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Traffic Stop

...from *front page*

In cases such as this, we’re going to do a thorough investigation. I asked for an outside review so that it’s thorough and independent.” Hart receives updates on that review, which is with the Internal Affairs department of the Richmond Police, but nothing can be shared beyond that Hart must work around the chief investigator’s schedule.

The oddities of the case are challenging. For instance, while California police officers can cross city or county lines to perform their duties, there are practical impediments to doing so. According to Sgt. Skip Showalter of the Riverside Traffic Bureau (in an interview in *Riverside County’s Press Enterprise*), most outside-the-jurisdiction actions involve a pursuit or a condition that involves hazard to life. Reasons not to stray across city or county lines revolve around liability, such as property damage or citizen injury during a chase, and inconvenience, such as the time needed to give court testimony in another jurisdiction.

“The key here,” Showalter said, “is that, in the state of California, we have the authority to act anywhere. But exercising that authority is complex outside jurisdictional lines—without a good reason.”

Then there is the question of why Barrow, who was off-duty, was riding along with Ramos in the squad car. These and others, said Hart, are all part of the investigation. And finally there is the ticket itself. The ticket contained several errors: the date was incorrect; there was no mention of the proper court, which must be indicated at the bottom and should be pointed out by the officer during the stop; and the court date was incorrect.

When Cordova called the court in Contra Costa County, no ticket had been filed—and during the November 10 interview with Hart, the ticket still had not been filed in the proper jurisdiction, in Alameda County. Hart said that he expected the ticket would be filed after correcting its technical errors. And indeed, on November 12, Cordova received a corrected ticket in the mail, with the date changed to October 7, the address of the court in Oakland, and a new court date, December 27, an

inconvenient time if one intended to leave town for the holidays.

“I can’t talk about why they would have made the stop,” said Hart. “I think that after the investigation is completed, I may be able to advise the community of some public information that is related to the stop, but not at this point in time.” He paused. “Guidelines must be met in order that the district abides by privacy rights and does not find itself with a liability problem. I’m trying to meet the standard of the law, and somewhere in that mix, I try to inform the public. I’m suggesting that everyone withhold judgment until all the facts come out.”

That is unlikely to happen. According to Hart, personnel investigations are not public information—and that applies to any employee, apart from the additional criteria enjoyed by public safety officials. Hart admits as much: “My goal is to be as transparent as possible, but I don’t know what that looks like yet. I will try to do my best for the community. I want to move the community forward in a progressive way, and that means having trust in the police department.”



Kensington Elementary student council begins a fundraising drive to assist Lake County elementary schools affected by the recent Valley fire. Photo by Annemarie Charlesworth

Beyond Borders: Kensington Elementary Helps Students in Lake County

By the Kensington Hilltop Student Council

The recent fires in Lake, Napa, and Sonoma counties burned 76,067 acres and destroyed 1,280 homes. When news of the fires reached Kensington, thoughts turned to Carla Hilton, a second grade teacher who resides in Lake County and rents a room locally during the week. “When we first heard about the fires, everyone was worried about Ms. Hilton,” said Annemarie Charlesworth, parent of a second grader. “She had to evacuate with-her—and they wanted to help.” Thankfully, Hilton’s house was spared. However, Susan Revier, who retired from Kensington in 2011 and is fondly remembered by older students, lost her home to the fire. Hilton commented, “It will take years to restore the community. People have banded together.”

When families wanted to help, Hilton shifted the focus toward those in greater need, suggesting a partnership with an affected school. The student council connected with

David Leonard, principal of Cobb Mountain Elementary in Middletown, which was heavily impacted by the fire. “The fire came up to the edge of our campus,” Leonard said. “Sixty students at our school have lost their homes. Some are living in trailers, some thirty to forty minutes away and have to take buses from a great distance to get to school. Many children lost pets in the fire.” Leonard lost his home as well.

With their community focused on basic needs —housing, food, clothing— Leonard noted that fundraising for enrichment is compromised. He explained that the fires destroyed a yearly highlight for sixth grade students of all three elementary schools in Middletown: a week-long science camp.

“The classroom is an ecosystem amidst the redwoods,” Leonard said. “Naturalists teach, and there’s an emphasis on the environmental impact we have on the planet. Now our ecosystem is going through a major transformation

Privacy Concerns Likely to Cloud Traffic Stop Conclusions

By Linnea Due

Interim Police Chief/General Manager Kevin Hart fears that Kensington residents may not learn as much they might like about the October 7 traffic stop that cast KPPCSD board director Vanessa Cordova, Sergeant Keith Barrow, and Officer Juan Ramos in a conflict stranger than fiction. Ramos and Barrow pulled Cordova over at Marin and Ensenada, in Berkeley, issuing her a ticket for a missing front license plate and a registration problem that Cordova called “baseless.” The Richmond Police, the Contra Costa County District Attorney’s office, and the FBI are now investigating the stop. “Since I’ve been here,” said Hart in an interview on November 10, “it has been one of my absolute goals to be as transparent as possible in all matters. I am committed to sharing as much as I can with the community. But we are an employer, so we have to abide by employer responsibilities.”

In the case of public safety officials, employee privacy rights are highly regulated. State Code 3303 governs how police officers can be interrogated about incidents. According to the code, any interrogation that could lead to “punitive action,” including dismissal, demotion, suspension, etc., must be conducted in a certain manner. The code lists ten conditions that must characterize a formal investigation, including right to privacy from the media, right to representation, statements obtained under duress inadmissible in civil court, and others. For this reason, Hart has not questioned Barrow or Ramos about the incident because to do so, he would be required to institute a formal investigation in addition to those already ongoing.

“It’s mostly called the police officer bill of rights, but it also applies to firefighters,” Hart explained. “It rubs the community the wrong way, because they can’t know all the facts.

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Kensington Education Foundation Garden Party, Nov. 21 featured plenty of fun to go along with fundraising for elementary school enrichment programs. Left: The Dads’ Club performing their annual ski auctioning a work party. Right: KEF President Brett Lash and her husband Jake Schweitzer. Photos by Doug Diego

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Letters to the editor

Fundraising for Community Center Renovations

The end of the year is right around the corner, and the Kensington Community Council wants to encourage you to make your KCC pledge by December 31. We thank all the community members who have already sent in their donations to KCC’s Matching Funds campaign towards future improvements to our Community Center. To date folks have generously donated over \$10,000 towards the renovation, all of which the KCC will match, bringing our total to over \$20,000!

Again, a big thank you to everybody who has contributed, and we hope to see more community members in the coming months step forward and take advantage of this opportunity.

Anne Forrest,
KCC President

A Tale of Two Districts?

Dear Editor:

During various discussions, at numerous times, I’ve heard that Kensington Fire gets a lot more money than Kensington Police. One number I’ve heard quoted is “\$1,000 more per parcel per year”—at over 2000 parcels, that’s over \$2 million. Another comment is that the Fire District gets “more than it knows what to do with.”

So I ask: Is Kensington “A Tale of Two Districts”—one rich, one poor?

After Prop 13 passed, the State Legislature set the allocation of the 1 percent countywide tax revenue from Kensington property owners at about 13.5 percent for KPPCSD and 30 percent for KFPD. Previously, KPPCSD received about 60 percent as much as KFPD, so the former was “short-changed.”

To make up for lost revenue, Kensington voters approved a special police tax, which grew from \$45 a year for a single-family parcel to \$300 in 15 years—an average increase of 13.5 percent a year! In 2010 voters approved another special police tax of \$200/year. KPPCSD’s three special taxes currently total \$530 a year, an average increase of 7 percent per year since 1980. Special taxes have increased at about the same rate as *ad valorem* property taxes (5-8 percent annually) since Prop 13 passed in 1978.

In 2013/14 KPPCSD received \$2.5 million in tax revenue, split almost equally between *ad valorem* and special taxes. Kensington residents also paid an additional \$200,000 a year to the county for the park purchase and \$1.2 million to Bay View for trash pick-up, services directed by KPPCSD. Adding these, the total cost in 2013/14 was \$4.0 million.

By contrast, KFPD received \$3.2 million in tax revenue, with less than 10 percent from the single \$83 special tax that has not increased since 1980.

Thus, the “average Kensington household” pays about \$1,800 a year for KPPCSD-directed services and \$1,500 for KFPD services.

At some point the discussion should include “need and value” of police, park/rec, and refuse/recycling services, relative to fire and emergency medical services—are they equal? Are the two districts entitled to equal amounts of money? If not, what is appropriate?

Sincerely,
A. Stevens Delk

Time to Express Support

Dear Fellow Kensingtonian,

Vanessa Cordova’s open agenda is to replace our Kensington Police Department with El Cerrito Police Department Services. Those who believe in the importance of keeping our own and current KPD have been taking all these accusations with a grain of salt; it may be time to express our support for the men and the service provided by our KPD. They provide safety with their presence in our streets and at our doors, whenever needed... true, they are not robots, but they do a great job given their budget.

Thanks!

Veronique Bucherre-Frazier

Combined Position Unfair to Employees

Dear Editor,

Some say that we have only recently had problems with the combined GM/COP, but really who would know? With less public awareness back then, and a board that historically did not get involved or provide oversight of the police department, I suspect employees who had issues just moved on.

In 2009, when Chief Harman was employed, friction ensued with staff, and several wanted to complain. Where could they go? Since Harman was the supervisor and the chief *and* the GM, the board was the only recourse. If you have a board that does not know what to do, is reluctant to take on the responsibility of managing even when it can, then nothing occurs. And that is what happened. The officer in question went before the board, as reported in the April 2009 meeting and was told by the board president, Mr.Toombs, to return to the chief to resolve the issue. The officer was later fired, and this occurred again, and ultimately there were hostile workplace, harassment lawsuits that Kensington lost. And rightly so, because a fair and balanced grievance process didn’t exist then—and it still doesn’t.

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Kensington Elementary

...from front page

after the fire. We are hoping to be a part of the renewal of the forest.”

Kensington student council members developed two initial fundraising strategies. At school, they will host a coin drive, encouraging students to come up with their own ways to earn money to help. “It’s important for kids to help kids and learn how to be compassionate and generous,” said Grace Maguire, a fifth grade student council member.

The second effort is a direct appeal campaign, asking Kensington residents to join them in supporting the Middletown Science

Camp Fund. “Since the fires, some kids and families don’t have what we have anymore,” said Adea Hansen-Whistler, a fourth grade student council member. “We need to help them.”

If you are able to support this project, please donate on the school’s website (www.kensingtonhilltop.org), or at the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School office at 90 Highland Blvd (checks payable to Kensington Hilltop Association; mark envelopes “Middletown Science Camp Fund”). The student council thanks you!

Ad Hoc Governance Committee Plans Public Forum

By Dave Spath

This is the first of a series of monthly columns intended to update Kensington’s residents on the progress of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District’s Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Operation Structure.

Background: The KPPCSD’s Board of Directors is embarking on a comprehensive review of the way KPPCSD currently governs and delivers critical services to the community. To provide a solid foundation for this review, the board created a process framework designed to have the ad hoc committee assess possible alternatives to the district’s current governance and operations structure including but not limited to: 1) Bifurcation of the current GM/COP position, 2) Contracting with other agencies, in part or whole, and 3) Consolidating with the Fire District. The committee will provide the board with a final report of its findings at a date still to be determined. The official process framework can be found at kensingtoncalifornia.org/kppcsd-board/kppcsd-documents/

The board appointed the committee in August; it first met in early October. The committee meets on the first Thursday of every month. We have had four meetings to date, including two special meetings. Committee members are Dave Spath (temporary chair), Charles Reichmann (temporary vice-chair), Garen Corbett, Miki Tal, Tim Snyder, Gail

Feldman, Lisa Caronna, Christopher Deppe, Rick Artis, and Simon Brafman.

The committee’s first activity is to undertake an assessment of the current structure of police services. That assessment will include determining the regulatory requirements for police services as well as the nature of current police services, including staffing and reporting structures and how that compares with other similar jurisdictions. In addition, an assessment will be made of the present and projected future cost of police services and the financial sustainability based on known existing and future revenue sources. The committee will also be developing a variety of mechanisms to gather community opinions on its desired police services. The committee will be holding a public education forum Saturday, January 23 at the Community Center from 10am to noon. At this forum, the committee will present its assessment of the current structure of police services, as well as solicit and collect information from the community. The district website includes a web page devoted to the Ad Hoc Governance Committee. The web page contains meeting agendas, audio recording of meetings and documents. There is also an e-mail address for residents to provide questions/comments/suggestions. The web page address is kensingtoncalifornia.org/kppcsd-board/ad-hoc-governance-committee/ and the email address is dps-path106@gmail.com.

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Letters

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In reviewing the grievance procedures of towns managed by a council manager system, the chain is crystal-clear: grievances proceed within specific time frames from supervisor to chief of police. If not satisfied, the dissatisfied individual files a written complaint with the city manager who oversees the chief of police. An investigation might be implemented, and a disposition made. If that is not acceptable, the complainant could approach the board of directors or the council and appeal the case with a hearing and a final ruling. If the parties have integrity, then I assume that due process was done and the issues resolved.

What we have in Kensington is a process rooted in unfairness and lack of oversight purely by the nature of the structure. A combined position makes no sense, has created very costly legal settlements, and continues to be problematic as our own board director has experienced. What is the recourse of citizens or employees who are not in agreement with the GM/COP? Why is it so hard for the town to give up a model that is legally dubious and doesn't work? One answer is that it is easier for others to potentially control and influence a police department if you only have one person to deal with.

Marilyn Stollon

Ordinance Could Provoke Litigation

Dear Editor,

In 2009, Paul Dorroh, Pat Gillette, and others circulated a petition titled "INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS." The features of the ballot measure were to prevent removal of the police chief position or any contracting out of police services, in whole or in part, "without prior voter approval." The petition collected enough signatures to be placed on the ballot, but instead, in October 2009, then-president of the KPPCSD board, Chuck Toombs, presided over a 4-1 vote to make the petition an ordinance. Then-director Cathie Kosel was the sole dissenting vote. Thus began what has turned into a can of expensive worms.

Fast-forward to October 2015. The KPPCSD board's head legal counsel, Randy Riddle, asked by current board president Len Welsh, presented an opinion to the board in closed session on, according to the agenda, "Anticipated Litigation—Significant exposure to litigation." In open session, the board made public Riddle's opinion about the validity of the 2009 Dorroh Ordinance. Its central finding is that: "For the reasons discussed in this opinion, a court would likely conclude that the Initiative Measure is invalid, and may not be enforced."

The 2009 Dorroh Ordinance very probably wouldn't stand up in court. But it is on the books, exposing the district to litigation. Litigation could come from pro-ordinance or anti-ordinance forces, or any Kensington citizen. For the past months, lawyers and non-lawyers alike have been looking at scenarios for resolution. One scenario goes all the way to the California Supreme Court, due to the tricky legal issues concerning the ordinance and the weird law under which the petition became an ordinance.

Timing is of the essence in our current financial and moral crisis. Employees are waiting for contracts. Interim General Manager/ Chief Hart's short-term contract runs out in June.

Sources close to the board say that should the board decide to contract out for police services, it will first place an advisory referendum on the ballot to seek voter approval. But such a process wouldn't fulfill the law in the ordinance. The referendum process itself and the threat of probable litigation extends the timeline for being able to contract out into the indefinite future. The Dorroh Ordinance as standing law puts the contracting option beyond reach.

The lawyer I spoke with suggested two options for voiding the Dorroh Ordinance and greatly reducing the threat of litigation. One is for the board to go to court to void the ordinance. The other is for a citizen to challenge the ordinance in court. If these moves are unchallenged, neither option would cost the district much money. Please write the KPPCSD Board of Directors and ask them to do the right thing and not maintain artificial barriers that put us all at risk of potentially costly, lengthy, and divisive litigation. Dear Board, take the bad ordinance to court and lay it to rest.

Catya de Neergaard

Halloween Food Drive

Dear Editor,

Jan, Mollie, Simone, and I want to thank our Kensington neighbors for their generosity this year during the Halloween for the Hungry food drive. We particularly want to thank the Kingston Road & Ardmore residences. This was our eighth year to donate to the food bank, and it was a huge success! Residents were all ready, and in many instances, cans were bagged on porches before we arrived. In total, more than three barrels were collected—a record for us. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Jan Schreiber, Mollie Hudson, Simone Hudson, David Hudson

Kensington Pays Dearly for KFD

Dear Editor,

My wife and I have been Kensington homeowners for almost 25 years. For years, neither of us was politically active in our community other than voting. That changed several years ago when I became concerned about the financial well-being of the district, and I started attending KPPCSD meetings monthly. I could not understand why financial statements were part of the consent calendar, and I asked almost monthly that it be removed from the consent calendar so that it could be talked about. I questioned management about various line items regularly. I think large variances on large line items deserve an explanation, especially when they have to do with tax dollars. Some people seem to think that I object to spending public money. Not true. I object to spending public money without receiving value in return.

During my "inactive" year, when the district signed the Agreement for Services by and between the Kensington Fire Protection District and the City of El Cerrito, I assumed the Kensington Fire District negotiated a fair deal. That may have been the case in 1995, but it isn't in 2015 and hasn't been for many years.

El Cerrito Fire Department operates fire services out of three stations, including our safety building and treats El Cerrito and Kensington as one single service area. The cost for El Cerrito is \$244 per capita per year. Cost for Kensington is \$673 per capita per year. How does one accept that we in Kensington pay two and three quarter times as much for fire services as do residents in El Cerrito when the service area is a single district?

And, a very dangerous fact, Kensington's response time over the last six years (2009-2014) has been 45 seconds slower than response times in El Cerrito. Think about how long 45 seconds are if a loved one has a medical emergency or if your house is on fire. We in Kensington are paying much more and are receiving much less. Changes are needed.

Karl Kruger


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<div data-bbox="1145 211 1326 432">  </div> <div data-bbox="1078 472 1419 553"> <h2>Kensington Police Log October incidents</h2> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 568 1419 621"> <p>False alarms, abandoned autos, medical calls, and others are omitted.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 637 1419 717"> <p>Thursday, October 1 CRIMINAL THREATS, Willow Lane Resident received two threatening voicemails.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 733 1419 814"> <p>Sunday, October 4 WRNT ARREST, Lake Drive Subject arrested for felony warrant.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 826 1419 910"> <p>Monday, October 5 OPEN DOOR, Coventry Road No signs of foul play.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 923 1419 991"> <p>DISTURBANCE, Yale Avenue Party was taken back inside.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1006 1419 1087"> <p>DISTURBANCE, Willow Lane Talked with resident over the phone. No crime.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1100 1419 1212"> <p>Tuesday, October 6 MISC., Willow Lane Two parties with an ongoing dispute over personal property.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1224 1419 1308"> <p>SUSPICIOUS EVENT, Oak View Avenue Strong foul odor near residence, nothing found.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1320 1419 1429"> <p>TRESPASSING, Lawson Avenue Three suspects, one arrested for trespassing, drug paraphernalia and probation violation.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1445 1419 1526"> <p>Wednesday, October 7 SUSPICIOUS EVENT, Coventry Road Message left on answering machine.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1538 1419 1606"> <p>AUTO BURGLARY, Arlington Avenue Vehicle window smashed and property taken.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1622 1419 1731"> <p>Friday, October 9 MISSING PERSON, Highland Blvd. Resident reported father missing. Father was later located. Apparent miscommunication.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1743 1419 1827"> <p>Saturday, October 10 MISC., Ocean View Avenue Roommate dispute.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1839 1419 1976"> <p>Monday, October 12 HIT AND RUN, Coventry Road Vehicle hit one parked vehicle in Kensington, and two parked vehicles in El Cerrito. No injury.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 1992 1419 2073"> <p>Tuesday, October 13 MISC., Williamette Avenue Cat trapped under porch and could not get out.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 2088 1419 2169"> <p>MISC., Coventry Road IRS scammers calling resident. No informatio exchanged.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 2181 1419 2265"> <p>Wednesday, October 14 DISTURBANCE, Colusa Avenue Family members in a dispute. No crime.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 2278 1419 2362"> <p>FRAUD, Los Altos Drive Suspect made an online account using victim's information.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 2374 1419 2458"> <p>MISC., Arlington Avenue Subjects yelling obscenities from a moving vehicle left the area.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 2470 1419 2551"> <p>Thursday, October 15 TRAFFIC / MISC, Highgate at Sunset Three vehicles marked for tow.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 2567 1419 2648"> <p>EXTRA PATROL, Highland Blvd. Request for extra patrol for speeding during morning commute.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 2663 1419 2744"> <p>IDENTITY THEFT, Yale Avenue Resident's information used to open satellite TV account without her permission.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1078 2756 1419 2840"> <p>Friday, October 16 FOUND PROPERTY, Purdue Avenue Resident locates wallet on trail.</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="1512 211 1810 320"> <p>Saturday, October 17 MISC., Purdue Avenue Cat stuck in wall. Engine 65 saved cat without KPD assistance.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 335 1810 444"> <p>Sunday, October 18 COMMERCIAL BURGLARY, Colusa Avenue Unknown suspect(s) entered through window and took currency.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 456 1810 540"> <p>THEFT, Marchant Court Unknown suspect(s) opened unlocked car and took property.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 553 1810 637"> <p>COMMERCIAL BURGLARY, Colusa Avenue Unknown suspect(s) entered through front door and took currency.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 649 1810 717"> <p>HIT AND RUN, Colusa Avenue Minor damage traffic accident.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 733 1810 826"> <p>Tuesday, October 20 OUTSIDE ASSIST, Grizzly Peak Blvd. Searched for a missing elderly adult male from Berkeley with negative results.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 842 1810 951"> <p>Thursday, October 22 OUTAIDED, Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito Flagged down in El Cerrito on the report of a fight at El Cerrito HS. ECPD responded</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 963 1810 1047"> <p>Friday, October 23 AUTO BURGLARY, Arlington Avenue Vehicle window smashed and purse taken.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1059 1810 1143"> <p>ASSAULT, Highland Blvd. Two reported assaults occurred over the last week between two children.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1156 1810 1240"> <p>IDENTITY THEFT, Kingston Road Victim reported several stolen checks being cashed against her checking account.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1252 1810 1389"> <p>SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Lawson Dr. Several days prior a suspicious vehicle was speeding in the area, possibly related to sub-jects coming and going from vacant boarded-up home.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1401 1810 1513"> <p>Sunday, October 25 CIVIL, Stratford Drive Landlord/tenant dispute over verbal lease agreement.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1526 1810 1594"> <p>FOUND PROPERTY, Arlington Avenue Victim's lost wallet was returned to him at KPD.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1606 1810 1703"> <p>Monday, October 26 SUSPICIOUS PERSON, Ardmore Drive PG&E subcontractor checking status of power pole integrity.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1718 1810 1799"> <p>HIT & RUN, Purdue Avenue Non-injury hit and run collision with a parked car.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1815 1810 1895"> <p>Tuesday, October 27 SUSPICIOUS-DEAD BODY, Cowper Avenue Subject located in bedroom, not breathing.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 1908 1810 2020"> <p>Wednesday, October 28 MEDICAL, Edgecroft Drive Elderly male fall victim was escorted to his bed by Engine #65.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 2032 1810 2113"> <p>DISTURBANCE, Arlington Avenue Irate motorcycle driver confronting motorist in Berkeley.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 2128 1810 2209"> <p>MEDICAL, Lawson Road Elderly fall victim treated by ECFD65 and transported to hospital for evaluation.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 2225 1810 2306"> <p>Thursday, October 29 DISTURBANCE, Arlington Avenue Family dispute over things in the home. No crime and no further action taken.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 2318 1810 2402"> <p>DISTURBANCE, Stratford Drive Landlord/tenant dispute. Tenant will be moving in the next few days. No action taken.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 2414 1810 2498"> <p>SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Coventry Road Resident called about suspicious vehicle. Con-tacted two male subjects who had just come from a girlfriend's home. No action taken.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 2511 1810 2595"> <p>ANIMAL, Beverly Road Dog bit adult neighbor. Animal Control took over investigation.</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1512 2607 1810 2688"> <p>Friday, October 30 DISTURBANCE, Stratford Drive Dispute over friend being told to leave home. Friend wanted to stay five more days and was told to leave. Friend left without incident.</p> </div>
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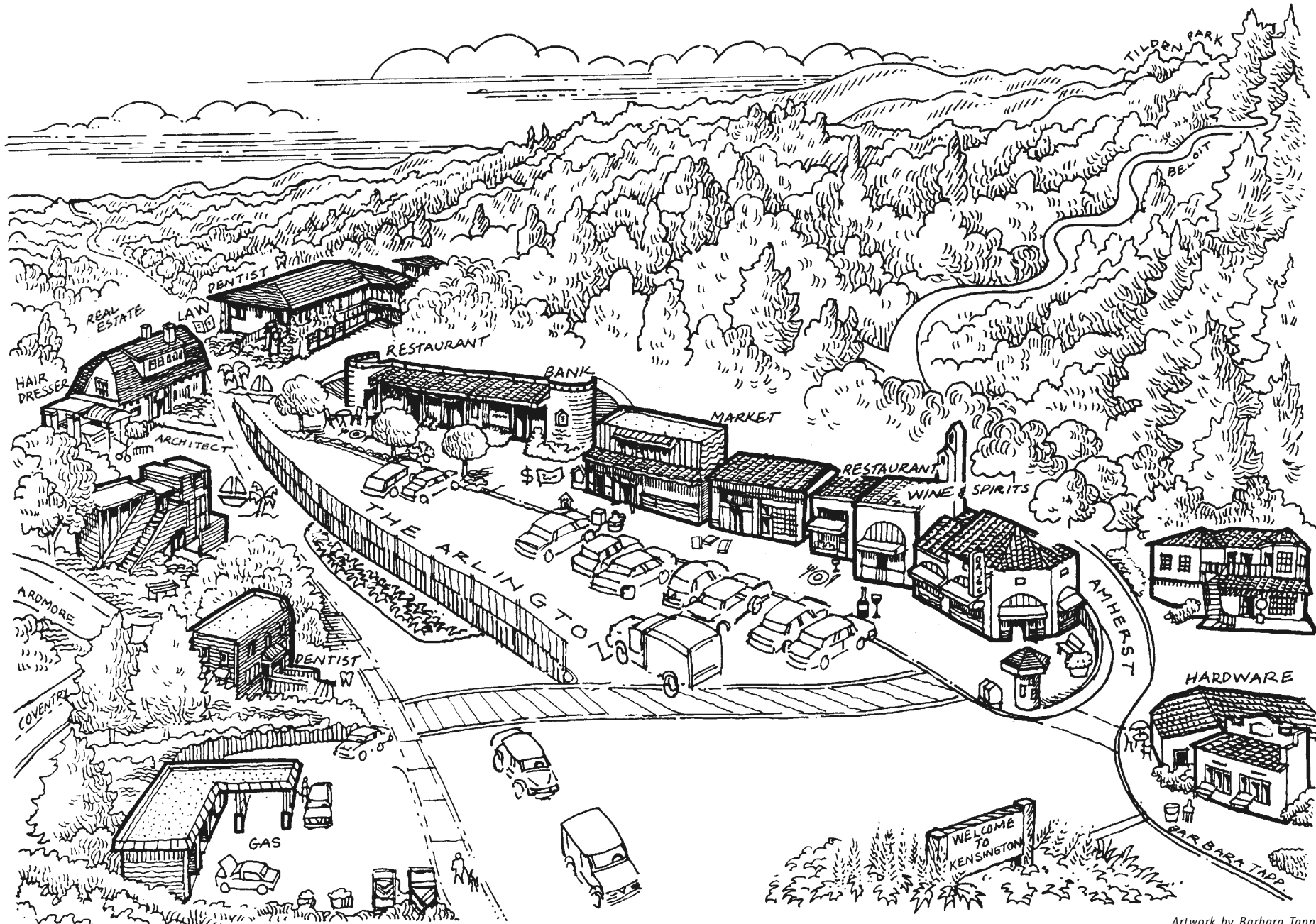
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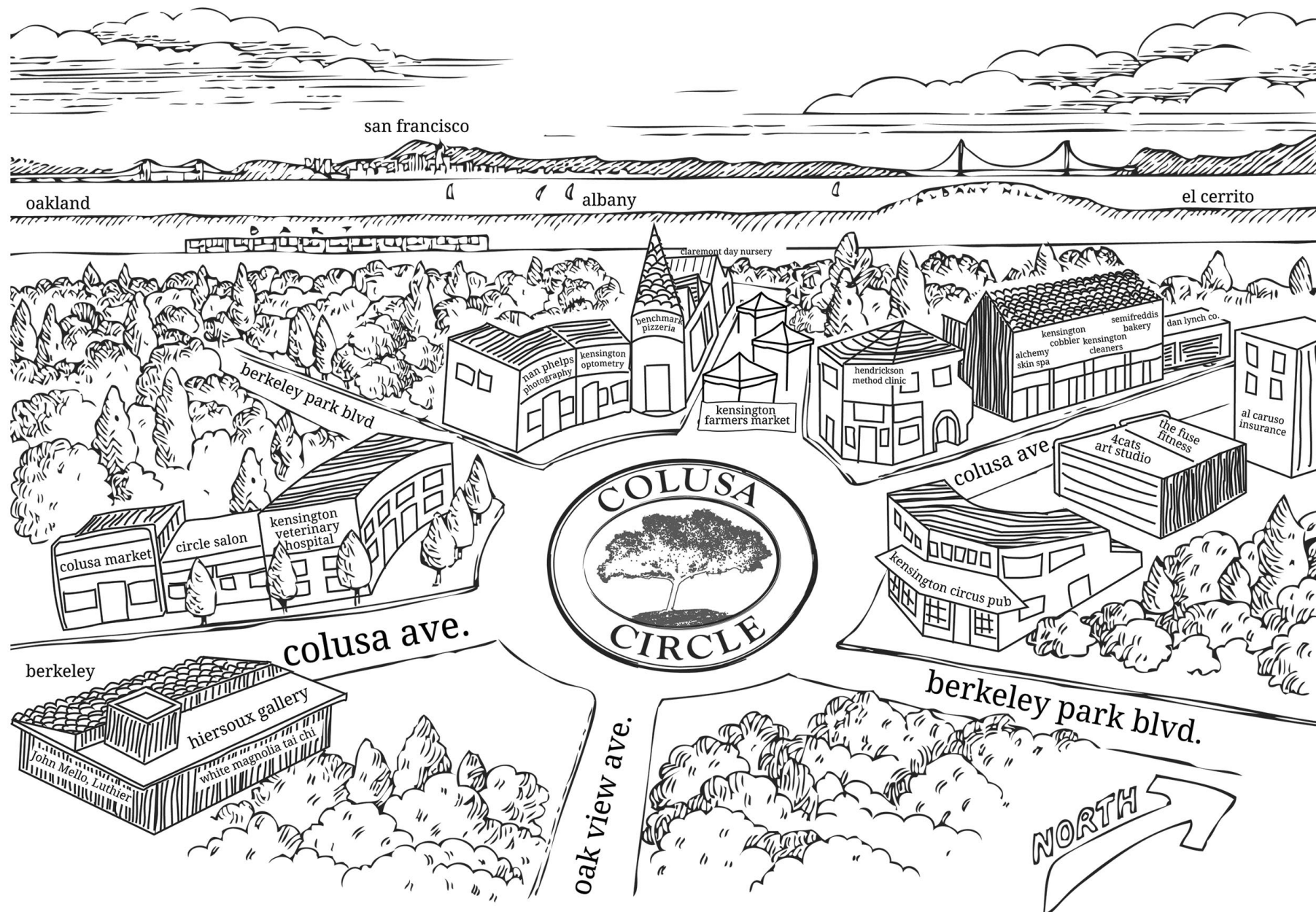
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Community Education

KASEP

Happy Holidays Families! Our Winter Online Registration is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30pm. Winter KASEP starts on the Monday, January 4th - same day Hilltop School starts up again. If by accident you missed online registration, call the KCC office to see what classes have spaces left. With 56 classes being offered, I am sure we can find something to fit your schedule and interest.

KASEP FALL session ends on Friday, December 18th. Our office will be closed for winter break, Monday, December 21st - Sunday, January 3, 2016. Winter KASEP session runs for 10 weeks, January 4th through Friday, March 18th.

Meet KASEP Teachers

KASEP has a jewel among our teaching staff and those who have taken her class know what I am talking about! Shelly Cournoyer has been teaching jewelry and sculpture with us since 2011. She earned her Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree from College of Arts and Craft and is a recognized fine art jeweler. Did you know Shelly was one of key artists who created the Metals and Jewelry Art Studio at the Richmond Art Center? Shelly pushes the boundaries of art and thrives to provide the framework for our children to experience their inner creativity. This Winter KASEP Session, Shelly is teaching two classes: "Jewelry" and "Sculpture Mania".



Shelly Cournoyer, KASEP Jewelry and Sculpture Teacher

Her vision for Sculpture Mania is kinetic and 3-D, using available mediums such as metal, jute, wire and wood, and incorporates macramé knots learned in her FALL KASEP class. Guaranteed to stretch your imagination!



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Registration

KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Bldg E (across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. E-mail: kcceec@yahoo.com, or call 525-0292. M-F, 10am-4pm

Tennis Court Reservations: For week-ends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for info. Court Fees: 45-min. singles reservation: Residents: \$2; Nonresidents: \$5.

Kensington Community Center Rental Info: Please call KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District) at 510-526-4141.

Acrylic Artists

Wednesdays, 9:45am - 12:30pm
Open Studio, lots of natural light. Come paint in community of other artists. Easels are provided, bring your canvas, paints and creativity! The mornings are spent painting, bring a lunch and relax. Community Center, ongoing.

Artists will be taking a winter holiday break, Dec. 18 - Jan. 4th, 2016, resuming on Wednesday January 6th.



KCC's Wednesday Artists

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Daily, Monday through Friday 8:15 – 9:15am Ongoing – bring mat and water. Low Impact. Closed Dec. 24th through January 3, 2016; Resumes Monday, January 4, 2016

Body Sculpting

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15-10:15am ongoing; Community Center. Body sculpting is shaping your body to look leaner, more toned and strengthened. Register at class. Come join the fun and get healthy. Just bring a mat and weights. Questions? Call Kevin at 486-2728. Location for both classes: Kensington Community Center. Closed Dec. 24th, 2015 through January 3, 2016; Resumes Monday, January 4, 2016



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Kensington Calendar

Ongoing Low Impact Jazzercise, 8:15-9:15am; Mondays through Friday, Kensington Community Center. No meeting December 25-January 1.

Ongoing Body Sculpting, 9:15-10:15am; Tuesdays and Thursdays, Kensington Community Center. No meeting December 25-January 1.

Ongoing Acrylic Artist, Wednesdays 9:45-12:30pm, Kensington Community Center. Open Studio to paint. Artists are taking a winter break, December 18-January 5. Sessions resume Wednesday, January 6.

Ongoing Pilates Classes with Ernie Adams Increase core strength with the proper awareness and mental focus to get stronger without getting hurt! Classes combine Pilates with elements of Yoga, Dance, and Feldenkrais® Movement Education. In addition to getting stronger, you also learn how to improve flexibility, coordination and balance. Tuesdays: 6:15-7:15pm, Saturdays: 10:45-11:45am. 7512 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito.



December Calendar Events

December 1 Best of Myth at the Movies: *Babette’s Feast*. View this movie before class, then come to the discussion led by Richard Stromer from 7:00-9:15pm. \$8 per session. Info: Richard Stromer, (510) 682-6302; registration: Lonnie Moseley, (510) 655-1444 or lonniemoseley@hotmail.com. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

December 1, 8, 15 Family Storytime. Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals & pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

December 2 Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters WCCC will meet at 1:15pm at 631 Parkside Court to discuss local issues. Guests are welcome. Please confirm at 527-1266.

December 3, 10, 17 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

Dec. 4-24: Winter Arts & Crafts Show sponsored by the El Sobrante Art Guild. 11:00am-7:00pm (closing at 2:00pm on Christmas Eve, December 24). 3500 B Klose Way, Richmond (in Hilltop Plaza). 510-232-8143 elsobranteartguild.org

December 5 Read to Izzie the Dog! Izzie is a registered therapy dog, and she loves to have children read to her. Fifteen-minute appointments can be booked; walk-ins welcome to remaining time. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 10am to noon. Free. 524-3043.

December 5 Annual Holiday Boutique will be held at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, from 11am-3pm. A variety of handcrafted goods will be available for purchase—just in time for Christmas. In addition there will be a holiday basket raffle! Sponsored by the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) where all proceeds go to scholarships.

December 6 Tony Bushman, life coach, pastoral counselor, consultant and professor; group, workshop and retreat leader; world traveler and photographer. “Paying

Attention to What Has Heart & Meaning.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

December 7 Kensington Library Knitting Club “The Castoffs” All levels welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn. We will provide support, encouragement and help. Learn new stitches, share your talents, and meet new friends. Meets on the first Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

December 10 El Cerrito Garden Club annual holiday luncheon, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The luncheon, which costs \$25, begins at 11:30am with a happy hour and includes a full meal and holiday sing-along with piano accompaniment. Reservations are due December 4. For information about reservations, including meal choices, call Bonnie at (510) 237-4654.

December 12 Science Storytime! Experience the fun of a winter snowstorm in a jar. Listen to a story about wacky weather changes and build your own snowman! El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 11am. Free. 510-526-7512.

December 13 Jeremy Taylor, pioneer in dream work; author of several books on dream symbolism, mythology and archetypal energy; teacher and UU minister. “In Praise of Confusion.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

December 20 Jeremy Taylor, (see Dec. 13 for bio). “Paying More Attention to Dreams.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org. (No session December 27)

December 20 Messiah Sing-Along, 6pm. Bryan Baker will conduct a sing-along concert, with live orchestra, of Handel’s “Messiah” at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. This performance features Katya Kolesnikova (organ and harpsichord), and soloists Marcelle Dronkers, Meghan Dibble, Rod Lowe, Barry Zuckerman, and Richard Fey. Scores are available to borrow (deposit: ID or \$10). Tickets available at brownpapertickets.com and at the door: \$15 general, \$10 students. No one turned away for lack of funds. The church is wheelchair accessible and parking is free and plentiful.

December 21 Travel Lecture “Road Tripping & the National Parks of South Africa” Please join the Kensington Library and Kensington resident and retired tribal art expert, Laurent Bermudez, for the last in our three part Armchair Travel Series. Having driven over 10,000 kilometers through four Southern African nations and at least two dozen wildlife parks Laurent has experienced first-hand what most will only know through film and text. His lecture will cover much of these travels with a historical, social, and philosophical slant of what all travelers might expect in South Africa. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

December 28 Kensington Library Book Club Discussion of *Amsterdam*, by Ian McEwan. Book Club normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.



January Calendar Events

January 3 Rev. Theresa Hardy, UUCB Chaplain with VITAS Innovative Hospice Care in Fairfield; active in UUCB youth programs. “Perspectives on Grief, Death, and Dying in the Present Day.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

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January 5, 19, 26 Family Storytime. Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals & pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

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January 10 Hana Matt, teacher of world religions at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) and Interfaith Chaplaincy; author and lecturer; spiritual director and counselor. “The Divine Feminine: Native/Indigenous Beliefs.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

January 12 Winter Magic Show! Mike Della Penna presents this very special seasonal magic show filled with laughter and participation opportunities! Come warm yourself this season with a little fun and a whole lot of wonder. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

January 14 El Cerrito Garden Club meeting and guest speaker, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane at 9:30am. Virginia Kean, editor of “Eden,” the quarterly journal of the California Garden and Landscape History Society, will speak on heritage roses. Presentation begins after a short general meeting and refreshment break. Members free. Guests \$3. elcerritogardenclub.org or call Bonnie (510) 237-4654.

January 16 Active Imagination in the World—Linking Yourself to the World led by Dr. Lori Goldrich. 9:30am-1pm. Suggested donation \$ 30 (includes artistic materials). To register, contact: Lonnie Moseley, (510) 655-1444 or email lonniemoseley@hotmail.com.

January 17 Hana Matt, (see Jan. 10 for bio). “The Divine Feminine: Hindu/Buddhist Beliefs.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

January 19 Berkeley Garden Club Lecture Program Conservation recipients update: Carol Bowen of Berkeley Path Wanderers and Susan Schwartz of Friends of Five Creeks. 12:30-1pm Plant Exchange, 1-2 General Meeting, 2-3 Lecture. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue, Albany. Public welcome!

January 23 Ad Hoc Governance Committee hosts a public forum to discuss its initial findings on police services and to gather information from residents. Please

come to this important meeting. See page 3 for more information. Community Center, 10am-noon.

January 23 Mt. Diablo: A Jeweled Island in Suburbia. Join Naturalist Michael Marchiano as he engages his audience about the treasures at their back door on Mt Diablo. Experience live wildlife and preserved specimens found on the mountain that was sacred to local Native Americans! Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 2pm. Best for Adults through 4th graders. Free. 524-3043.

January 24 Rosemary Bray McNatt, President of Starr King School for the Ministry; author of 3 books, including her memoir *Unafraid of the Dark*; former editor at *N.Y. Times Book Review*. “What Unitarian Universalism Looks Like Twenty Years from Now.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

January 25 Kensington Library Book Club Discussion of *Brooklyn*, by Colm Toibin. Book Club normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

January 31 Jay Atkinson, Minister Emeritus, UU Church of Studio City; writer and teacher; research scholar at Starr King, “Our Universalist Heritage.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

Town Meetings

(Schedule Subject to Change – Call to Confirm.)

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

KCC-Dec.7, Jan.4, Kensington Community Council 1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

FKL-Dec.1, Jan.5, Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

Ad Hoc Committee-Dec.3, Jan.7, 7pm, Community Center. 1st Thursdays

KPSC-Dec.14, Jan.11, Kensington Public Safety Council Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness 2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

KARO/ECHO-Amateur Radio Operators 2nd Mondays of odd months, 7:30pm. 524-9815

KFPD-Dec.9, Jan.13, Fire Protection District 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD-Dec.10, Jan.14, Police Protection and Community Services District 2nd Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

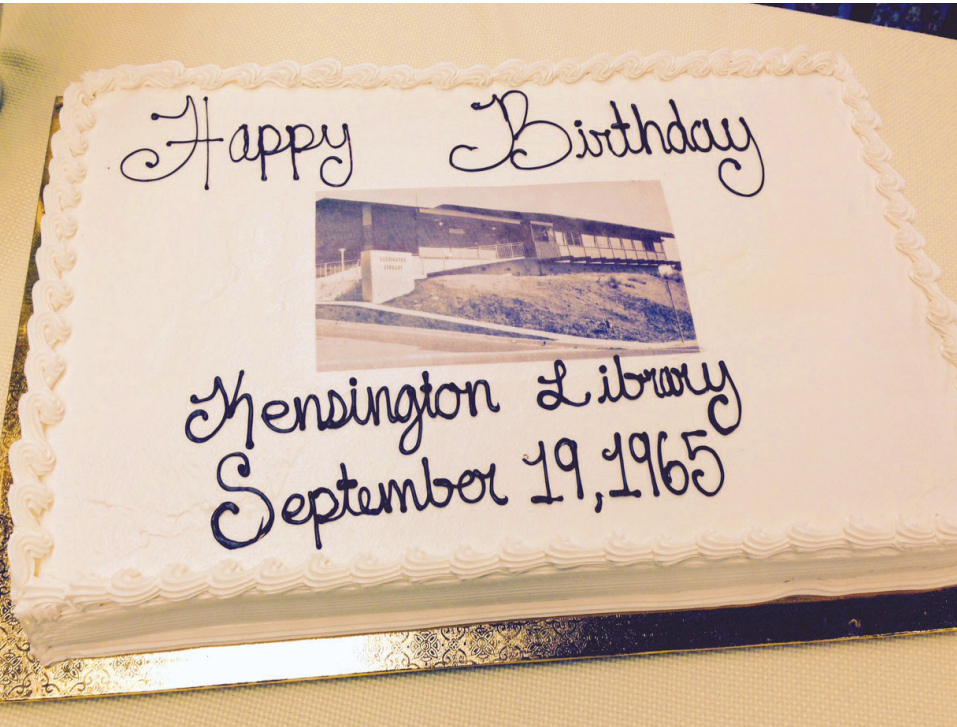
KIC-Dec.28, Jan.25, Kensington Improvement Club 4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 527-3062

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On November 14, patrons gathered at the Kensington library to celebrate the building’s fiftieth anniversary. Gretchen Gillfillan, second from right, holds a plaque of appreciation from the county. Supervisor John Gioia announced a happy surprise: the adult reading area in the rear of the building will be named for Gillfillan. From left to right: Melanie McCallum, branch manager; Gioia; Nancy Okasaki, FKL president; Larry Sullivan, FKL treasurer; Gillfillan, FKL founding treasurer; Erin Makarczyk, FKL publicist. *Photos by Jim Fisher*

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Neighborhood Notes

In Memoriam: Llewellyn (Bill) F Stanton (June 10, 1940 – June 18, 2015)

Bill Stanton passed away in June as a result of multiple medical issues but especially due to severe COPD. He was a good neighbor in Kensington and became known around our small town, especially on our block on Windsor Ave. He smiled at everyone he saw, spent a lot of time talking to the neighbors, and got to know them during his frequent walks with our dogs.

He was a man “who never knew a stranger.” He was a seeker, adventurer, and visionary; creative, and curious with multiple interests. He was a hiker, camper, and outdoorsman with an eye to astronomy. He spent years traveling before I knew him when he went to school in Africa, spent two years traveling in the Sahara and experimenting with whatever interesting opportunities came his way. His interests never waned. He collected everything and enjoyed everything. He loved music of all kinds. His family knew him to be voracious in appetite and in seeking out new opportunities, experiences. He made my life a lot more interesting. I am going to miss all he taught me, but I will have interests we shared to relive in the future.

Bill taught high school in the Watts area during the ‘70s before he went back to school to be a nurse. He worked at UCSF on the orthopedic floor and then became a research coordinator assisting with drug research for AIDs at the VA in San Francisco. He was asked to work for UCSF and the CDC at San Francisco General Hospital on drug protocols for TB research. He was married three times, had four children, and four grandchildren. He had friends he didn’t know he had, and the flood of letters, emails, food, and plants that

I received upon the news of his passing were evidence of how wide his influence was during his lifetime.

He was one of the members of the infamous “writ” suit, which he told me would last no more than a month. Two years later, when Bill was on full oxygen, we spent twelve grueling hours on the arbitration efforts between parties (KPPCSD and six writ members) to come to an agreement with the help of the judge assigned to end this prolonged struggle.



Bill was a patriot working for our community. I know that Bill would have appreciated knowing there was support for the work the Writ group accomplished. As a memorial to Bill Stanton please make a contribution in his name to the San Francisco ACLU at the following address/link to “tribute gifts”: www.aclunc.org/donate/tribute-gifts –Donna Stanton

OSKI is up for Auction!

Our Kensington Grand Marshall 2015, Bob Shaner, is a man of many talents! He has generously donated one of his hand-carved Cal Bears for auction and donating the proceeds to KCC.

Starting bid is \$55.00. OSKI’s new home will go to the highest bidder. OSKI is the perfect gift for that hard-to-please person on your list. Deadline for all entries is Wednesday, December 16th at 3:00pm. Winner will be presented OSKI on Thursday, December 17th! Bids must be in writing and received by Marty Westby at the KCC Office, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington 94707. Please include your full name, telephone number and amount you are bidding. –Anne Forrest



Compost 101

A free home composting workshop will be offered at the Kensington Community Center February 13 from 9:30am to 11:30am. Anyone can learn to compost or improve existing techniques by following some basic steps. The workshop will touch on worm composting as a means of turning kitchen scraps into a compost of exceptional quality. Free instructional materials on home composting will be provided to attendees.

Instructor Todd Sutton has appeared on national television including Discovery and History channels, educating thousands on waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting.

Food waste disposal is a national problem. Food waste is the largest discarded material category in the US, accounting for 14.1 percent of the municipal waste stream at 34.3 million tons per year. Food waste sent to a landfill is buried and decomposes in the absence of oxygen, which produces methane, a significant greenhouse gas.

Composting your yard trimmings and food scraps is easy, adds nutrients to your yard and garden, is kind to our environment, and good for you too! If done correctly, a compost pile can produce finished compost within three months. All Contra Costa County residents are welcome. Call 925-674-7831 or email maureen.parkes@dcd.cccounty.us for reservations.

Readying for El Nino

The Kensington Fire Protection District is providing sandbags to the community for the upcoming winter weather. Sandbags are available now in the Arlington Church/Community Center/Library parking lot. Residents may help themselves to the sandbags, which are provided on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sandbags are also available at the El Cerrito Recycling Center on Schmidt Lane.

KCC and Dads Get the Grill On

The Kensington Community Center has a new barbeque grill, thanks to the Kensington Community Council, Kensington Elementary School Dads’ Club, and ongoing donations from the Annual Fund Drive. Special thanks go to Doug Diego for masterminding the project. Many years ago, the original grill was dedicated to John Andronico for all the support he and his family gave this community. After countless Boy Scout outings, community festivities, and private parties, it was time to say good-bye to the old grill. This greatly improved new grill has a flywheel to control the grill temperature and a barrier to protect users from the heat. We look forward to many years of community use. —Anne Forrest



Photo by Anne Forrest

Parade a Hit, Shaner Shines as Grand Marshall

On a beautiful fall day, the Girl Scouts led the Kensington Parade up the Arlington to the Community Center with Grand Marshall Bob Shaner following close behind. Shaner was so pleased to be named Grand Marshall—and equally pleased to have his whole family around him to celebrate.

And what a nice family event it was for everyone at the Kensington Community Council’s annual Fall Parade and Picnic. About 300 people came to enjoy the sun, eat a BBQ lunch, and enjoy the music provided by the Korematsu Middle School Jazz Ensemble. This year, for the first time, a pie contest was included in the festivities. Congratulations go to our three winners, one for each category. First place in the fruit category were Laurel and Natalie Gawlikowski, while Dad Daniel Gawlikowski won in the nut pie category! The golden rolling pin was awarded to Karen Veitch for her amazing Meyer lemon meringue pie.

Thanks to our sponsors Mechanics Bank and Marvin Gardens Realty for making another successful event possible. Thanks also to our pie contest judges, local foodies Karen Shebek and Lisa Kirkby, and to all the community members who worked hard to make it such a happy occasion! —Anne Forrest



Todd Hodson, Marion Henon, and Grand Marshall Bob Shaner pull up to the Community Center for the after-parade picnic. Photo by Marty Westby

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