



Hull
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Young firefighter Grant McLain Helminiak and his police officer brother, Jordan Daniel Helminiak, learn the whys and what-fors of public safety service from mentor and Kensington COP Rickey Hull. The brothers began their careers at the KCC parade and picnic October 29. Photo by Rachelle Sherris-Watt.

Garfield, the quality of life of the district and residents,” he says. “That quality of life goes both ways. I’m honored that the district has allowed me to have a career. I’m honored to serve here. You have the cultural zeitgeist—this district is a special place.” Hull knew that Kensington residents were singular: “Some of the things that people did or wrote, I was shocked that I was this close to history.”

Some believe that because Kensington has been built out since the ‘60s that changes are more muted than in other areas. “The biggest change I’ve seen in terms of demographics is the expected attrition of older residents,” Hull says. “The younger generation coming in is just as motivated and just as passionate. But

they don’t have the same experience with the police as older residents do.”

Hull finds this sad. “I’ve turned off teapots, opened doors, recognized people walking up from the Plaza on hot days and given them rides home. I think certain people are now hesitant about contacting us. I remember one time we were working graveyard shifts, and a woman felt comfortable enough to come up to my squad car and ask for a ride across town to her car. I don’t know how much of that goes on anymore. I’d like to get back to that. I want the residents to understand that this is their police department. As officers, we’re here temporarily, but the lockers belong to the district.”

How does he feel about contracting out?

“I think personally that the district would be better served with its own police department. However, I believe in the democratic process. My honest feeling about this current board is that they’re really interested in what’s best for the district. I’ve had the opportunity to work on projects with these elected officials, and I am more than impressed by their integrity and intelligence and work ethic.”

“This town has so much expertise,” he continues. “No matter what you wanted to do, you could probably find a resident who has that knowledge. I feel like we’re finally going back to how a small town with a small budget would operate. Over these years, I’ve seen the district and its residents grapple with some pretty hard decisions. The vast majority of the time they came down on the right side. So I think they’ll land on the right answer.”

The word around town last summer was that then Master Sergeant Hull would retire after he put in his twenty years. Now that he’s chief, is he still considering retiring? “My position is this,” he says. “The district has given me a career. I am forever in debt to the residents here. I will never abandon the district. Short of my health going bad, I’ll keep putting my best foot forward.”

That best foot continues to thrive in Fairfield, near where he grew up and his mother still lives. When he’s not working, he’s often fishing or hiking with his dog, a German shorthair and chocolate lab mix.

“He’s a bird dog,” Hull says. “And a water dog. If he sees a fish being reeled up, he’s going in after it. Him, the fish, and the hook are all coming up at the same time.”



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COP Rickey Hull Hits Twenty

By Linnea Due

Fairfield native Rickey Hull joined the Kensington police force in October 1997, making the 55-year-old the longest-term active member; during that time, Hull has risen through the ranks from officer to sergeant, master sergeant to interim chief.

“I grew up in Fairfield and had extended family in Richmond and West Oakland,” Hull says. “We spent a lot of time on I-80.” Hull’s father was in the Air Force, stationed at Travis Air Force base.

Hull began his career in policing for the city of Concord. He worked as a civilian jailer, then attended the police academy in Pittsburg before coming to work as a police officer in Concord. “I had a friend who worked for Concord,” Hull says. “He was a reserve who got hired in Kensington. Then another friend told me that Kensington was building a decent department. He asked me if I’d come over.”

Hull found what he describes as an intact department that was in some need of unifying. At the time, James Bray was chief. Hull worked with Bray for several years until Barry Garfield was promoted to chief. “Then,” Hull says, “we had a



Chief Rickey Hull is honored at the October 21 KPPCSD meeting for his twenty years of service to Kensington. Photo by David Bergen..

seven- or eight-year run of peace.”

Peace turned stormy towards the end of Garfield’s reign when four of ten officers quit, and Garfield resigned during a KPPCSD meeting, citing harassment by a board member. Brown Taylor came in as interim chief for about a year before Gregory Harman was hired in 2007. Harman left under his own considerable cloud eight years later, with more resignations and drama. The Kevins—Hart and Kyle—followed before then Master Sergeant Hull was appointed Interim Chief of Police (that contract extends through the end of December). Hull had in fact served as de facto chief during a couple of previous changeovers.

How did he survive the turmoil? “I just focused on what I got from both Bray and

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Busy Day in Alta and Baja Kensington



On Sunday, October 29, KCC put on its annual parade and picnic on the Arlington and at the Community Center, the Friends of the Kensington Library had its book sale, and the Farmers’ Market and Colusa Circle merchants celebrated Halloween with treats, music, and entertainment. Stories and more photographs on pages 5 and 12. Photos by Marty Westby (top) and Nan Phelps Photography



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Letters to the Editor

Let's Remain Open to Options

Dear Editor,

By the time this letter is printed, the KPPSCD board likely will have selected a professional consulting firm to evaluate options for providing our police services. For the RFP, see the 14 Sept 2017 agenda packet, starting p 63, and for the actual consulting proposals, see the 16 Nov 2017 agenda packet on the district's web site.

The study is likely to be completed within six months, providing Kensington with an in-depth assessment of the effectiveness and costs of various policing approaches. A key part of this assessment is the evaluation of our current department. As a community member of the contracting subcommittee of the Ad Hoc Committee, and a person who has been critical of the costs and quality of our current policing operation, I was sorry that we were in no position to evaluate our own department. Nor were we able to obtain "real" cost information. This study will provide that information.

With this information we can decide whether Kensington should have an improved stand-alone department or policing that relies on neighboring jurisdictions for staffing, an approach similar to how we currently provide fire service. We will also have a clear understanding of how much these options will determine our future tax bills.

While many residents have yet to tune into this issue, some think we already have the best of all possible police services, and others strongly disagree. Hopefully, everyone will remain open to the results of this study, and at that point make a considered evaluation of the information. Whatever the outcome, we will have an opportunity to improve our police services while controlling costs. Either way, we come out ahead.

Mabry Benson

Bury Power Lines for Safety

Dear Editor,

My cousin and his family had to be evacuated from their home in Napa, and one of my dear friends lost everything in the fire that consumed parts of Santa Rosa. I was standing in my backyard here in Kensington looking at the trees and shrubbery in my yard and in our neighbors' yards. What had previously been only beautiful now was a bit menacing. Fire could happen here, and we too could lose everything including our lives and the lives of dear friends.

I became interested in the causes and what could be done to prevent the fires. One thing I read really caught my attention. Power lines that are buried underground prevent fires from downed lines. This appears to have been one of the causes of the devastating fires in Northern California. Is it really too expensive to bury the lines in the light of the terrible human suffering caused by wind-downed power lines?

Let's reconsider doing this in Kensington. Maybe it would be one thing we could do that would save lives.

Ray Poggi

Paths Vital for Public Safety

Dear Editor:

The recent deadly fires in wine country are a reminder of the risks residents of Kensington face. According to Calfire, our entire community is within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity zone. The rapidly moving fires that led to so much loss of life could easily happen here.

The walking paths that connect many of our streets could be vital safety corridors in the event of a fire catastrophe. Kensington's narrow streets could quickly become clogged with vehicles as residents attempt to flee, and fire trucks move into place. Access to the walking paths could be the difference between life and death as many seek refuge from a rapidly moving fire.

While the paths have been part of the Kensington infrastructure for many years, no public entity has ever asserted ownership of them. Both KPPSCD and the county have looked into this and decided to avoid the legal liability and maintenance costs such own-

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KCC also provides a forum for all Kensington community groups to meet and coordinate their respective efforts toward the common good of the community.

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ership could imply. As a result, in some cases adjoining private property owners have taken over the paths and blocked off public access. Maintenance has been an ad hoc task undertaken by community volunteers who run the risk of being sued by walkers, truly a case of no good deed going unpunished.

The paths are a terrific amenity in our community that enable residents to get around on foot. They add to property value and make it easier to navigate our community without using a car. There are many other reasons for wanting to keep the paths available for public use.

In the wake of the terrible wine country fires, Kensington needs to resolve the ownership of these paths and ensure they are well maintained and legally recognized for public access. We are leading a campaign to demonstrate a strong desire in our community to assert public ownership of the paths and are putting together a petition that lists the many residents who believe the county and KPPCSD need to resolve this situation as soon as possible.

To sign a petition and get more information, check out www.kensingtonpaths.org. You can also reach Rodney by phone at 510-332-1001 and Mark at 510-301-5000.

Rodney Paul
Mark Altenberg

We’re Not the Fifth Greenest Place in California

In 1989, California passed legislation that mandated diverting 50 percent of waste from landfill by 2000. By separating recyclable material and yard waste from garbage, Kensington was at 58 percent in 2005. The state goal for 2020 is 75 percent, and many Bay Area cities already have reached 80-85 percent. Kensington currently averages 59 percent, essentially the same as twelve years ago!

Biological (aka, organic) material produces a potent greenhouse gas when buried in landfill. Kensington keeps an average of 950 tons of yard debris out of landfill each year through pickup by Bay View and subsequent composting. But we send 1,200 tons of garbage to landfill. An estimated 15-25 percent of residential garbage is food waste. A 2014 KPPCSD survey found significant interest in having food scraps picked up and composted. However, the next question mentioned this would increase rates (at the time, Kensington’s rates were the highest in Contra Costa County, and still are). In addition, food and yard waste would be combined and limited to one 32 or 64 gallon cart a week. It is understandable that over 75 percent of respondents didn’t want the service as proposed (including me).

Until we get kitchen scraps, including soiled paper, collected for composting, consider small changes. Reduce the amount of discarded food by not buying an excess of perishable items, preparing too much and tossing leftovers. Use cloth napkins and real plates, rather than paper ones that cannot be recycled, and dry hands with a kitchen towel, not multiple paper ones.

Kensington residents routinely put 1.5 times as much in garbage cans as we do in recycling cans. And the last general cleanup resulted in an additional 50 percent of trash taken to landfill than our usual load. How much of Kensington’s garbage could be, should be, recycled? Bay View only picks up the standard materials, not all of the materials that are recyclable. Consider taking the latter to the El Cerrito Recycling Center or other places, and not sending it to the dump. Be a good steward of our planet. Reduce, Reuse & Recycle diligently and responsibly.

A. Stevens Delk, PhD

Feels Like Exile

Dear Editor,

I was asked by the Kensington Farmers’ Market manager, Chris Hall, not to return to the market. I have no idea why. During the past three years, I worked very hard to build my business as a vendor at the market. I was there rain or shine simply because I loved the Kensington community. To be cut off abruptly without any warning feels like being sent into exile. I now have my contact information in the classified section of the *Kensington Outlook* if anyone wants to reach me.

Ani Toroyan

Opinions Not Welcome?

Dear Editor:

My favorite nice Middle Eastern lady who made those zaatar bread was asked not to return to the Kensington Farmers’ Market. Neither she nor I know why. She has been there for many years and was very kind, generous, sweet and fun. I will miss her.

What happened? She seems to think that it was about her opinions and not her food or service. Is that possible in a country where we protect opinions above all else? When I called her, she said that her situation makes her think about that Tunisian street vendor who set himself on fire just before the start of the Arab Spring. It must have hurt that guy so intensely to have had his livelihood taken away from him. I hope our community is not like that, but I would be interested to know if this is indeed a backlash of people who don’t like her opinions. That would be really cruel, and it would be appalling to witness such intolerance in our own back yard.

Paul Larudee

Disappointed with Management

Dear Editor:

I’m writing to express my disappointment with the management of the Kensington Farmers’ Market and how they treated one of my favorite vendors: Ani of Ani’s Middle Eastern. I’ve since spoken with her and she told me she was told to leave the market with no explanation. In these turbulent times, we don’t need members of our local farmers’ market community thrown out for no reason. Our community suffers when we become insensitive and dismissive of others.

Lucia Messina

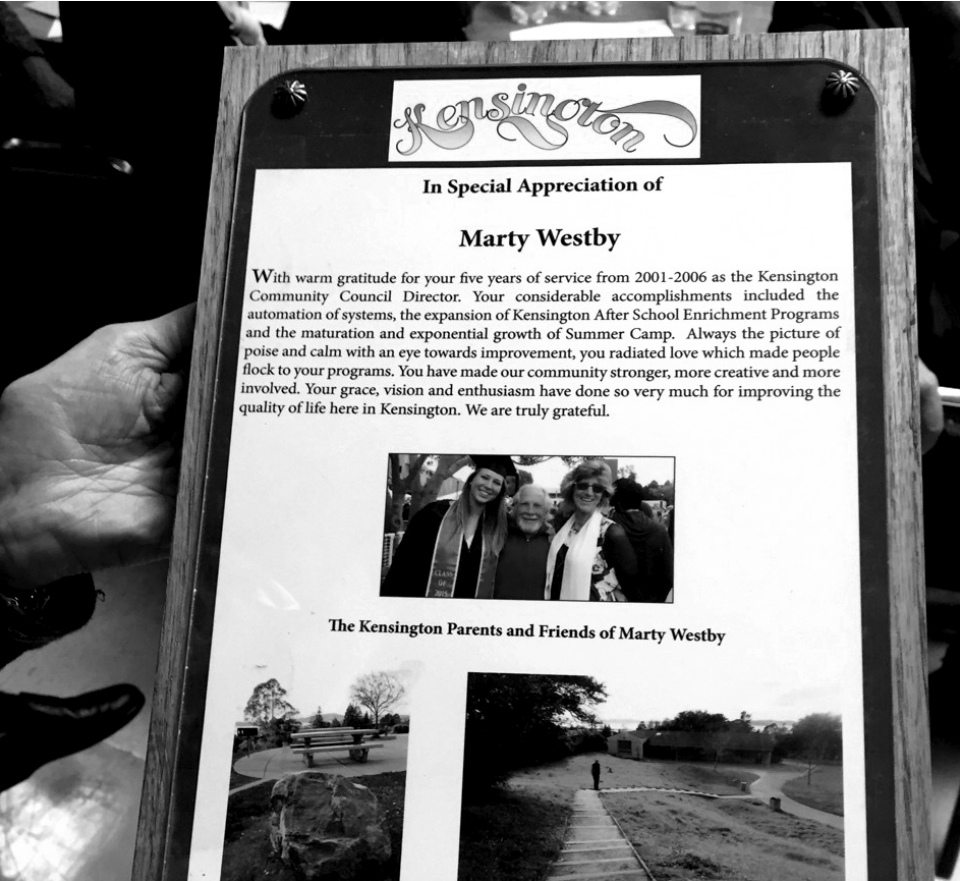
Free Press Vital

Dear Editor,

Thanks for publishing such diverse and opposing views and not excluding even those opinion letters with an obviously distorted bias. At a national level we are witnessing the vital importance of a free press as never before in my lifetime. It’s a critical priority for all of us to have an opportunity to express our views, and even when I don’t like what someone says I like that they can say it.

Leonard Schwartzburd

KASEP Stalwart Marty Westby Honored by Community



Citizens of Kensington showed their appreciation for all the accomplishments of Marty Westby, who retired last year as KCC’s Kensington After School Education Program director, by presenting her with a beautiful handmade plaque at the November KCC meeting. (The dates should read 2010-2016.) Under Marty’s leadership and loving care, both the Summer Camp and After School programs flourished and continue to grow each year. Marty (right) is shown here with her husband Bob and daughter Trudy. Photo by Todd Hodson.

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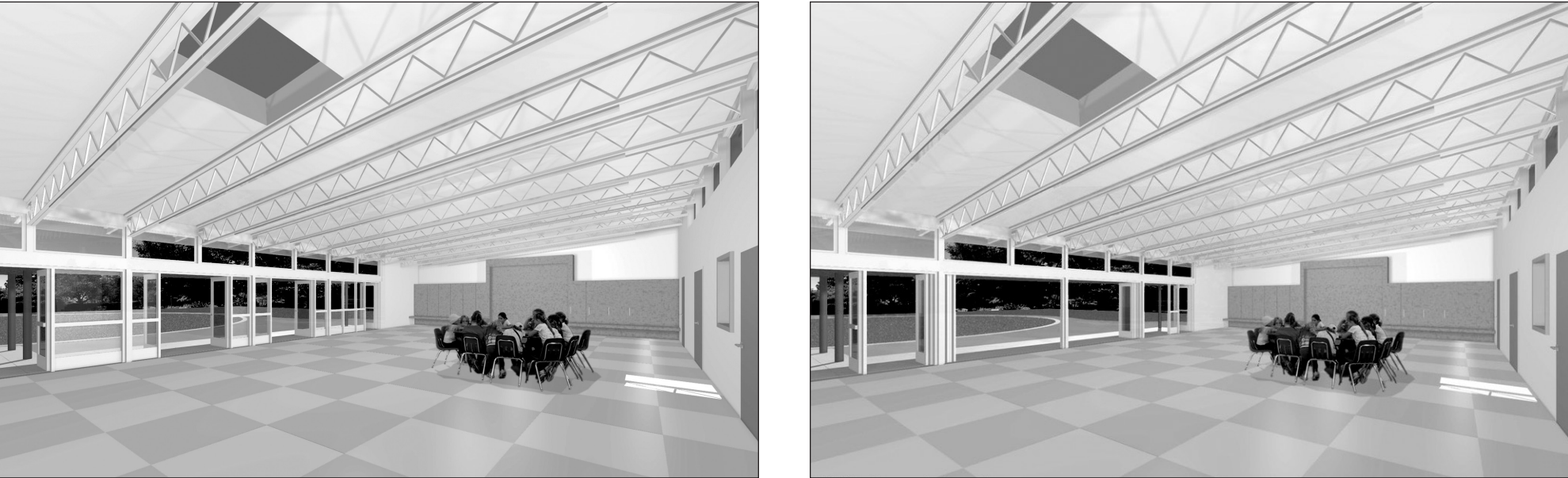
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Two options to upgrade the baseline steel column design that would stabilize the roof are (left) a wall with french doors and (right), the same vantage point with NaraWalls, which can pivot to fold back against themselves, allowing a larger opening. The NaraWalls cost about \$13,000 more than the french doors. Courtesy Glass Associates.

By Linnea Due

On November 16, a rainy night that suppressed attendance to about 25 hardy individuals, KPPCSD hosted Glass Associates to present preliminary plans for the Community Center renovation. Kensington resident and lead architect Farhat Daud delivered a ninety-minute presentation, aided by Bill Glass, who added an occasional aside and manned the slide projector. Daud explained that the initial impetus for the project was seismic—the major problem is that the older roof is not tied to the wall structures. Once a certain cost is topped, other factors come into play: mandatory compliance with ADA and Title 24, a state law that regulates energy efficiency.

Functionality also plays a large role in wanting to upgrade the Community Center. The counters in the kitchen are too high for the children’s cooking classes, many have expressed a wish that the masonry wall that fronts the garden gain a visual and physical connection with the outside, and there is almost no storage space and too few electrical outlets, to name several limitations. Glass and Daud, who have been visiting meetings and asking questions of residents since the firm’s first public presentation in July, showed that the principals were listening as the proposed plan addressed many of these issues.

Daud started with a site plan that delineated wider paths around the building to accommodate wheelchairs. The front door and the back door to the kitchen would have automatic openers. One handicapped parking space plus a loading zone is required. She discussed several options to opening up the masonry wall to the garden. In the least expensive, steel columns on new footings go through the block wall, then tie into the roof. Other options, with increasing costs, are fixed glass with a view, french doors opening to the garden, and NanaWalls (a product that operates on a pivot system so the walls can fold flat when open). Another option that could be used with any glazing system, is an outdoor canopy, or eave, that would add covered space outside for tables or events.

The front wall, which now holds the fireplace, would have multiple storage cabinets and a space that could hold a hidden projection screen. A bench would serve as a “landing spot,” as Daud said, for classes and recreation activities. Whether the fireplace would stay or go is up for discussion; Daud suggested that it could be retained but covered over so that it could be exposed later if desired.

The bathrooms, she said, were good news on the ADA front; only one fixture in the men’s room would need to be moved. The kitchen is another matter. Not only are the counters too high, but there is little storage, and the space is hard to work in. ADA mandates that the counters be lowered, but that might be still too high for children to

comfortably work on preparations. Glass Associates added a moveable table that can be stored under one counter and pulled out for the children’s classes. Another deficit is that people coming from the back meeting rooms must go into the main room, which is often occupied, on their way to the bathrooms. Glass Associates designed a flexible wall that can be removed if necessary, at the back of the room so that people need not interrupt the main room occupants. Residents are urged to look at the plans on the KPPCSD website.

Although prices are fluid, the minimum to do the seismic, ADA, and energy upgrades came to \$1,043,000. Options add more: for instance, the canopy would cost around \$40,000, while the french door option adds \$37,000 and the NanaWall \$13,000 more. Board director Sylvia Hacaj, liaison with Glass Associates, came to the KCC meeting on November 6 (where Daud and Glass also made a public presentation) to explain that because it is a public project, there are regulations concerning the funding. One cannot, Daud explained, get bids and then try to raise the money. The initial money must be in hand before the project can go out to contractors. And as both Hacaj and Daud warned, there is about a six-month to year window before materials and contractors become scarce due to the North Bay fires.

After the presentation, KCC president Anne Forrest and vice president Todd Hodson, took the microphone. Hodson said that KCC, a primary user of the building for recreational activities, adult and children’s classes, the afterschool enrichment classes, and the summer camp among others, had been “saving and fundraising to help with just such a project.” Hodson said that KCC would commit \$250,000 of unrestricted funds, which included \$32,500 in matched funds from community fundraising. On top of that, he added, KCC would like to “purchase” several of the options for up to \$210,000. These included funding the upgrade for the NanaWall, a full upgrade of the heating system, the cabinet wall at the front of the building, and redoing the acoustical ceiling. These commitments were predicated, Hodson said, on the building being fully funded.

KIC president Lisa Caronna said that KCC was a hard act to follow and pledged \$10,000 from KIC for the building improvements. KIC had already put in \$5,000 for the sound system upgrades, which everyone agreed was a massive improvement on the old barely audible microphones of the past.

Next phase is the construction development phase, which includes deciding on options. Daud said there were some options (which Glass would tag) that would not require setup, and these could be deferred. But most decisions needed to be made now, as it would cost far more for contractors to return. Construction is expected to begin in June.

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Trinity Ave. Just returned from vacation and received a credit card in someone else’s name. Could be mail theft.

October 17

BURGLARY

Los Altos Dr. Window broken on auto, reporting party unsure if anything was taken.

October 23

VANDALISM

Amherst Ave. Motor scooter tampered with.

October 24

BATTERY

Ocean View Ave. Fight between two white male adults, one in white shirt and cutoff pants, one in yellow shirt and hat. Reporting party advised that they did not look like they needed medical attention. Case report taken.

October 29

HIT AND RUN

with property damage. Case report taken at police department.

October 29

TERRORIST THREATS

Ex-husband threatening to kill reporting party via text message. Advised he would kill her and police. Reporting party did not believe threats were credible because he does this from time to time while drinking. RP refused to file a report. Will contact police if she changes her mind. Log note only.

October 30

THEFT

Beloit Ave. Two religious statues taken from front of residence during past night. Case report taken.

October 31

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

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Tony Constantouros Grand Marshall of this Year's Parade



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By Anne Forrest

On October 29, costumed kids and adults made their way up Arlington Avenue to start the annual KCC Fall Parade and Picnic. Our Grand Marshall this year was KPPCSD general manager Tony Constantouros, who rode in Todd Hodson's convertible with his wife and two children. Following the parade, BBQ lunches were consumed while people enjoyed music provided by the Korematsu Middle School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Tiffany Carrico. Inside the Community Center, architectural firm Glass and Associates presented draft renderings of the upcoming Community Center renovations. This was another chance for residents to familiarize themselves with the plans and to ask questions.

Since the picnic came right after the devastating Napa/Sonoma fires, emergency preparedness was on everyone's mind. Local CERT volunteers answered questions and handed out information about fire and earthquake preparedness.

As always, our thanks go to Mechanics Bank and Marvin Gardens Realty for sponsoring another successful event. Our local Mechanics Bank tellers answered questions and give out \$25 gift cards as prizes to our three coloring contest winners: in the 4 to 6 age group Emily B., in the 7 to 9 age group Will H., and in the 10 to 12 age group Elsa P. Marvin Gardens had its pumpkin coloring booth set up to inspire kids to decorate their pumpkins. Thanks to the Korematsu Middle School Jazz Ensemble for some great jazz, and to all the community members from KCC, KIC, and the Kensington School Dads Club who worked hard to make the Fall Parade and Picnic a success.

Special Districts Partner on Demonstration Garden

By Linnea Due

Three or four years ago, Kensington fire board director Janice Kosel toured the demonstration garden that was installed along Tunnel Road after the 1992 Oakland hills fire. She immediately wanted to create something similar for Kensington. "Landscaping can be fire-resistant, drought-tolerant and still be beautiful," she says. That's the idea behind the garden the two special districts are pulling together—the fire board is contributing the funds to put in the plantings (including hiring a landscape architect), while the police board, which owns the land, is contributing the space.

Kosel says that the fire board is delighted with the land that KPPCSD has committed to the garden. It's in the space a tick uphill from the library, right on the road so it will be easily visible as people come up to the Community Center or the park. "We're working with Sylvia Hacaj and her park committee," Kosel says. "We modeled it after the Oakland garden, but ours will go farther—all the plants will be labeled, and we're creating a signboard narrative about what to plant, and more importantly, what not to plant. I think people don't realize how flammable some plants are." Plants with lots of oils, including cypress, juniper, some varieties of eucalyptus, and others are virtual tinder traps. They can burst into flame from tiny flying embers or even from the heat of a nearby blaze.

"The space is very small, around 220 square feet," says Kosel. "We'll install a path wide enough for wheelchairs; the park committee wants a table and two chairs so people can play chess." Kosel has returned to the Oakland Hills garden for more ideas. "The Oakland people have been very helpful," she says. "That garden is all maintained by volunteers." The fire board plans to pay a small fee each year to maintain the garden and will likely install drip and other time- and resource-savers. "I'm delighted that we're getting this thing off the ground," Kosel says. "We've been waiting for [KPPCSD] to allocate the land. Sylvia took this on as her project. It does indicate that the two districts can work together and cooperate on great projects."

The garden will likely go in early in spring once both districts approve landscape architect's plans.

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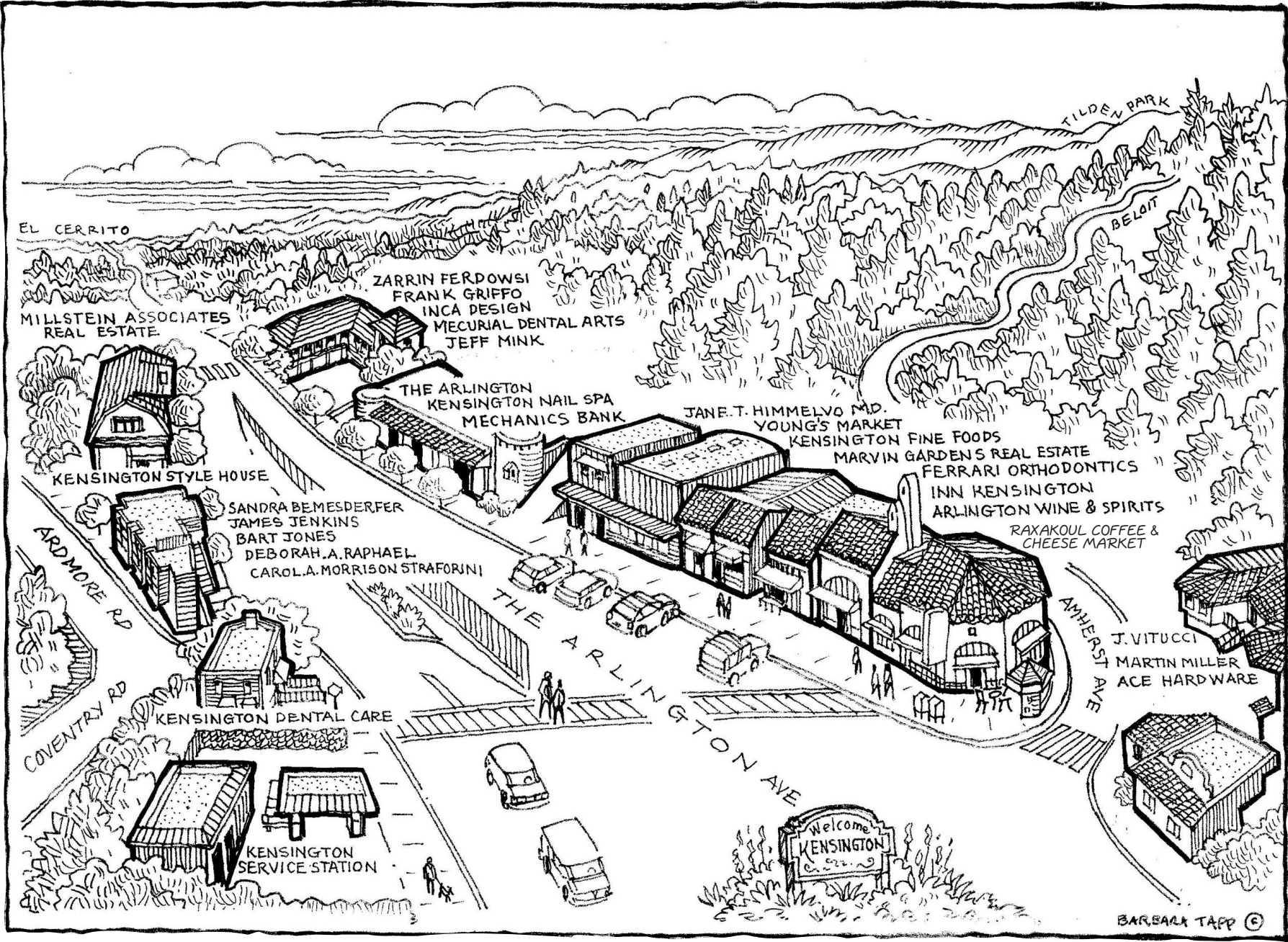
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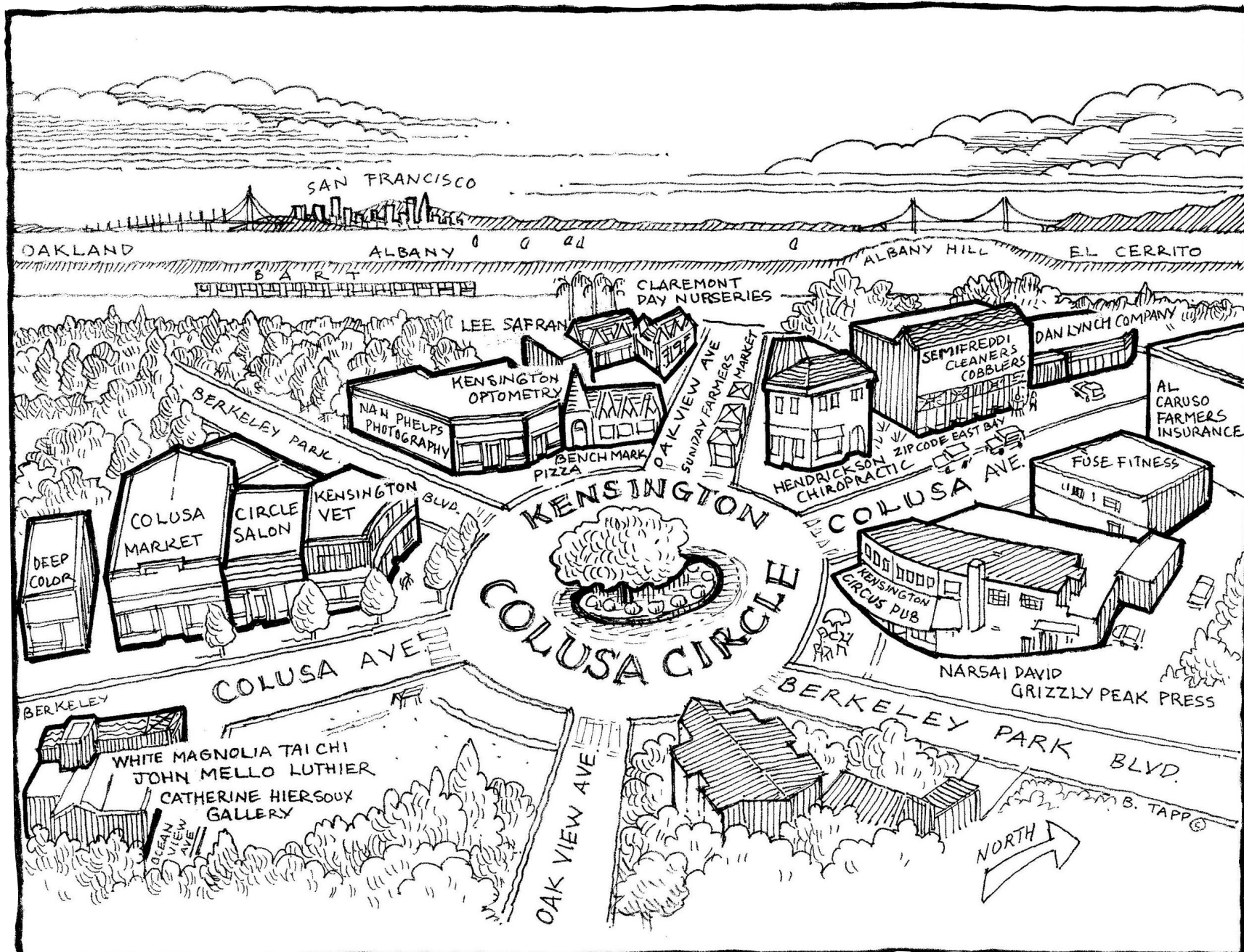
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Winter KASEP session starts the same day as Hilltop School, Tuesday, January 2, 2018 and continues for 10 weeks, ending Friday, March 16th. Your enthusiasm for our new Fall classes: Adventures in the Garden, Beginning Mandarin, Crafty Creations, and Skyhawk’s Kinder Sports Medley will continue to the Winter session. We are excited to offer 3 new classes: Eco Kids for Kinders, 3D Structures & Sculptures for Grades 2-6, and Metal Jewelry Creation for Grades 3-6.

Fall KASEP session ends on Friday, December 15th. Our office will be closed for winter break, Monday, December 18, 2017 - Monday, January 1, 2018.



Critter Adventures - Carey’s students observing critters in park



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Acrylic Artists
Wednesdays, 9:45 - 12:30pm, Community Center
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Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., 525-0292
Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (UUCB), 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org

Ongoing:

Jazzercise with Kevin Knickerbocker, Mon, Wed, Fri, ACC, 8:15am.
Tues/Thurs Body Sculpting with Kevin Knickerbocker, ACC, 8:45am.
Mindful Yoga with Wendy Beckerman, Tuesdays, 9:15am, ACC. Bring a yoga mat. \$18 drop-in or discount for series.
Acrylic Artists, 9:45-12:30pm, Wednesday, Community Center. Self-directed artists paint together. Easels provided. Friendly group.
Tai Chi Chuan, 9:30-10:30am Fridays, Community Center, \$10.
Cafe Simcha—Israeli Folk Dance- \$6. Beginners & regular teaching sessions followed by request dance party beginning at 9pm. Wednesdays, 8pm, ACC.

December

December 3 Dr. David Presti, UC Berkeley professor of neurobiology, author of *Foundational Concepts in Neuroscience: A Brain-Mind Odyssey*. “The Boundary between Biophysical Science and Concepts of Spirit and Soul.” 9:30am. Free. UUCB.
December 4 Kensington Library Knitting Club All levels welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn. We provide support, encouragement and help. Learn new stitches, share your talents, and meet new friends. Meets on the 1st Monday of the month. 6:30pm. Free.
December 4 & 18 Kensington Library’s Digital Docent will answer your eReader and digital library questions every other Monday by appointment at 1pm. This one-on-one 60-minute appointment is intended for people seeking assistance with eBooks and eReaders. Sign up at Info Desk. Please bring your device. Free. 524-3043.
December 5, 12 & 19 Family Storytime Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals & pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free.
December 6 Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters The swinging ladies of LWV will ring in the season at 1:15pm at 631 Parkside Court. All are welcome! Men, too! 527-1266.
December 7 Women’s Fellowship, ACC, 6pm. Free to all who would like to join us. Please bring a batch of cookies (about 36) to trade with others. AND bring a dish to share.
December 7 Supervisor John Gioia’s Holiday Open House. Benefit for Verde School in North Richmond. 5-7pm, food, fun, meet friends. 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito.
December 7, 14, 21 & 28 Baby & Toddler Storytime Stories, songs, puppets, egg-shakers and loads of fun! Kensington Library. Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free.
December 10 Dr. Jeremy Taylor, pioneer in dream work, author of books on dream symbolism, methodology and archetypal energy, teacher, UU minister. “The Power of (Arche-

typal) Symbols—Awake and Asleep.” 9:30am. Free. UUCB.
December 10 SongFest—Winter Song. Free concert at 1pm. UUCB.
December 11 Teotihuacan: City of Water, City of Fire Join us for a fine arts lecture with a docent from the de Young Museum, who will discuss the museum’s current exhibit featuring the art, architecture, and lore of one of Mexico’s most important heritage sites, Teotihuacan. Kensington Library, 6pm. Free.
December 15 Kensington Symphony Orchestra Brass performing at Sundar Shadi’s holiday display. Brass quartet/quintet performing holiday carols and more. 7-8pm, 7501 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.



December 16 Beethoven Birthday Bash! Kensington Symphony Orchestra with Maestro Geoffrey Gallegos and acclaimed guest soprano Lisa Houston. 7:30pm. Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$15. Enjoy home-baked goods! Tickets at door or Kensington-symphonyorchestra.org. UUCB.
December 17 Dr. Jeremy Taylor (see December 10). “Since There Is Always ‘More Going on Than Meets the Eye,’ Curiosity Is the Most Important Spiritual Energy We Have at our Disposal.” 9:30am. Free. UUCB.
December 17 Handel’s “Messiah” in a sing-along concert Live orchestra and soloists, conducted by Bryan Baker. Scores are available to borrow (deposit: ID or \$10) or bring your own; limited scores for sale. UUCB, 6pm. \$15 general, \$10 students, available at door or through Brown Paper Tickets; all are welcome.
December 18 Memoir Group 10am, ACC. Free monthly memoir group led by Ruth Robinson in the Fireside Room.
December 18 Kensington Library Book Club Discussion of *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. Book Club meets on the 4th Monday of the month. 6:30pm. Free.
December 19 The North Pole Review The Fratello Marionettes return to the Kensington Library for a special holiday performance! For kids of all ages. 6:30pm. Free.
December 22 Bridge Night 6pm, ACC. Monthly potluck and bridge play at all levels for ACC’ers and new guests.
December 24 Christmas Eve Morning Jeans & Jammies Service. All ages worship in comfy clothes. 11am. Free. UUCB.
December 24 Christmas Eve Service 5pm, ACC Family-oriented Christmas Service with carols and Nativity.
December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. Family Service at 5pm and Lessons & Carols at 10pm. Free. UUCB.
January
January 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Family Storytime. See December 5.
January 3 Kensington Unit of the

League of Women Voters The swinging ladies of the LWV will come down from the holidays at 1:15pm at 28 Camelot Ct. 527-4240. Come hold your heads with us!
January 4 Women’s Fellowship Free to all who would like to join. 6pm, ACC.
January 4, 11, 18 & 25 Baby & Toddler Storytime See December 7.
January 7 Carolyn West, storyteller and director of Religious Education at Northbrae Community Church; published poet and essayist; co-teacher of class on World Religions for Curious People. “Wisdom Traditions Respond to the Soul’s Human Cry.” 9:30am. Free. UUCB.
January 14 Merrin Clough, lifelong UU, Director of Family Ministry at

UUCB; trained as an educator; hiker, seamstress and poet. “Searching Truth, Finding Purpose.” 9:30am. Free. UUCB.
January 15 Memoir Group 10am, ACC. Open to all.
January 20 Dr. Linda Rudolph on Health and Climate Change Dr. Linda Rudolph MD, MPH, is Director of the Center for Climate Change and Health at the Public Health Institute in Oakland. She will address the AAUW WCC on health and climate change, and the factoring of climate change into the work of public health agencies. Christ Lutheran Church, 780 Ashbury St., El Cerrito. 10am. Free.
January 21 Hana Matt, teacher of world religions at GTU; author, spiritual director, and counselor. “Transforming Worry.” 9:30am. Free. UUCB.
January 22 Kensington Library Book Club *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

KCC-Dec 4, Jan 8, Kensington Community Council 1st Mondays, 6:30pm. 525-0292

FKL-Dec 5, Friends of the Kensington Library, 6:30pm (at the Library) 1st Tuesdays

KPSC-Dec 11, Jan 8, 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 13, Jan 10, Fire Protection District 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD-Dec 14, Jan 11, Police Protection and Community Services District 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

KIC- Kensington Improvement Club 4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 524-7514.

KMAC (Tent.)-Municipal Advisory Council Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s office to confirm: 231-8691)

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6:30pm. Free.
January 26 Bridge Night 6pm, ACC. See December 22.
January 28 Hana Matt see January 21. “Overcoming Anxiety and Coming to Inner Peace and Effectiveness.” 9:30am. Free. UUCB.
January 29 Kensington Library’s Digital Docent See December 4.

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Garden Party: Lots of Work, Huge Success



Tradition has it that Kensington seventh-graders circulate among the guests at the Garden Party, passing hors d'oeuvres and making sure everyone is comfortable. Photo by Doug Diego



By Laura Heath
Parents, teachers, and community boosters showed up in force for the 34th annual Garden Party at the Berkeley Country Club on November 11 to raise money for the enrichment programs at Kensington Elementary School. Live music set the mood as guests marked their bids on silent auction items such as art projects made by Hilltop students, great get-aways, photography sessions with local photographers, and fine art donated by Masterworks Fine Art.

Later, guests raised their paddles in a show of fierce bidding for events like the annual Dads’ Club work party and a private tour at Pixar Studios. Matt Burnham, principal at Korematsu Middle School, played DJ to round out the evening. Amy Mullarkey chaired the event for the second year, KEF president Mary Shaughnessy, and countless school supporters worked behind the scenes to make it all happen. It was a fun, festive night, and one the kids of Kensington will thank us for!

Once the party started, the fun (and relief) can begin. Garden Party head Amy Mullarkey (left) hugs Mary Shaughnessy, who chairs the Kensington Enrichment Fund. Both women worked hard to put on a successful fundraiser. Photo by Doug Diego.

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Colusa Circle Halloween Harvest Festival a Huge Hit



By Karen Yencich

The Colusa Circle merchants and the Kensington Farmers’ Market celebrated their fourth annual Halloween Harvest Festival Sunday, October 29, which included the ever-popular “Where’s the Witch” event, a Costume Parade, and the animal show. Everyone agreed it was the best one yet. “This felt the most together,” said Nan Phelps who has been involved with the event since the beginning. “Everyone was into it, and now it feels like a real, annual event that families look forward to.”

The Circle merchants passed out over 175 maps for “Where’s the Witch.” In this fun game, kids receive a stamp when they find the witch at each merchant listed on the map. When the map is “all stamped-up,” they take it to Benchmark Pizzeria to collect a soft-serve ice cream cone. In addition to games, treats, and toys at each location—including the now legendary obstacle course staged by The Fuse Fitness every year—realty company Zip Code East Bay, new to the Circle this year, upped the ante with face-painting. And as always, every kid in costume got a free pumpkin at the Kensington Farmers’ Market.

Kensington police officers posed with the kids and also provided traffic control for the costume parade, now in its third year, as it wound around the Circle, led by honorary Grand Marshall Tyrannosaurus Rex. Following the parade, families gathered at

the Farmers’ Market bandstand to bust a move with Halloween headliner, Iko Ya Ya, while they waited for the winners of the costume contest to be announced. Taking first place this year was a family tableau comprised of Evil Ringmaster Alex Tananbaum, Mel Dixon as Pirate, Kai Tananbaum as the Zombie Mermaid and Hockey Player Greg Tananbaum; second place went to Mary (Cristina Millado) and Her Little Lamb (daughter Isabella); and in third place, the Squid Family, Sean, Lilian and Libby Falese.

Once again, Beth Phiminster and Kensington Vet Hospital hosted the annual pet costume contest as well as Tracy Hill’s hugely popular Fur, Scales and Tails animal show with its showstopper, Banana, the python and perennial scene-stealer, Browntown, a guinea pig who is quite the ham.

One parent confided to Chris Hall, Kensington Farmers’ Market Manager, “This is how Halloween used to be. It wasn’t just about the candy, it was a family event.”

Colusa Circle merchants participating in the event included Benchmark Pizzeria, Circle Salon, Colusa Market, The Fuse Fitness, Hiersoux Pottery, Kensington Circus Pub, Kensington Optometry, Kensington Vet Hospital, Nan Phelps Photography, and Zip Code East Bay.

All photos by Nan Phelps Photography



ZCEB 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Here at Zip Code East Bay (ZCEB), we are excited about all we have accomplished in 2017 and could not have done it without our beloved Kensington neighbors! We remain true to our mission—growing community through real estate—and wanted to share a few of our proudest moments from this past year:

COMMUNITY

- As part of our Community Corner efforts, we recycled over 200 lightbulbs and 100 batteries, keeping hazard substances out of our landfills
- Continued our partnership with Giveback Homes, donated with each closed escrow and helped build a house for a family in need in East Oakland
- Contributed time and resources to important community fundraisers and events including the Kensington Hilltop Garden Party, Colusa Circle Halloween Celebration and Colusa Circle Inaugural Tree Lighting

REAL ESTATE

- Sold four listings in Kensington with an average sales price of \$1,056,125 (60 Highgate Rd., 200 Trinity Ave., 44 Franciscan Way, 240 Lake Dr.)
- Closed more than 30 transactions throughout the East Bay
- Grew the ZCEB family to a total of five agents, three marketing specialists and two new babies.

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