perfecting Pilates core strength exercises, building endurance, and also use Foam Rollers, Pilates Mini-ball, and Therabands. Taking this class can help you get fit in a way that reduces the chance of injury, while improving posture, balance and coordination. Some experience required in Pilates or Yoga, or permission of instructor.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Please sign-up early to guarantee a space. To register, drop by KCC Office (M-F 10-4), or send checks payable to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington 94707. More information is available at: 510-525-0292 (KCC). 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, at the Youth Hut (straight up the hill from the library). Ernie will be at the studio 10 minutes before the class. Feel free to come early if you have any specific questions.

Ernie Adams is a Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Movement Educator, with an extensive background as a professional dancer. He has over 17 years experience collaborating with physical therapists to treat orthopedic, neurological, dance and sports related injuries. Private sessions are also available. For more information, or to make an appointment, please contact Ernie at 619-9223, adams@bodyinaction.com, or www.bodyinaction.com.

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Community Center

Stan Cohen (533-3003) leads this informal but professional workshop for established and serious beginning adult artists. Mornings are devoted to developing painting, with assistance available. Afternoons are reserved for class critique. Enrollment is limited. Instructor approval required.

REGISTRATION

Class Registration: Please call the office at 525-0292. Some classes have enrollment limits; those registering will be notified if they can’t be accommodated.

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am.

Call the KCC office for information.

Court Fees: Residents – \$2 for a 45-min.

singles reservation. Nonresident: \$5.

Kensington Community Center Rental

Information: Please call KPPCSD

(Kensington Police Protection & Com-

munity Services District) at 526-4141.

Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Building E

(Across the grassy field above the tennis

courts in Kensington Park), Kensington

CA 94707. Email: kccrec@yahoo.com.



Students in the Art and Bookmaking class display their work.

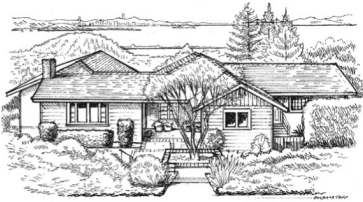
High School Seniors
in Kensington




Each June, the *Outlook* publishes a picture of Kensington students who will be graduating from high school. Please note the picture will be taken at the Recreation Center, Sunday May 15th, at 3:30pm. Contact Karen Whittemore, parent contact at karenwhittemore@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday May 15th

Featured Listings




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Neighborhood Notes

Connie Andronico's Great Danes Win the Gold – er, ah...Purple
This just in from dog lover and long time Kensington patron, Connie Andronico: “Over the last decade, I’ve owned a total of six Great Danes and I now reside with three. In February, my 4-yr old black boy, Atlas, received his AKC (American Kennel Club) championship in Albany, Oregon. I had Atlas’s late father, Titan, who was also a champion, so I’m quite thrilled to now have two generations of champions...On January 30th, my seven month-old puppy, Priam, a Mantle Great Dane (characterized by solid, broad-brush black and white markings), won Best Puppy at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show at the Cow Palace in Daly City....Purple ribbons are what I strive to get; no monetary awards are given, no marble base plastic trophy is awarded, just a 10-cent ribbon is presented, but I love exhibiting my dogs and they enjoy it too.” *Congrats, Connie!*


Connie Andronico's Great Dane, Atlas, (in black) wins an AKC championship.

Anne Forrest Local Woman of the Year in 14th Assembly District
Neighbors, community groups, and civic leaders were invited by Assembly member Nancy Skinner to submit nominations of women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make a significant difference in our communities. Last month, from these nominees, Assemblymember Skinner honored 14 women from the 14th AD. Anne Forrest, vice president of the Kensington Community Council, represented Kensington on this list. Anne runs the school’s Math Night and teaches small groups of students who need extra support in either reading or math. Among her achievements leading to this award were two programs she started: “Read Naturally,” and the school-wide book swap program. *Congratulations, Anne!*

Time For Attention to Drainage Infrastructure in Kensington?
Above Shoshana Wechsler’s home on Kenyon near Westminster, is a concrete storm drain. Into this drain pour two large pipes with runoff from Highland Avenue, comprised of water from the street, and, at times, from other nearby residences’ dishwashers or washing machines. Inside the drain is a third pipe, which receives the water discharged from the other two pipes and runs downhill from Highland to Kenyon, underneath one of Kensington’s infamously “unclaimed” paths, which parallels Shoshana’s home. Shoshana says the two pipes discharging effluent into the drain are owned by Contra Costa County. (Affixed to the concrete drain, is a medallion from the County Public Works Watershed Program, that says, “Do Not Dump – Drains to Creeks and Bay.”) Unfortunately, the third pipe is damaged, and much of the water never gets to a creek or the bay, but instead ends up on Shoshana’s patio – and, lacking sandbags – in her kitchen and under her foundation. According to Shoshana, “In the face of vigorous citizen complaints, the County (has) promised to inspect its storm drains on Highland and Kenyon and perform any necessary repairs. The County reiterated that it does not own the Highland-Kenyon path, nor does it own the pipe, but agreed that some entity should acquire title to the land so that improvements can be performed. The County is virtually broke and absolutely uninterested in accepting dedication of the paths and the concomitant responsibility for any associated drainage problems...What’s more, it has no effective process in place for mitigating hazards on unassigned land...Supervisor Gioia, Chief Harman, and County reps agree that a Kensington assessment district needs to be formed to finance drainage infrastructure. As for what is to be done now, there (are) no answers.” Having similar problems? Please contact Shoshana at swechs@pacbell.net.

The Poetry of a Sylvan Path
A subcommittee of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District is exploring potential ownership scenarios for the Kensington paths. According to committee member, Bryce Nesbitt, at last month’s meeting a resolution passed to investigate and compare these possible ownership scenarios: 1) No ownership action taken; path ownership remains in limbo – County permits street signs on public right-of-way above and below each path; 2) County accepts dedication; 3) County accepts dedication, on condition of joint use agreement from KPPCSD (e.g., KPPCSD responsible for maintenance); 4) KPPCSD acquires title, either as a transfer from the County or via “quiet title” after County disclaims all ownership interest; 5) County transfers title to contiguous property owners, owners assume property tax, and the County records the (currently unwritten) public travel easement into the deeds; or 6) County transfers title to a suitable non-profit corporation. Meetings are open to the public, and all interested parties, particularly owners of property adjacent to paths, are invited to participate. For more information, contact Bryce at 558-8770.

Kensington resident, Hanson Quan, snapped this photo of snow in Tilden Park on February 19th.



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Join Us for Lent and Easter

Arlington Community Church has a series of events planned for Lent and Easter. Come worship with us during this season.

• LENTEN THEME: “Create in us a clean heart” •

• Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. •

Group discussion with Jeff Lambkin.

• Ash Wednesday, March 9 at 7 p.m., and Wednesdays March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, and April 13 at 7:15 p.m. •

Taizé style chants, meditation and storytelling.

• Sundays, March 13–April 10 •

After worship Spectrums on current events and our scripture readings.

• Sunday, April 17 •

Our joyous Palm Sunday Celebration.

• Maundy Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. •

The ritual dinner and footwashing.

• Good Friday, April 22 •

Meditation and music anytime from 12:00 noon, and a Tennebrae service to start at 2:00 p.m.

• Easter Sunday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.

A celebration of their joyous news.

God is still speaking—at Arlington Community Church

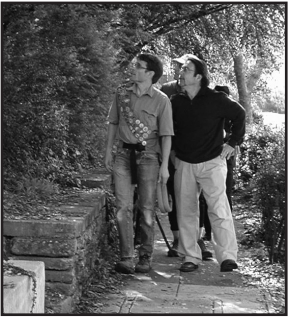
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Breakfast with County Supervisor, John Gioia

Beginning his 13th year as Supervisor, John Gioia sponsored one of his regular monthly breakfasts, this month at The Arlington in Kensington, on Saturday, March 12th. Breakfast was followed by a tour of the Kensington paths, led by Supervisor Gioia, Bryce Nesbitt, and Boy Scout Troop 100.

Among the standing room crowd were KPPCSD president, Chuck Toombs, former president, Lyn Wolter, vice-president, Linda Lipscomb and director, Tony Lloyd; GM/COP Greg Harman, Diablo Firesafe Council member, Gil Bendix, Acting Sgt. Kevin Hui, KMAC member, Kim Zvik, KIC President, Melissa Holmes Snyder and KIC member and sign board coordinator, Jaima Roberts, KCC Board member Joan Gallegos, and citizens-about-town, Bryce Nesbitt and Nicki Kaiser.

Preceded by a short update by Supervisor Gioia, topics of the morning's Q & A included pavement striping on the Arlington, curbs mysteriously painted yellow on Colusa Circle, issues of path ownership and liability, possible legalization of chicken husbandry and bee keeping within the County, the emergency notification system, internet sales tax ("Not much that can be done locally about that" – JG); pension issues for public employees ("It's clear that we want to pay our public employees fairly, we also want it to be sustainable and affordable to the citizens. In my opinion, the costs have



Supervisor John Gioia, Bryce Nesbitt, residents, and Boy Scout Troop 100 surveyed local paths following John's Breakfast-With-Your-Supervisor at The Arlington

become unsustainable."); sidewalk displacement and pruning/landscaping ("It's the responsibility of the homeowner – the public works dept. can notify homeowners if an issue is brought to their attention."); and emergency gas shutoff valves.

Supervisor Gioia wanted Kensington residents to know that current available technology only allows the County's Emergency Notification System to automatically call telephone land lines using a reverse 911 directory.

If you want to receive emergency notifications and alerts on your cell phone, you can sign up for this free service at the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office website at www.cws.cccounty.us.

Information on emergency preparedness is available on the Contra Costa Health Services website at www.cchealth.org/topics/emergencies and at Supervisor Gioia's website at <http://www.cocobos.org/gioia>.

Body Found in Kensington Park

On Saturday, March 12, at approximately 10:45am, a report of an unresponsive subject in Kensington Park was received by the Kensington PD. A local transient, white male, 50 years old, with family on Lawson Way, was found lying on a sleeping bag in the clearing just below the picnic area. The subject appeared to have been deceased for about seven hours. The County Coroner's Office and the Kensington PD are investigating the cause of death, at this time assumed to be a homicide. *Speaking on behalf of all Kensingtonians, we extend condolences to the family.*

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Past improvements in the park funded by KCC include the renovation of the Recreation Building (Building E) in 1999; new nets for the tennis courts; \$33,000 raised toward installing a new public bathroom in the park (first flush scheduled for October 2011); new water-efficient toilets and better outdoor lighting for the Recreation Building; and the addition of the park address to the signboard across from the library. The KCC pays for the continued maintenance of the Recreation Building – it repainted the exterior in 2008. KCC also contributes \$12,000 annually to the KPPCSD for park maintenance.

KCC has also pledged up to \$200,000 towards the remodeling of the Community Center. Capital reserves allowing, the improvements will include a new kitchen, refurbished bathrooms, replacement of the heating system, improved drainage around the outside of the building, and opening up of the west wall of the center to the outside garden area.

There exists a great deal of talent in our town, as well as a strong commitment, past and present, to participating in community improvement projects. KCC invites all Kensington residents to get involved. Regularly scheduled meetings are on the first Monday of the month at the Community Center.

Andronico's Market, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, and Mechanics Bank are generously sponsoring this year's event, to be held at the Community Center.

There will be food and drink to enjoy while bidding on silent auction items provided by local residents and businesses. Free entertainment and food will be provided for children from ages three to eleven.

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Many of our talented community members have helped support this fundraiser over the years by donating auction items for the event. If you'd like to donate an item for KCC's Spring Celebration, please contact Danielle Power at 524-6737; or for party information, call Marty at 525-0292. Tickets are \$25 in advance or at the door. For advance tickets, please make checks payable to KCC Celebration, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington CA 94707. Tickets will be held at the door.

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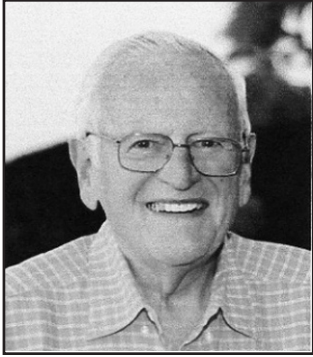


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From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From February 2011

- 2011-0788 – On 2/01/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 600 block of Canon Dr. to a report of a resident who was not breathing.
- 2011-0847 – On 2/03/2011, Officer Medina responded to the 500 block of Beloit Ave. to a report of a stolen car.
- 2011-0890 – On 2/05/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd. and arrested a subject for violation of a court order.
- 2011-0899 – On 2/05/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 300 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of a theft.
- 2011-0900 – On 2/05/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd. to a report of a verbal disturbance.
- 2011-0906 – On 2/06/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd. to an ongoing dispute between neighbors.
- 2011-0920 – On 2/07/2011, Detective Barrow responded to the San Francisco Sheriff's Department and picked up a subject for a 2005 DUI warrant out of Kensington PD.



- 2011-0921 – On 2/07/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Ofcr Turner responded to the 300 block of Coventry Rd. to a report of a hit and run traffic collision.
- 2011-0926 – On 2/08/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Ofcr Turner responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd. to a report of a stolen vehicle.
- 2011-0951 – On 2/09/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 1500 block of Ocean View Ave. to a report of a stalker.
- 2011-0989 – On 2/11/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 block of Yale Ave. to a report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-1042 – On 2/13/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Ofcr Colon conducted a traffic enforcement stop that resulted in a warrant arrest on the 300 block of Arlington Ave.
- 2011-1043 – On 2/13/2011, Sergeant Hull responded to the 100 block of Lawson Rd. to a report of damage to the roadway.
- 2011-1061 – On 2/14/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Franciscan Way to a report of a suspicious circumstance.

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KENSINGTON CALENDAR

April 3 Personal Theology Seminar: Kendra Smith, Ph.D., on The Meaning of ESP. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

April 3, 10, 17, 24 Farmers’ Market, every Sunday, rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. Live music and live produce. 847-0801 or *KensingtonFarmersMarket.org*

April 4 “Castoffs” Knitting Group. All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 5 Common Sense Approaches for Getting Into College. Martha Black, Certified College Admission Advisor, will give a talk on practical approaches to college covering affordable options, educational opportunities, and other factors in choosing a college. Free for teens and their parents. 4:30pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. 526-7512.

April 6 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters will meet on Wednesday April 6 at 1:15 PM at 631 Parkside Court, Kensington, to discuss local issues. Guests are welcome. Please call 527-1266 to confirm.

April 7 Reading Garden Book Club for Kids in grades 1-3 . The book club meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 4:00 pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 7, 14, 21, & 28 Baby & Toddler Story Time. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15 am & 11:15 am. Free. 524-3043.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

KCC - April 4th
Kensington Community Council
7:30pm • 525-0292 • 1st Mondays

FKL - April 5th
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm at the Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

KPSC - April 11th
Kensington Public Safety Council
EQ & Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

KFPD - April 13th
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - April 14th
Police Protection and Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - April 25th
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC - April 26th
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tuesdays 7pm.

April 8 Jazz with Inside Men 6:30-8:30pm at The Arlington.

April 9 Estate Planning Basics - Who Needs It? Attorneys from The Atashi Rang Law Firm will present an overview of various estate planning topics. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 10 am. Free. 524-3043.

April 9 Advanced Bunny Care: Beyond the ABCs, review of basic bunny maintenance and in-depth information on short list of emergency situations such as how to administer sub-q fluids and stop the bleeding. 1-5pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

April 10 Personal Theology Seminar: Beth Glick-Rieman, ordained minister and former pastor at United Theological Seminary, author of four books, and facilitator of a UUCB writing group, Write for Your Life. Neuroscience and Your Faith: An Exploration of Two Kinds of Knowing: 1. The working of our brains, 2. Biblical knowing beyond our brains. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

April 10 “From Many Roots” – Music for Organ, Gamelan and Flute 4pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington. A program drawn from European, Javanese, and Native American cultures. Suggested Donation: \$20, benefits the UUCB organ re-leathering fund; no one turned away for lack of funds. Wheelchair accessible; free parking. Info: *www.uucb.org* or 525-0302.

April 11 Scrabble Club. All levels welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 3 pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 12 Puppet Art Theater’s Bunny Boot Camp. Lieutenant Longears and his Battalion of Bunnies must complete the final delivery of Easter eggs before Sergeant Cottontail blows his top. However, the Big Bad Wolf has other plans for the eggs! Puppet Art Theater’s Bunny Boot Camp puppet show – for ages 3 and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 14 El Cerrito Garden Club meets from 9:30am to Noon at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Warren Know, owner of The Knox Box in Scotts Valley, will speak on Mobile Gardening Containers. Visitors are invited to attend, with a guest fee of \$3, payable at the door. Info: 233-9365.

April 14 Middle East Music. Al ‘Azifoon, a chamber group of musicians playing Arabic music on traditional and contemporary instruments, will perform a variety of works from the great Arabic composers, folk songs, and popular tunes. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 16 Workshop: Write for Your Life – Downing Your Demons, Claiming Your Angels. Led by Beth Glick-Rieman from 9:30am-4pm. Suggested fee: \$40. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. To register, call Beth: 524-2858.

Friday April 1st: **PTA Happy Hour & Jazz w/The Kensington Dad’s Band**
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April 16 Benefit for Childrens Hospital in El Cerrito. Presenting a family friendly evening of Middle Eastern bellydance. Performing will be Desert Heat Dancers, and other troupes and many soloists from around the Bay Area. Cost is \$15 at the door, location is the El Cerrito Veterans Hall, 6401 Stockton Ave., 7:00-9:30pm. Info: *jalena@wans.net*, or 236-7106

April 17 Personal Theology Seminar: Rev. Cathleen Cox, Community Minister at UUCB. Jesus, A Peasant with an Attitude. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

April 21 Craft Corner for kids in grades 1-3. Come create a fun craft to take home with you. Meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 3pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 23 Preschool Storytime & Craft. The storytime & craft will take place one Saturday per month—please check the schedule for specific dates. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 10:30 am. Free. 524-3043.

April 24 Easter Sunday Celebrations: 9am Family Worship Service; 9:45am Egg Hunt; 10am Pancake Breakfast; Worship Service at 11am. Come to any or all. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

April 24 Make Mine Chocolate Easter Celebration: Honor Rescued Rabbits! Enjoy local artisanal chocolate, coffee and wine tasting in celebration of rescued rabbits for Easter, 1-5pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito, 356-4233

April 27 Kensington Republican Women’s Luncheon. Guest speaker. Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Noon - 2pm. \$25. Please call Cay at 524-5689 to reserve.

April 28 Book Club. Discussion of American Rust by Phillip Meyer. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 30 Second Annual DEA National Take Back Initiative. Kensington residents can dispose of expired/unwanted pharmaceuticals, including narcotics, at this time. 10am-2pm at the Public Safety Building, 217 Arlington Avenue. Call 527-8395 or 526-4141



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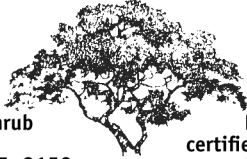
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wishes to sell the company, so wants to get more profits and/or a longer agreement so as to make the company more attractive to a buyer. I have no way of evaluating the merits of those rumors, but I feel the that letter we got from Bay View gives the impression that the company is being left out in the cold and that the agreement not being honored. The documents I read show the opposite to be true.

Like most Kensington residents, I am quite pleased with Bay View’s service, and that is why I wanted to review these documents to see if the company is being treated fairly. The documents are also posted at www.kensingtoncalifornia.org/waste-management. (Scroll to the gray box at the bottom of the page for links that will take you to these three relevant documents: 1) KPPCSD Integrated Waste Agreement with Contra Costa County; 2) HF&H Consultants Final Report 2009-10-26; and 3) KPPCSD Franchise Agreement with Bay View Refuse.) I hope that you will take the time to read these documents, and that you will forward them on to your neighbors they can review them for themselves.

Hope this is helpful.
Linda Lipscomb

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