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Planning Ordinance Update

On Saturday, January 11, over 90 concerned residents attended a meeting at the Kensington Community Center to hear Supervisor John Gioia and members of the community steering committee give an update about the proposed zoning ordinance for Kensington. Steering committee members are Gail Feldman, Gloria Morrison, Lynn Wolter and James Carman. Also on hand to answer questions was Patrick Roche of the Contra Costa County Community Development Department.

The ordinance, which is nearing its final draft, stems from concern about the impact of new construction on neighbors, views, and community character. The intent of the ordinance is to set guidelines for construction that will address height, size, setback, and floor area ratios.

Existing Ordinance

Most of Kensington is currently zoned R-6 single family residential in the Contra Costa County General Plan. That means that any lot less than 6,000 square feet, or less than the required 60 ft. minimum lot width is considered a “small lot.” The average lot size in Kensington is 5,700 square ft. meaning that a majority of Kensington lots fall within this category.

The qualitative standard of review is to “review the proposed dwelling’s compatibility with and impact on the surrounding neighborhood, in terms of its location, size, height and design.” There are no quantitative standards of review. There is no review required for large lots, those over 6,000 s.f. For small lots subject to review, a notice is sent to all property owners within 300 feet of the proposed development and there is a 10-day public review period.

Proposed Ordinance

Under the terms of the proposed ordinance, not lots would be exempt. The stated qualitative standard of review will be to “evaluate siting, size, bulk, building envelope, height, setbacks, relative scale, off-street parking spaces, window placement, artificial lighting, and location of mechanical devices, such as motors, fans and vents...on the basis of their impacts on properties within 300 ft...with regard to view protection, obstructions, privacy, quiet, parking, protection of mature trees, and compatibility with regard to bulk and scale, access to sunlight, and isolation from offensive emissions.”

A quantitative standard of review will designate the maximum aggregate building coverage and maximum gross floor area allowed based on a ratio of house size to lot size. The public review period will be extended to 34 days.

Concerns Raised

A group of citizens circulated a petition among attendees addressed to the Board of Supervisors requesting that an advisory vote be scheduled so that “all Kensington residents will have an opportunity to express their opinion on the advisability of this proposed ordinance.” This group seeks to insure that Kensington homeowners will comprehend the impact a zoning ordinance would have on future remodeling projects upon home values and the community.

Amendment Study Required

Upon reaching a final consensus regarding the spirit and wording of the ordinance, Gioia and the steering committee hope to send the plan to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors as a recommendation that will open the door to making an amendment to the county’s General Plan. The study is expected to take from 9 months to one year to complete.

But first, state law requires a General Plan amendment study to assess the environmental impacts of the ordinance and analyze how it will integrate with the county’s General Plan. When a proposed General Plan amendment affects only a small area of the county versus the whole county, the “applicant”—in this case, Kensington—pays for the study. Cost estimates range from a low of \$25,000 to as much as \$100,000, depending upon the need for an Environmental Impact Report. How to pay for the study is at issue.

One-time Tax vs. Donations

According to the Contra Costa County Counsel, there are two ways Kensington can raise the remainder of the funds: from a special one-time tax levied against property owners or from donations and fundraising. A special tax would require a vote.

Taking the funding of the General Plan amendment study to a vote authorizing a one-time contribution from each property owner would require time and money, and would require a two-thirds voter approval. According to Gioia, it would cost approximately \$2 per registered voter to put a special tax on the ballot of a general or primary election. Kensington has 3,651 registered voters. The cost of a stand-alone election could cost twice as much. In addition, all paperwork would have to be submitted to the elections office 120 days prior to the election.

Gioia and members of the steering committee have approached the Kensington Improvement Club, the Kensington Community Services District and the Kensington Fire Department to make a financial contribution to the cost of the study. Gioia has committed \$7,000 in county funds towards paying for the study.

The Ordinance is the result of community workshops and input. The Kensington Community Advisory Council (KMAC) sent a questionnaire to 2,315 residences regarding the issue in the Fall 1999 mailing of the Kensington Improvement Club (KIC). Based upon the response from those who responded—20 per cent of households—a steering committee was formed to undertake the writing of what is termed the Kensington Combining Ordinance.

For More Information

Residents are encouraged to go to Gioia’s website at <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis1/kensington.htm> to view the latest draft of the Ordinance and copies of handouts that were available at the meeting.

Gioia can be contacted at his El Cerrito office at 374-3231.

Monthly Meetings Recap

Kensington Fire Protection District

The Board of Directors of the Kensington Fire Protection District (KFD) held their first meeting of the new year on January 8. Present at the meeting were Don Dommer, president; Leslie Michael, vice president; Bert Wilson, secretary; and directors Janice Kosel and Nina Ramsey. Also in attendance were members of the Maybeck Property Owners Association, who wanted to give their views on Phase 4 of the 5-phase master plan to improve water flow from fire hydrants. Phase 4 calls for improvements to Purdue Ave. and would impact the owners’s private road.

Goals for 2003

Dommer presented KFD’s goals for 2003. They include completion of phase 4, renewal of the contract with the El Cerrito Fire Department, managing ongoing building improvements and keeping a watch over state finances. The department is in the process of purchasing a new Type III 4-wheel-drive fire engine with wild land interface and “pump and roll” capability. The new engine will be equipped with a 1,000 gallon per minute pumping capacity. The Richmond Fire

Department has expressed interest in the old reserve fire truck.

KCSD

Patricia McLaughlin, president of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KCSD), presided over the January 9 meeting. Also present were Bruce Morrow, vice president; and directors Joan Gallegos, Paul Haxo, and Ciara Wood.

Bay View Refuse Rate Increase

Jim Arnstein, representing consulting firm Hilton Farnkopf & Hobson, recommended authorizing a rate increase of 16.8% to the 2003 Bay View Refuse contract. This would include a one-year special household hazardous waste surcharge to cover costs for past and current household hazardous waste costs not previously provided for in refuse rates. The increase is necessary because, according to the agreement that KCSD has with Bay View Refuse, the company is compensated for its expenses and provided with an agreed-upon level of profit. The board voted to adopt the proposed rates for 2003.

General Manager Garfield reported that the plan for disposing of hazardous waste is nearing completion and will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

KCC Holds Annual Meeting

Members of the Kensington Community Council (KCC) held their annual meeting on Monday, January 6. Representatives to the meeting included Esther Hill, Friends of the Kensington Library; Gail Feldman, Kensington Property Owners Association; and Gloria Morrison of the Kensington Improvement Club. Groups or individuals interested in joining should call KCC administrator Helen Horowitz, 525-0292.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, KCC elected officers for the 2003 year, including Don Specter, president; Ted Blanckenburg, vice-president; Clif Taylor and Danielle Power, secretary; and Gale Berkowitz, treasurer. Members voted to hold meetings on an

every-other-month basis. The next meeting will be held on March 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Date Set for Spring Party

Sunday, March 23 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. has been selected as the date for the 15th annual Spring Celebration fundraiser at the Kensington Community Center. There will be a silent auction of works by local artists and authors. Child-care will be available for children.

KCC is a non-profit corporation which sponsors educational programs for community enrichment. KCC publishes the *Outlook* and sponsors classes for adults and children, the Kensington After School Enrichment Program and Summer Day Camp. The organization also administers educational facilities in Kensington Park in conjunction with the KCSD.

To donate items for the silent auction, call Danielle Power at 524-6737. For more information about the event, call Vida Dorroh at 527-3169 or Ciara Wood at 525-7806.



Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Kensington Community Council
Monday, March 3, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 525-0292 to confirm.)

Kensington Fire Protection District
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 527-8395 to confirm.)

Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District
Thursday, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 526-4141 to confirm.)

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council
Tuesday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.
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Concerning the Proposed
Kensington Zoning Ordinance

Dear Editor,

Kensington homeowners and residents should be aware of the following:

The proposed zoning ordinance restricts construction and affects every house in Kensington. While the goal of the ordinance is laudatory, the effect, however, will be to prevent many families in Kensington from adding any additions and, even where improvements may be permitted, the process of permitting will increase the cost and cause substantial additional delays. This ordinance preserves the status quo and makes changes to our homes difficult, costly, and time-consuming.

The proposed zoning ordinance is unfairly restrictive because it has unreasonably low Floor Area Ratios and Building Coverage Ratios. These ratios will determine the maximum size of our homes. Floor Area Ratio is total Floor Area (as defined in the ordinance) divided by lot size. Under this proposed zoning ordinance, Floor Area is unreasonably inflated because of its inclusion of detached buildings, interior courtyards, garages, and carports with roof covering. The Building Coverage Ratio is building coverage divided by lot size. These ratios were taken from other communities that are not comparable to Kensington. Approximately 60 percent of lots in Kensington are small, sub-standard lots. Applying ratios developed for other communities with larger lots to Kensington's tiny lots is unreasonable, inappropriate and unfair. Kensington is unique and appropriate ratios must be developed for Kensington. To date this has not been done. A study of a small sample of houses by the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council (KMAC) was totally inadequate. A study must be undertaken for a large sample of Kensington houses in order that fair and realistic ratios be developed. This proposed zoning ordinance must not move forward until this study has been conducted and the ratios adjusted.

Proponents of the proposed zoning ordinance contend that there is community consensus for the new ordinance. This is not substantiated by the facts. Proponents cite a survey by KMAC in the fall of 1999. This survey with questions on zoning was submitted to 2,315 residents in Kensington. According to the February 2000 issue of the *Outlook*, only about 20 percent of the surveys were returned. Of the 20 percent, 17 percent of Kensington residents indicated some type of change in the present zoning regulations would be advisable. 17 percent of Kensington residents does not constitute community

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Unitarian
Universalist
Church Programs

Every Sunday morning at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, lay leaders lead a meditation service at 8:30 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., community members lead Personal Theology Seminars, discussing a different topic of relevant interest each week. The worship service follows at 10:45 a.m. Visitors are always welcome and childcare is provided.

February Worship Services

On February 2, Jim Burneo will lead a discussion about "The Politics of Compassion." The Revs. Barbara and Bill Hamilton-Holway and Intern Minister Sofia Betancourt will preach "Enter, Rejoice and Come In" on February 9. They will return on February 16 to talk about "The Discipline of Love." Finally, on February 23, Revs. Hamilton-Holway, Intern Minister Betancourt and Acting Director of Religious Education Sally White will lead "Stand By This Faith."

Personal Theology Seminars

On February 2, Alex Pappas, teacher of world religions and psychology for the College of Alameda and extensive traveler to sacred places will lead "Personal Gifts of Wisdom and Treasures from Various Religious Traditions." Rabbi Harry A. Manhoff of Temple Beth Shalom, San Leandro, will discuss "Is the Hebrew Bible Verifiable by Archeology?" on February 9. On February 16,

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Arlington Community Church News

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Pastor Shirlee Bromley will speak and lead the worship services in February, except for February 16. On that Sunday, there will be a guest speaker. On February 2, the communion meditation will be "What About your Own Authority?" On February 9, Bromley will speak on "Renewal;" on the 23rd the topic will be "Friends."

In addition to morning worship, there is a quiet service of meditation and healing held in the chapel each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. The chapel is accessed via Rincon Rd. and all are welcome.

Youth Activities

Teenagers are invited to an evening of fun and fellowship each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Students are invited to bring a friend. Call the church at 526-9146 for more information about retreats and the upcoming snow trip.

Special Musical Activities

The ACC Handbell Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The ACC choir rehearses at 7:30 p.m. The Chimers Bell Choir continues to meet Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. after morning worship. Rehearsals for the Good Friday Concert presentation of Duruflé's "Requiem" will begin on January 22 at 8:45 p.m.

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IN MEMORIAM

"Kip" Meader Dies

Ronald Norman Meader, known to all as "Kip," died peacefully at his Kensington home of 38 years on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2002. Meader is survived by Paula, his wife of 40 years, his daughter, Melissa Ronderos, her husband Luis and a grandson, Tyler, of Miami, Florida. He was 73 years old.

Meader was born in 1929, in St. Louis, MO. He graduated from the University of Missouri and completed his MBA at University of Miami-Ohio. During the Korean War, he served on the USS Toledo. He discovered the San Francisco Bay Area when he returned to the states from the war and decided to stay.

Meader retired from the Navy Reserve as a Commander in 1981. He worked as a Financial Analyst for the University of California for 28 years.

At the June 2002 meeting of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPCSD), board members passed Resolution 02-07 which honored Meader for his active volunteerism in the community. He was active in the Kensington Property Owners Association (KPOA), the Kensington Amateur Radio Operators (KARO), Friends of the Kensington Library (FKL), the Emergency Preparedness Committee and tutored local high school students.

The resolution states, "Whereas, Kip Meader became an integral part in the placement of community owned amateur radios in strategic locations throughout the community; and whereas Mr. Meader worked tirelessly in



ensuring the installation and on-going maintenance of the radio network; and worked at the recruitment and training of radio operators; and met with local and county officials to ascertain proper protocol and policy, thus dramatically increasing the opportunities the community will have with reaching outside sources in the case of catastrophic incident, and whereas, the

directors wish to convey their gratitude to Kip Meader for his many years of volunteer service to the community of Kensington; and now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District wishes to sincerely thank Kip Meader for the many years of community service which will serve to benefit the citizens of Kensington for years to come."

Kip Meader's strong and kind presence will be greatly missed.



Business Scene

Todd Hodson, local real estate agent and owner of Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Kensington, was named "Realtor of the Year" by the Berkeley Association of Realtors. The announcement was made at the association's annual December banquet at the Claremont Hotel. Todd serves as the Chairman of the Multiple Listing Service and Technology Committee for the Berkeley Association and also serves on the East Bay Regional Data Service board of directors. Todd is also president-elect of the Berkeley Association for 2003.

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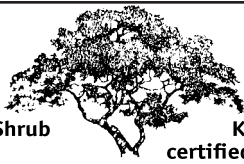
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By John Gossard



The Friends of the Kensington Library (FKL) met in January with discussions of the plans for continuing programs and planning for the expanded hours. Being open on Monday evenings has allowed these nights to be used for adult programs, a nice addition to the long tradition of children's programs on Tuesdays. Barbara Fergason, our Librarian, said what a pleasure it was to do such activities, although she said that the attendance was low, probably due to the fact that people are not looking for or expecting any special programs for adults. FKL will use the Monday Night Adult Program slot for presenting special events in the coming year, with several in the formative stages and too early to announce, but worth keeping an eye out for...both in this column and on the varied places that flyers appear for upcoming events, as the in Library Kiosk, where many things of interest to patrons are posted. A January program, which we hope you caught if it fell into your area of interests, was that on the thirteenth given by Ken Sanderson. It related to his years of work at UC Bancroft Library editing their large collection of the letters and manuscripts of Mark Twain.

Adult Versus

And with apparent "poetic license" FKL will hold the second program for adults, a Poetry Reading (or "poetry slam" they call it nowadays?) not on a Monday but on Thursday, February 13, at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center (Youth Hut). We return with this winning event that each year Maggie Morley creates through her links with local writers. She brings in both established and aspiring poets from our area, Kensingtonians included, who each give short readings, often with anecdotal background material. Following the prescheduled readers, the session opens up to those who might like to try some of their work on the receptive audience. It provides a great opportunity to hear and meet some very interesting people. Also, for the uninitiated, it is a fine setting to test your writing on a responsive, supportive audience. There

are always some great surprises, it seems, and a chance to experience some of the creative output that is a hallmark of our area. Maggie can be phoned if you have any questions, on scheduling or the general format. Her number is 524-0253.

Seuss Alert

FKL Seusstress, Gretchen Gilfillan, will organize another of the Kensington Library's famous Dr. Seuss Green Eggs and Ham Birthday Parties on March 4, at Kensington Library at 7 p.m. This affair includes the aforementioned foods, in all their colorful glory as well as a story presentation and a truly fun-filled event. The event is well attended and as a result of the small area available in our library, requires that tickets be given out before the event so that the amount of seating and eating is consistent with the number of children attending. So be sure to check with the staff at the library before the party day to pick up the free tickets that will be required to make the party a success for all.

National, State, County and...

Briefly, the severe shortfall in taxes across the country is going to impact our library. Despite our recent improvement in funding and ability to increase hours and staffing, the State budget cuts, passed on to counties as lessened assistance, leaves peripheral functions, as libraries, the mostly heavily hit by cuts (first call on funds is education and health, followed closely by fire and police). At this point, what were seen as severe cuts have been added to by a second round of revisions to reduce our Contra Costa Library. The result is that the Public Library Fund has been reduced from the original State allocation to our County Library System from \$1,300,000 to \$395,500. In other terms, if the cuts were to be applied to only one aspect of our system it would represent a reduction of over 37,000 new books, or in just closing two of our county libraries completely. Of course these reductions will be made in different areas, to minimize the overall impact on services and operations, but we can expect a decrease in hours and

available new books it seems certain. Several FKL members attended a session with Tom Torlakson in January to discuss our concerns and he spoke of the legislation and possible bond or tax funding that he was working on with other concerned members of the legislature, but he acknowledged that it is going to take time and be hard to work out the problems present with decreased state revenues. FKL is glad to see that Tom, for a long time a teacher, is aware of our specific problems and active in seeking solutions. He noted the strong support that Kensington has given all Library issues and the good work of our FKL group.

The FKL Board passes on his appreciation and recognition to you, as you are the voters and contributors who have done so much for our library. In the coming year FKL is hoping that contributions of funds and books remain high and maybe even grow a bit. With the money FKL raises it is at least able to give extra support to supplying our library with needed books, equipment and programs. Possibly, if hours are cut, it might be possible for FKL to fund salaries to increase hours as we did some 8-9 years ago when FKL treasury was a bit better filled than the Counties. If donations allow, this may be considered later in the year, depending on the impact of reduced County Library budget. As always, we want your salable books, so keep dropping them off during Library hours. If you can't get them to the library when it is open, or need assistance in getting books to FKL, please call Adrian Jennings at 524-2508.



From the Children's Librarian

Face Painting Workshop

On Thursday February13 from 3-4 p.m. Leslie Arnold of "On-Your-Face" will conduct a special face painting workshop for all ages. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Kensington Library. Don't forget to mark your schedule for the Dr. Seuss Birthday Party on Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m.

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On-Site Supervisor 525-0292,
during class hours
Sandy Thacker,
Curriculum Coordinator 482-1258

WINTER SESSION

The winter session will end on
March 21.

SPRING SESSION

Registration for the spring session
will be held in the Community
Center, 59 Arlington Ave. on Tues-
day, March 4 at 7 p.m. for 1st
through 6th graders.

Registration packets are sched-
uled to go home with Kensington
School students on Thursday, Feb-
ruary 13 and to be available in the
Kensington Library and the KCC
office on Friday, February 14.
Classes will begin on Monday,
March 22.

KCC

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NOTICES

To Register for Class

Call the office unless otherwise
specified. Some classes have
enrollment limits. Those register-
ing will be notified if they cannot
be enrolled.

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Reservations are taken for week-
ends and holidays only. The earli-
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great painters will be studied. Stu-
dents will be encouraged to develop
their own style and may use an open
palette if they prefer. For more infor-
mation, call Barbara Ward at 528-
2983. To sign up, call the KCC office.

Instructor: Barbara Ward

Portrait: Thursdays, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

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Ongoing

8 weeks: \$200 per resident

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Fees per resident (10 weeks):

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\$120/3 x week, \$4.50 drop-in

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months old, have had all their shots,
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Instructor: Nancy Cuccia (233-4500)

Wednesdays

Beginners: 7-8 p.m.

Next session starts February 19

6 weeks: \$36 per resident

\$40 per non-resident

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Intermediate/Advanced: 9-9:45 p.m.

\$4/class

COMMUNITY CENTER

TENNIS

Alex Brown, USPTA tennis pro,
offers classes to a minimum of four
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To register, call Brown at 524-5495

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for one or two days a week

Instructor: Alex Brown (524-5495)

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays

3:40-5:20 p.m.

Fees (payable monthly):

\$10 per class/resident

\$11 per class/non-resident

TENNIS COURTS



Tennis instructor Alex Brown and his students.

Adult Classes at the Library

Barbara Furgason, Senior Branch
Librarian at the Kensington Library, has
announced the February schedule of
Monday evening classes for adults. On
Monday, February 3, the class will be
"An Introduction to the Internet: Where
you can find some good websites on
email." On February 10, the topic will
be "Introduction to Selected Databases
and Novelists—How to find a great
book to read!" Due to President's Day,
there will be no class on February 17.
The last class will be on February 24
and will be "An Introduction to the
Library Catalog."

Classes will begin at 6:55 p.m. and
end at 7:30 p.m. Practice time and class
materials are available at 6:30 p.m. and
after class until 7:55 p.m. Seats are lim-
ited; to reserve a seat, call 524-3043.
On-lookers are welcome.

Kensington Symphony Orchestra To Perform

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra
(KSO) will present the third concert of
its Silver Anniversary Season on February
22 at 8 p.m. The all-orchestral program
features music of Beethoven, Bruch, and
Mendelssohn. Music Director and Con-
ductor Lloyd Elliott is celebrating his
13th year at the helm of the KSO.

The program opens with the rarely
performed "Consecration of the House
Overture" in C major, Op. 124, by Ludwig
van Beethoven. The Overture dates back
to 1811 when Beethoven wrote "The
Ruins of Athens" for a theater opening in
Budapest. The composer revised this
work in 1822 and renamed it "Conse-
cration of the House" for a theater opening
in Vienna.

The program continues with "Swedish
Dances," Op. 63, by Max Bruch. Com-
prised of 15 short pieces, the "dances" are
based on Scandinavian and Hebraic folk

melodies. The concert concludes with
Symphony No. 4, by Felix Mendelssohn.
Known as the Italian Symphony, this
work, completed in 1833, evokes the
composer's visit to Italy in 1830. Buoyant
for the most part, Symphony No. 4 ends
with the dynamic rhythms of an Italian
carnival dance.

Founded in 1977, the Kensington Sym-
phony Orchestra includes local freelance
musicians and accomplished amateurs.
Lloyd Elliott, who studied orchestral con-
ducting under Pierre Monteux and Thor
Johnson, received his undergraduate
training in voice, theory, and composition
at the University of the Pacific. His grad-
uate studies in composition were with
Howard Hansen at the Eastman School of
Music. Mr. Elliott directed the Merced
Symphony for nine seasons and has
served as Instructor of Music at San Fran-
cisco State University, University of the

Pacific, and Dominican College. He cur-
rently holds that post at Contra Costa
College and Santa Rosa College.

The concert will be held at the North-
minster Presbyterian Church, 454 Ash-
bury Ave., El Cerrito, across from El
Cerrito High School. Tickets are available
at the door for a suggested donation of
\$10; \$8, seniors; and children free. For
information, call 524-4335.

Retired Teachers to Meet

The California Retired Teachers Asso-
ciation, West Contra Costa Division No.
58, will meet at noon on Thursday, Feb-
ruary 6 at the Masonic Hall of Rich-
mond, 5050 El Portal Drive, El Sobrante.
The program will feature a slide show
of paintings by Chiuri Obata presented
by his granddaughter, Kimi Hill. Call
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ty consensus. Further, KMAC is not an objective third party but an advocate of the proposed zoning ordinance.As such its survey and its interpretation of the results must be viewed with skepticism.

During 2001, Supervisor John Gioia repeatedly advised the Kensington Community that small neighborhood meetings were needed to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance and that there would be a community-wide advisory vote after full community discussion. The Contra Costa County Counsel's office then spent more than a year (Fall 2001 to Fall 2002) reviewing and modifying the proposed ordinance. Supervisor Gioia now wants to submit the proposed ordinance to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for approval without small neighborhood meetings, with limited community discussion and analysis of impact, and without an advisory vote.An ordinance restricting construction of all Kensington homes is very significant.This is just as important as the Kensington roads assessments in 1996 and the recent purchase of Kensington Park, both of which had an advisory vote. The Kensington community is entitled to an advisory vote on this controversial and far-reaching ordinance.

In addition, Supervisor Gioia now advises that the Kensington community must reimburse the County for its expenses in dealing with the proposed zoning ordinance including costs to amend the County's General Plan. While initially estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000, this cost may be substantially higher. One suggested funding source is a special tax on Kensington homeowners. Why should Kensington homeowners be stuck with this costly expense?

The proposed zoning ordinance was drafted by a select few who want to impose a highly restrictive ordinance on our community. Individuals who disagreed with the direction of the proposed ordinance were excluded from the drafting process. The result is a highly restrictive, unfair, and punitive ordinance which, when all the facts are known, will not be acceptable to many Kensington homeowners.

If you are interested in objecting to this proposed zoning ordinance, please

send your name, address and telephone number to me at 35 Ardmore Road, Kensington, CA 94707-1308; or e-mail me at hertzter@juno.com. Thank you.

J. David Hertzter,
Ardmore Road

More Zoning Ordinance

Dear Editor,

The proposed Kensington Combining District Ordinance deserves, at the very least, an advisory vote of the people of Kensington, who are alone governed by it.

Although a clear majority of Kensington's residents undoubtedly favor reasonable zoning, the current, privately drafted and funded proposal, is subject to a broad interpretation amounting to overkill. This should not become law by a simple vote of the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors. The current version of the ordinance goes beyond what is generally thought to be a "view" ordinance. The nature of "view" is by definition qualitative so the drafters resolved that light and view must also be addressed by limiting residents' ability to increase the square footage of their homes.

In the existing draft, for example, both garages and covered balconies (among other things) are included when counting the square footage of "floor area" (something that real estate agents would love to do but don't). As with any number of laws, the devil is in the details. Let's make sure the final format of this ordinance is acceptable to the median voter.

Our hard-working and dedicated Supervisor, John Gioia, requested \$20-25,000 from Kensington Community Groups to fund the legal review and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The CC Board would then vote to make it effective. I prefer the stricter Democracy test of a community vote. If the ordinance were to be funded by Kensington as a one-time parcel tax during the course of a normal ballot, the total cost would be about \$17 — more or less what many residents spend for a nice bottle of Chardonnay. The issue with a money vote is that it requires 2/3 to pass.

There is a third way. The Kensington Groups could approve funding but make it contingent upon an advisory

vote (which could pass by a simple majority). Remember that Kensington's only directly elected officials are the Boards of the KFPD and the KCSD. It is KMAC, a board appointed by the CC Board of Supervisors, which is principally responsible for this proposal. No single CC Supervisor represents Kensington exclusively. This is not to belittle the dedication and effort put forth on behalf of Kensington by the KMAC volunteers.

Please contact John Gioia office at (510) 374-3231 and ask that we approve our Kensington Combining District Ordinance through a ballot measure. John has stated he wants to hear from us.

John McKenna
Ardmore Road

KEF Thanks Donors

Dear Editor,

Ms. Janet Hittle's December letter noted that she received the Kensington Education Foundation's (KEF) fund raising appeal asking for a contribution to support our programs at Kensington School. She noted that Harding School is her neighborhood school and wondered if KEF was aware that not all Kensington residents live within the Hilltop School boundary.

KEF is well aware of the WCCUSD boundaries and has, from time to time, participated in the community meetings when the boundaries were redrawn. However the WCCUSD has retained final approval over all matters regarding its attendance zones and we suggest Ms. Hittle contact the Superintendent and members of the WCCUSD School Board to discuss her concerns.

As to our community fund raising efforts, we are pleased to report that nearly 10% of our donors live in Ms. Hittle's neighborhood and, in fact, this generous donor population has supported us since we launched our community fund raising drive ten years ago.

May I take this opportunity to publicly thank ALL donors to KEF for their generous response to our request. Community support makes the difference between a good school and a great school.

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El Cerrito Democratic Club

The public is invited to attend the Tuesday, February 25 meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church on 545 Ashbury Avenue in El Cerrito. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m., following the 7:30 p.m. general business meeting of the club. Jim Gonzales, an attorney and peace activist, will discuss the erosion of American civil liberties during the past year. Contact Joe Franaszek at 524-4659 for more information.

Kensington Republican Women Meet

The Kensington Area Republican Women (KARW) will meet on February 26 at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito at 12 noon. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Gordon Blake, member of Contra Costa County Central Committee. Blake will discuss the Constitution of the United States.

Tickets are \$12 per person and reservations should be made with Catherine Weeks at 524-5689.

Kensington 55+

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. The West Contra Costa Adult School and community volunteers provide the Center's program of life-long learning. Everyone over 55 is welcome to visit, join the seniors in activities and friendly conversation and be a volunteer if you choose. Contact Virginia Walker, at 547-1969 for information.

Charter Middle School Applications Due

The deadline for applications to the Manzanita Middle School, a free public school in Richmond, is February 14. The school is seeking 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for the 2003-2004 school year. Manzanita is a family cooperative, non-sectarian charter school with small class and school size. It is close to the Richmond Library and Art Center.

For more information visit the web site at www.manzy.org, or call 232-3300.

Garden Clubs to Meet

El Cerrito Garden Club

The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 13, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Following the business meeting and the serving of refreshments, Aerin Moore, from Magic Garden Nursery of Richmond, will present a program on "Early Spring Perennial and Shrub Color." Guests are welcome and may pay \$3 at the door. For more information, please call 234-0135.

Berkeley Garden Club

"Trees in a Nutshell" will be the topic presented by John Traverso on Tuesday, February 18 at the Berkeley Garden Club. Traverso is a Certified and Consulting Arborist, a member of the International Society of Arboriculture and president of the California Arborist Association. The club meets at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Guests are welcome to attend the business meeting at 1p.m. and the free program at 2p.m. Call 524-4374 for more details.

AAUW February Meeting

On Saturday, February 15, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will meet at 10 a.m. at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave. The featured speaker will be Naomi Caspe, who will present a program titled "Ancient Wisdom for the Modern Woman." She will discuss how to be healthy in all aspects of life. For further information, call 526-1127

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Beth Glick-Rieman, ordained minister, therapist, author of Peace Train to Beijing and Beyond, and past professor of Education, United Theological Seminary, Dayton Ohio will lead "Living in Hope in a Violent World: A Faith Journey." And finally on February 23, Sofia Betancourt will discuss "Re-Visioning Diversity: A Path to Wholeness."

For more information or for directions, call the church at 525-0302.

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The mini-concert series will resume in February. Four 7:30 p.m. Friday night concerts are scheduled for the spring: February 21, March 21, April 25 and May 23. The series price will be \$40 and will include a harp concert, the Burdick Trio, D Squared and two talented vocalists. Tickets may be purchased through the church office. For more information, call the church office at 526-9146.

LWV Kensington Study Group

The League of Women Voters Richmond Area, Kensington Study Group will meet February 10 at the home of Lucille Parker, 51 Highland Blvd. at 12 noon for a light lunch followed at 1 p.m. by a discussion of the proposed Kensington zoning ordinance. New comers are welcome. Call Lucille at 527-1538 to confirm.

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The Kensington Police Blotter

The following incidents were among those reported by the Kensington Police Department during November and December 2002.

NOVEMBER

© Residents on Ocean View reported that someone threw eggs at their cars.
© A resident reported hearing voices outside her residence on Columbia Ave.
© Two abandoned vehicles were towed from a location near Colgate and Columbia.
© Someone applied paint to the exterior and sprayed the contents of a fire extinguisher into the interior of a car parked on Stratford Ave.
© The contents of a fire extinguisher were sprayed into the interior of a car on Coventry Rd and two cars on Berkeley Park Blvd. All cars were unlocked.
© A minor non-injury accident was reported in front of the stores on Arlington Ave.
© A Cambridge Ave. resident complained of a gentleman making unwanted advances.
© A man was bothering people at the Arlington Pharmacy. He was told to leave.
© Someone was making annoying phone calls to a Norwood Ave. resident.
© A tree fell down blocking the roadway on Los Altos Rd.
© An Avon Rd. resident complained of chest pains after the pilot light on his natural gas heater went out.
© There was an attempted theft from an unlocked vehicle on Rugby Ave.
© Power lines went down on Yale Ave.
© A 62 year-old male riding a bicycle was photographing houses on Ocean View Ave. claiming involvement with the census. Police were not able to locate him.
© In related incidents, two Canon Dr. residents contacted officers to report a case of battery and rape.
© A resident called to report spotting someone dumping trash at Hilltop School. Officers determined that members of the school's Dad's Club were dumping construction debris with the school's permission.
© A motorcycle was stolen from Stanford Ave.
© Neighbors called to complain about parking on Highland.
© An Amherst Ave. resident called to report a problem with raccoons eating cat food.
© An unlicensed contractor caught in the Contractors State License Board sting had his vehicle impounded when he was found to be an unlicensed driver also.
© Someone found an old kitchen knife on their Arlington Ave. property and turned it into the police.
© A traffic accident with minor injury was reported on Princeton Ave. The driver refused an ambulance.
© An Anson Way resident reported annoying phone calls.
© A Colusa Ave. resident reported identity theft when he received a call from VISA to verify charges made in the San Jose area. The charges made at Kinko's, Chiles and Starbucks totaled \$195 and were not made by the resident.
© The librarian notified police that the library was closing and children were left outside waiting for parents.
© Identity theft was reported by a resident on Beloit Ave. Someone charged \$1,500 to the card in New York City.
© A loud party was reported on Windsor Ave.
© Officers stopped a motorist for traffic violations on Arlington Ave. who turned out to have an outstanding warrant.
© A Cowper Ave. resident reported that someone might have siphoned gas from a car.
© Kensington Hilltop School employees reported two subjects wandering school grounds who matched the description of the suspects involved in thefts at Portola Middle School and Madera School in El Cerrito. They left before officers arrived.
© An Arlmont resident was arrested for an outstanding DUI.
© Someone threw orange paint on a car parked at the intersection of Sunset and Arlington.
© An older resident needed help when the electricity went out in her Highgate Rd. home.
© Librarians at the Kensington Library called to report noisy children. Officers

counseled the youths on library protocol.
© An Ardmore Rd. resident reported spotting a someone in a strange car taking pictures of houses.
© Suspicious lights in the sky prompted an Ocean View Ave. resident to contact police.
© Neighbors complained when tree cutters started work before 8 a.m. at a home on Edwin Dr.
© A Highland Blvd. resident reported a water purifier valued at \$4,000 missing.
© An officer stopped a juvenile for riding a bike after dark without a light. The juvenile possessed marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
© A resident on Colgate reported a newspaper soaked in gasoline in his driveway.
© Someone took the American flag from Shai's Deli on Arlington Ave.

DECEMBER

© A delivery truck driver reported that someone had tried to steal gasoline at his previous stop in Berkeley. The truck was leaking gas and still had a hose sticking out of the gas tank.
© Residents complained about solicitors on Arlington Ave. and Cowper Ave.
© A driver was arrested following an incident of road rage. The driver was tailgating what turned out to be an unmarked police car. He was yelling and driving erratically. A marked police vehicle happened to be travelling behind.
© A Kingston Rd. resident reported identity theft.
© Librarians reported noise coming from behind the library. Officers found a group of 6th graders banging their scooters into the wall.
© Someone reported loud drum noises coming from Highgate Ave.
© An officer approached a Lexus parked three feet from the curb on Purdue. The driver turned out to be on probation for auto theft, two others in the car were arrested for outstanding warrants.
© Tools valued at \$300 were taken from a Ford pick-up truck parked on Purdue.
© Items valued at \$27,000 were reported possibly missing from a St. Albans residence.
© A loud party was reported on Lake Dr.
© Flooding was reported in a home on Franciscan Way.
© An anonymous resident reported a subject going door to door asking for money on Kenyon Ave.
© A Toyota pick-up truck valued at \$3,200 was stolen on Sunset Dr.
© A Toyota pick-up was stolen on Highgate and later found on Arlington Ave.
© Police found a Toyota pick-up truck that had been stolen from San Leandro on Sunset Dr.
© An Arlington Ave. resident reported that a tire had been slashed.
© A Coventry Rd. resident threw a brick at a construction worker and hit him in the head. The worker went to the hospital. The resident was arrested and released.
© A resident called police to warn that a potentially abusive ex-boyfriend may be arriving from Scotland.
© The anti-theft disabling device on a Saturn vehicle helped an officer interrupt an auto theft on Arlington Road. The car was stopped in the middle of the road.
© A resident called police when a pizza delivery person forced his way into her home.
© A Coventry Rd. resident reported hearing the sound of breaking glass.
© A suspicious man wearing a blue coat and shaggy hair was reported on Norwood Ave.
© Roofing material was found in the back yard of a Norwood Ave. residence.
© Officers helped a resident open a stuck garage door.
© The basement and garage of a residence on Coventry Rd. were flooded with two feet of water.
© A wire went down on Highgate Ct.
© A Beloit Ave. resident reported identity theft. Citibank informed the resident that someone was trying to establish credit with Gateway Computer using the resident's identity.
© A loud generator was reported on Coventry Rd.
© A Saturn stolen from Berkeley was found on Edwin Dr.
© Someone scratched a vehicle parked on York Ave.

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Grizzly Peak Flyfishers

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers will hold their 20th Annual Dinner and auction fundraiser on February 8 at the Kensington Community Center located at 59 Arlington Avenue. Auction items, including rods, reels, meals and more, are available for preview at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m., followed at 8 p.m. by the live auction and annual awards presentation.

The cost is \$30 per person. Beginner and "wannabe" fly-fishers and their families are welcome.

For more details, call 524-0428.

Troop 100 News

by Hal Wolter

The Kensington Troop 100 Boy Scouts are pleased to report that with the help of Kensington residents, over 1500 pounds of food were collected and donated to the Bay Area Rescue Mission during the "Scouting for Food" drive held in November 2002. The scouts would also like to thank the community for their generosity in supporting the troop by purchasing holiday wreaths. The money raised will help cover the cost of scout outings and enable the scouts to support charitable organizations.

On Tuesday, March 4, Troop 100 will be having an open house at the Kensington Community Center at 7 p.m. Young men between the ages of 11 and 18 who are interested in scouting are welcome and encouraged to come.

© An Amherst resident reported receiving harassing phone calls since April.
© An auto accident was reported on Ocean View.
© Someone stole tools valued at \$200 from an unlocked Chevy Silverado parked on Beloit Ave. A 30 year-old male was seen leaving the area in a Honda.
© Someone turned in a firearm.