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*KASEP sewing class member, Sydney Connors, displays her work..  
See Neighborhood Notes. Photo (and KASEP Sewing Class Instructor): Lynn Crook*

**Paths Reclamation Project Continues**

Over the past nine months, Kensington resident, Bryce Nesbitt has organized dozens of volunteers on projects to restore Kensington’s paths. Kensington has 15 mid-block path segments, all but two in regular use. Various local groups have endorsed or supported the efforts; KIC and KPOA funded construction from Yale to Cambridge Avenue, and 25 of the planned 100 wooden stair treads are in place on that path.

The paths are clearly documented on the original subdivision maps from the early 1900’s. However, nearly a century later, who is really respon-

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**THE INTERVIEW**

**KPPCSD Director, Cathie Kosel**

Subsequent to the publication of the Dec/Jan *Outlook* article on the November election, Cathie Kosel invited us to hear her views on Kensington, its politics, and that election. This virtual interview followed:

**KO:** *What prompted you to run for the KPPCSD board?*

**CK:** I’ve lived in Kensington for forty-two years, and been a member of the KPPCSD board for two. My history of public service is both broad and deep. I served two terms as mayor of El Cerrito and multiple terms as a director, chair and commissioner of many county and regional boards and commissions over 34 years. Several Kensington citizens felt the problems on the KPPCSD board were so serious that my experience may be able to help resolve them. In 2008, I agreed to run and to serve if elected, but not to campaign, because I was battling a serious illness at the time.

**KO:** *What’s surprised you about your board experience?*

**CK:** I am surprised that there are not higher expectations for performance, discipline and professionalism on the part of our employees. The “commendations” given routinely to officers for just doing their jobs (CPR, mutual aid, taking a kid home from school) are indications of low expectations. The lack of civility and the bullying that surrounds the work of this board is astonishing.

**KO:** *What’s one thing you’d like Kensington residents to know about KPPCSD?*

**CK:** It lacks transparency, accountability, and professionalism. The retirement benefits package of our officers is a time bomb. We pay both the employer and the employee part of the PERS contribution, and our officers can retire after only 5 years of service at the age of 50, with full health benefits for themselves and all dependents. We must meet our unfunded pension obligation by asking future employees to share the cost of health benefits, raising the retirement age, and asking our employees to pay their share of CalPers pension fund contributions. The generosity of Kensington citizens toward their police department is unsustainable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Deplorable ‘Hit’ Piece,  
Investigative Journalism,  
or Community Service?**

Editor:

How would you characterize the election article that appeared on the front page of the most recent issue of the Outlook? Was it editorial opinion? Was it “investigative journalism?” To me, it read like a deplorable hit piece, replete with baseless innuendo, intended only to cast aspersions on the reputations and motives of Director Cathie Kosel and Director-Elect Mari Metcalf. You gave no sources for much of the “information” presented as fact in the article. In addition, given that both Linda Lipscomb and Tony Lloyd have been president of the KCC, in my opinion that piece came with a strong whiff of conflict of interest.

Your mention of Rodney King’s famous quote at the end of the piece is ludicrous in light of the fact that publication of this article is guaranteed only to add fuel to the fire.

Eyleen Nadolny

*Eyleen was a candidate for the KPPCSD Board of Directors in the recent election. Neither Linda Lipscomb nor Tony Lloyd has ever been president of KCC. – Ed.*

Folks:

This paper has hosted a dialogue regarding the recent KPPCSD Board election and disclosures, or more importantly non-disclosures, made by several candidates during its course.

It is crucial that you, the voters of this community, know how your candidates and your elected officials view this board and its obligations to those it supervises, good, bad, or indifferent, and in what regard board members hold the community they hope to govern. And I do think that our community has a right to know when our candidates or elected officials exceed the bounds of reasonable action by bringing potentially damaging suspect allegations or making false claims for political gain.

I trust that it was in this vein that the *Outlook* ran its original editorial, as well as this month’s interview with Cathie Kosel, a Board director. In this regard, it has done a great community service by presenting balanced coverage to a crucial public issue. To suggest otherwise is to attempt to suppress the fundamental First Amendment rights of free speech and due investigation incumbent on any responsible newspaper, and is unconscionable.

I leave it to you as a community to form your own conclusions on the underlying actions taken both as part of the Measure G campaign and more recently in the Board election. However I do think it is time to move forward with the business of this community — there is much to do and the electorate has clearly expressed its political will in each instance.

Thank you,  
Chuck Toombs  
KPPCSD Board President

Lipscomb re: Kimball

Re: Implication of letter of Cindy Kimball: the mudslinging spreads (See Dec 2010/Jan 2011 Outlook)

No, Ms. Kimball, neither Paul Dorroh nor I knew anything about Tony Lloyd’s misstatement in his resume. Both Paul and I were dismayed, however, to see your unfounded letter implying that we did know. This sort of thing bespeaks the same kind of unsavory mudslinging that

led to questioning Mr. Lloyd’s credentials. Although seven candidates were running for office, Tony was the only one of the candidates questioned about his/her credentials. Why?

Let’s get past this episode, and pull together for the good of our community. There’s a lot to do for Kensington!

Sincerely,  
Linda Lipscomb

*Linda was recently elected to the KPPCSD Board of Directors*

Voter Betrayed?

Dear Editor:

Although I felt betrayed after discovering that I voted for a candidate who had an undisclosed professional relationship with an existing board member in the KPPCSD Board race, I, along with most other residents of Kensington, would like to put the bitter rancor of the election behind us. We expect our elected representatives, both locally and nationally, to work together constructively for the common good and to shed the self-righteous hysterias, litigiousness, and obstructionism that has characterized our self-government in the recent past.

I look forward to becoming more involved in Board meetings, if only to put a damper on such childish behavior.

Sincerely,  
Bill Tilden  
Marchant Court

Anonymous Attorney on  
Metcalf/Kosel Association

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to what I believe are unfair and unfounded allegations regarding Mari Metcalf. As attorneys, we are bound to strict professional rules of conduct, which restrict our actions, and allegations of ethical violations are an incredibly serious matter.

If Mari did represent Ms. Kosel, which is not clear from the information presented, she is not at liberty to disclose this representation. Confidentiality is one of our chief duties.

Simply writing a letter to the DA does not raise any red flags. It seems others simply disagree with Ms. Metcalf’s politics, which is a political, not legal, issue. Ms. Metcalf signing her name *,Esq.* could indicate she was alerting the DA to the fact that she was writing in a legal capacity.

If the issue is that Ms. Metcalf represented Ms. Kosel in some capacity, then that is in effect saying that attorneys, as a professional class, are barred from serving on any boards where they represented any present members in any capacity, which is quite a slippery, and IMO unfair, slope.

If the issue is that Ms. Metcalf is aligned politically or personally with Ms. Kosel, then I challenge those “concerned” to articulate a reasonable, neutrally applicable standard by which anyone who has any sort of affinity or personal relationship with another person presently serving on the board, is ineligible for office. It is simply absurd.

It seems abundantly clear that this is simply a matter of politics and not ethics.

Sincerely,  
Fellow Kensington Attorney

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## Thank You, Esther!



New KASEP administrator Marty Westby, left, takes the baton from outgoing administrator, Esther Hill, who is leaving after five years of outstanding service to KCC and the community – for a full time position in SF. A job well done, Esther – *Happy Trails!*

Welcome Marty!

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## Concerning Election Officers

We have received a Customer Comment and Suggestion Form from a constituent questioning one of our poll workers’ involvement in campaigning and in serving as a poll worker.

Here is wording from our appointment letter we send to every poll worker:

“This appointment is void if you or a member of your household is a candidate in this election or if you or a member of your household is either an official campaigner for a candidate or a campaigner for or against a measure in this election. If this is the case, please contact the Election Department at the above number and let us know.”

There is no code prohibiting people from serving as a poll worker and being involved in a campaign. Our policy is meant to alleviate any concerns from the

community. The workers tend to be self-policing and often request to work in alternate areas.

We have gone further and have answered the following situational questions for poll workers:

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**Neighborhood Working to Slow Traffic on Franciscan Way**  
Franciscan Way residents say there have been enough “near misses” involving dogs, people, and cars, particularly at the corner of Sunset and Franciscan Way, that they no longer feel safe walking on their own street. So they’ve banded together to do something about it. A group of concerned neighbors has formed a *Neighborhood Traffic Committee*, chaired by Maria Adriaans, to work with Contra Costa County staff through the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program. The “Franciscan Wayers” are committed to doing what it takes to slow traffic on their street... They purchased a radar gun, with which they have been collecting travel speed data, to supplement data already gathered by the Contra Costa County Public Works Department on speed and volume counts; They have been in contact with the Chief of Police and John Gioia’s office; They spoke at the January meeting of the KPPCSD Board, where a motion was passed unanimously to direct the COP to step up traffic enforcement along Franciscan Way during peak rush hours, using overtime if necessary, and to request that the County do a study of the best way to cut down on speeding along that street. The *‘Wayers* say they appreciate all those who respectfully observe the 25mph speed limit on their road; and they invite their fellow *Outlook* readers and all those who drive on the roads in Kensington to please slow down and be careful driving on Franciscan Way, particularly as they approach the dangerous curve at the base of Sunset Drive, for the sake and safety of everyone – driving, walking, or barking, as the case may be.

**New Colusa Avenue Entrepreneurs Optimistic**  
As Geri Brown’s partner in Thousand Oaks Art Gallery, Armando Piccioto (pictured at right) put it, “If I wait for the economy to improve, I’ll be too old.” So he, his partner, and other local entrepreneurs are getting on with their lives and their businesses – opening a new gallery on Colusa near Solano in Armando and Geri’s case (online at [www.ThousadOaksArtGallery.com](http://www.ThousadOaksArtGallery.com)), expanding from a home office to a commercial space on Colusa Circle in the case of Dan Lynch Waterproofing (pictured below, right – [www.LynchandDaughter.com](http://www.LynchandDaughter.com)), and even purchasing a new business, as Alchemy Skin Spa’s new owner, Malite, did – a veritable oasis, just down the street from Dan’s corner shop ([www.AlchemySkinSpa.com](http://www.AlchemySkinSpa.com)). *If the number of houses sporting decorative lights during last December’s holiday is any indication, the economy is on the upswing, and these merchants should do well. We wish them luck!*

Armando Piccioto

Malite

**KASEP Sewing Class Continues**  
At the holiday performance and party for KASEP, held at the Community Center on Thursday evening, December 16, several of the KASEP classes showcased the results of students’ work. Among them was a display for the sewing classes held each Wednesday after school. *Sewing A*, the class for students in first through third grades, introduces budding seamstresses to basic hand sewing skills... The projects change frequently as many students re-register for the class. Last fall the boys and girls proceeded to create spiders (for Halloween), refrigerator magnets featuring favorite foods (for Thanksgiving), and lavender sachets for winter holiday gifts. The ball, being held by proud seamstress, Sydney Connors (*Page 1*), was another favorite project. *Sewing B*, for students in fourth through sixth grades, introduces the sewing machine and more complex projects.

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*Stephen L. Weir, County Clerk*

**The Straight and Narrow**

To the Editor:

I support the recently publicized efforts to restore the walking paths that join many of our streets. These paths make Kensington safer and more hospitable for pedestrians. This in turn promotes better health and allows residents to know the neighborhood and one another better. We are lucky to live in an area that is good for walking.

I also believe that in the event of an emergency, the paths could be a life-saving resource. Many of us remember the ter-

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### ...Interview, from Page 1

The combined General Manager/Police Chief position builds in a lack of accountability contrary to all management principles of which I am aware. Our KPPCSD services will not meet high standards until that position is divided. I have not relished being the messenger of the problems facing our agency; but if this community wants to resolve the issues with our police department we have contended with for decades, changes must be made.

**KO:** *You did not support Measure G, which added a supplemental property tax to Kensington property owners to make up the apparent shortfall in the KPPCSD budget for police services. Why not?*

**CK:** It was all about sequence. In my view it should have followed this order: 1) Determine what we are paying officers in TOTAL compensation; 2) Immediately inform the public by posting it on our website as is required by law; 3) Do a survey to see how our compensation package compares with similar cities; 4) Negotiate with the KPOA, given our existing resources; 5) Ask the residents for more money if absolutely necessary.

The KPPCSD board disagreed with me. They asked the residents for money before they even knew what we were paying the officers, how it compared with similar cities, and before they negotiated with the KPOA. The board refused to release compensation information to the public until Mari Metcalf and I were able to make the case that it was legally required to do so and until one of our citizens threatened to sue the KPPCSD to release that information. That doesn't strike me as an intelligent or forthcoming way for a board to do the people's business, and it is shocking that the board felt it could and should keep the people who pay the bills in the dark.

**KO:** *In the November election for new KPPCSD board members, what prompted you to delve into the details of Tony Lloyd's resume? In what ways do you feel he has failed to address your concerns?*

**CK:** I have three decades of experience reviewing resumes for employment and/or tenancy. What I have learned is that there are people who embellish their resumes. Sometimes it is consequential, sometimes not. Generally, the more vague a resume is, the more I question the validity of it. In Tony's case, he did not mention the name of the university from which he graduated (he did not graduate). "Post-graduate work" is vague and another red flag. The resume should say MS, MA, PhD, JD, etc. "Corporate Director of a major corporation for 35 years" is a big red flag. That meant that at about age 25 Tony was rich and successful; outwardly he does not appear to be. According to a reliable source, Tony's "post-graduate work" consisted of a weeklong workshop at Kellogg School of Management, sponsored by AT&T, for which he received no academic credit. This became an intriguing case and I followed up. Tony's misrepresentations are large and serious; the resume appears to contain embellishments and lacks clarity about his education and career. He now claims he has enough units to get his undergraduate degree and will be submitting the necessary paperwork.

**KO:** *What was your role in the campaigns of Eyleen Nadolny and Mari Metcalf? Do you see any conflict of interest in having been represented in legal matters pertaining to those before the Board by a candidate for the Board (Mari Metcalf) without making that information clear to the voters of Kensington? Despite being in accordance with the letter of the law, in retrospect can you see how it might seem suspect to some voters for you to have campaigned for candidates for the Board*

*on which you sit, maintained a professional relationship with one of them, AND act as an election official at the polls?*

**CK:** My role in the campaigns of Nadolny and Metcalf was that I endorsed them. Period. They both impressed me as honest and courageous and intelligent. All other board members endorsed candidates. Other board members put up yard signs and some walked precincts; I did not.

Mari Metcalf was never my attorney. I have NO professional relationship with her. I did cc her on an email relating to one of the three expensive excursions into my background by the chief of police. There are only two individuals who knew that: Chuck Toombs and Greg Harman. One of them has obviously disclosed confidential information to you and/or others.

Regarding my volunteer service as a poll worker, I called the County Clerk's office prior to the election to inform/remind them that I was a sitting director and perhaps they might want to get another poll worker. They were short of poll workers, as usual, and begged me to serve, as they believe there is no violation of ethics involved. I sat with my ruler and pencil and lined through the addresses of residents as they voted and posted that information every hour. "Election official" is a big phrase for that kind of work.

**KO:** *You and now Director-elect, Mari Metcalf, also filed a criminal complaint with the District Attorney against the COP and the KPOA. It appears by their actions that the D.A., as well as the FPCC, found your claims to be without merit. Some residents have wondered what would have prompted you to file criminal charges against those you supervise, which, in the end, appear to have been baseless. How would you respond? What is your view of filing criminal legal actions against those you supervise?*

**CK:** We wrote a letter (as distinguished from "filing a criminal complaint") asking the D.A. to look into suspected violations by the KPOA of federal, state, and county election laws. Despite requests by Supervisor Gioia and myself, it appears that someone in authority decided not to pursue an investigation into those alleged violations. When it appears that local enforcement officers act as scofflaws, responsible citizens should take the issue further up the ladder. I would hope other law-abiding citizens would do so as well. The claims did and still do have merit, and if any of us wants to reengage with these issues, we can; but it seems from the last board election that lessons were learned and the D.A., Mari, and I all have (more) important things to do in our lives.

**KO:** *Anything you'd like to add?*

**CK:** Serving as a director of KPPCSD has been a severe test and a source of great disappointment for me. It has taken great courage to fight for transparency, accountability, and professionalism for this agency. The existing people in power, and they include former board members and the GM/COP, have ferociously fought against my efforts. Their weapon of choice is character assassination combined with bullying. Instead of factually based debate, they demonstrated their immaturity with attacks on my integrity. There is no possibility of financial gain for a director of KPPCSD and this is certainly not a graduated step for me in a political career. I appreciate the opportunity to serve, and the confidence of so many in our community.

*To the best of our knowledge, the Outlook has not received any confidential information from Chuck Toombs, Chief Harman, or any other party to the above-referenced matters. Tony Lloyd's reply to Cathie's allegations is detailed in the Dec 2010/Jan 2011 edition of the Outlook, available online at [www.KensingtonOutlook.com](http://www.KensingtonOutlook.com). — Ed.*

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2010-6460 – On 12-4-2010 at 0150 hours, Officer Wilson took a multi-vehicle collision report in the 200 block of Willamette Avenue.

2010-6530 – On 12-7-2010 at 1105 hours, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Edgcroft Road to a report of a hit & run collision.

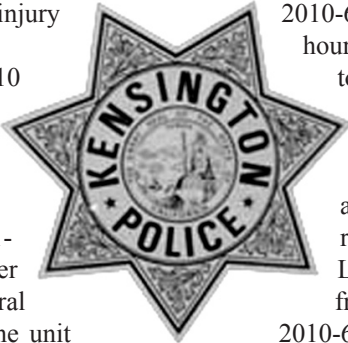
2010-6561 – On 12-9-2010 at 1040 hours, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Amherst Ave. to a non-injury vehicle collision.

2010-6588 – On 12-10-2010 at 1540 hours, Officer Martinez responded to a civil dispute in the 400 block of Berkeley Pk Blvd.

2010-6625 – On 12-11-2010 at 2314 hours, Officer Medina contacted several intoxicated juveniles on the unit block of Arlington Avenue.

2010-6770 – On 12-17-2010 at 1315 hours, Officer Martinez responded to a report of theft from a vehicle in the 200 block of Lake Drive.

2010-6678 – On 12-14-2010 at 0925 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Colgate Ave. to a reported auto burglary.



2010-6679 – On 12-14-2010 Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Ardmore Rd. to a report of vandalism.

2010-6691 – On 12-15-2010 at 0430 hours, Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Lake Dr. to a report of tampering with a vehicle.

2010-6692 – On 12-15-2010 at 0705 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Los Altos Dr. to a report of a stolen vehicle.

2010-6696 – On 12-15-2010 at 1014 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the 500 block of Beloit Ave. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

2010-6701 – On 12-15-2010 at 1155 hours, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Los Altos Dr. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

2010-6705 – On 12-15-2010 at 1349 hours Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Lake Dr. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

2010-6706 – On 12-15-2010 at 1350 hours, Officer Stegman took a phone report from a resident in the 600 block of Coventry Rd. who reported that her cat had been shot.

2010-6734 – On 12-16-2010 at 0449 hours, Officer Wilson responded to the 100 block of Lawson Rd. to a report of a missing person.

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John Marshall Lipscomb

May 26, 1945 - Dec. 26, 2010

John Marshall Lipscomb died suddenly on December 26, 2010. John was the adored husband of Linda Lipscomb, the beloved father of Stephanie Lipscomb Teterycz, and Jennifer and John Lipscomb, and loving grandfather of Saskia Teterycz.

Born on May 26, 1945 in St. Petersburg, Florida, John received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Florida State University. He had also studied abroad in Munich, Germany. After a successful career in banking and foreign exchange trading at Bank of America and other financial institutions, John devoted his time to his hobby of car collecting and to his family.

John is also survived by his mother, Helen Buland Lipscomb of St. Petersburg, Florida, and by extended family members also residing in Florida. A memorial for friends and family will be planned for a date in the spring. It is preferred that in lieu of flowers, a contribution be made to the Alameda County Food Bank.



Dr. Kenneth V. Jackman

December 3, 1916 - Nov. 1, 2010

Former Kensington resident, Ken Jackman, 94, died peacefully at home in Pacific Grove, Ca. on November 1st.

Born in Lincoln, Vt., Dec. 3, 1916, he graduated from Middlebury College and immediately joined the Navy as a pilot. After suffering a career ending hand injury, he was sent to the naval hospital in Newport, R.I. where he met his wife, Eleanor.

He taught at the Hill from 1942-1968. After taking graduate courses each summer at many universities, he received his M.S. from the University of Colorado in 1954. Three years later, he was chosen by the Oak Ridge Institute to be one of ten teachers traveling nationwide to promote science.

Career highlights include lecturing in Bangkok and Vienna as part of the Atoms for Peace Traveling exhibit, lecturing at two World's Fairs, working at the Lawrence Hall of Science, and a position as Director of the National Science Center of Singapore. He retired in 1987 to care for Eleanor. The following year he was awarded an honorary Doctorate from Georgetown University.

Survivors include son Michael (Jocelyn), granddaughter Courtney (Andrew) Parker and great grandson Wesley Logan Parker, and Kensington resident daughter Christine (David) Anderson, grandson Joey, and granddaughter Leah. He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor (1992) and son Peter (2010).



Alexander Charles Ayers

Feb. 23, 1918 – Nov. 12, 2010

Alex Ayers, a fifty-one year resident of Kensington, was born in Santa Barbara, the son of Mabel Fay, and was adopted at six months by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ayers. His adoptive father died when Alex was twelve, and his adoptive mother, an Irish immigrant, worked as a caregiver and raised Alex. A political science major, he graduated from UC Berkeley in 1940.



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**Feb. 2, 9, 16 Family Dinner and Spirit and the Arts Youth Choir and Young People’s Dance Theater Company.** Music, dance and theater training with values, for ages 8-14. 5:30-7:30pm, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington 673-5150.

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

**Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24 Baby & Toddler Story Time.** 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.

**Feb. 5 Stop the Races Garage Sale** All funds benefit local rabbit and greyhound rescue organizations, RabbitEARS and Greyhound Friends for Life. 9am-3pm at RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave, Kensington. 356-4233

## Town Meetings

at the  
Kensington Community Center  
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington  
(Unless Otherwise Noted)

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

**FKL - February 8th  
Friends of the Kensington  
Library,** 7pm at the Library, 61  
Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

**KFPD - February 9th  
Fire Protection District**  
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

**KPPCSD - February 10th  
Police Protection and  
Community Services District**  
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

**KPSC - February 14th  
Kensington Public Safety Council**  
EQ & Disaster Preparedness  
2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

**KMAC - February 22nd  
Municipal Advisory Council**  
Last Tuesdays 7pm.

**KIC - February 28th  
Kensington Improvement Club**  
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

**KARO/ECHO - March 14th  
Amateur Radio Operators**  
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**KPOA  
Property Owners Association**  
One annual general spring membership meeting; Board of Directors meets quarterly. 525-1709

**Online Neighborhood Newsgroup**  
<http://groups.google.com/group/kensingtontips?hl=en>

**Feb. 6 Irene Dogmatic: Wine & Cheese Artist Reception.** Introduce yourself to the legendary pet artist and her enigmatic works. RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 1-4pm. 356-4233

**Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 Farmers’ Market,** every Sunday rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. Live music and live produce. 847-0801 or [KensingtonFarmersMarket.org](http://KensingtonFarmersMarket.org)

**Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 Youth Bell Choir.** Ages 8 and up, 11:30am, by permission of the director. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146

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

**Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 Adult Bell Choir.** Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave., 7:45pm. 526-9146

**Feb. 8 The Year of the Rabbit.** Learn more about Chinese New Year as local graphic designer, Elaine Chu, reads *The Year of the Rabbit: Tales From the Chinese Zodiac*, a children’s book. Ages 3 & up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. 7pm. Free.

**Feb. 10 El Cerrito Garden Club meets** 9:30am-Noon, EC Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Pamela K. Peirce, author and columnist, Golden Gate Gardens/San Francisco Chronicle, will speak on “Bay Area Gardening.” Visitors welcome – \$3/door. 233-9365

**Feb. 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 Pine Hill Theatre presents Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods.”** Inspired by Bruno Bettelheim’s book, The Uses of Enchantment, the musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales and explores the consequences of the characters’ wishes and quests. Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. \$20 adm. or 2 for \$35. Childcare available. [www.BrownPaperTickets.com](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com).

**Feb. 12 Celebrate Year of the Rabbit** Bunny Kickoff festivities include: *No Bunny Left Behind*, Chinese animal stories and dim sum demo for kids of all ages. 11am-12:30pm; *Year of the Rabbit* Adoption Fair and Poster Signing with local artist Mary Patterson; Meet adoptable bunnies, 1pm-4pm. RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave.

**Feb. 13 Funny Bunny Valentine Art Exhibit & Fundraiser:** Artists Reception, love somebunny and support local artists! All proceeds fund local rabbit rescue. RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito, 1-4pm. 356-4233

**Feb. 14 El Cerrito Art Association meets** at 7pm, at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Local artist and architect David Savellano will present the program on “Travel Sketching.” New members and guests are welcome.

**Feb. 14 Berkeley Repertory Theatre Docent Talk.** A docent will discuss the current Mike Daisy productions, “The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs” and “The Last Cargo Cult.” Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043. *(And these days it’s hard to find a decent docent!)*

**Feb. 15 Berkeley Garden Club** presents “Growing Orchids Outdoors” by Tom Perlite of Golden Gate Orchids. 2pm at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins Street, Berkeley. Free. [www.berkeleygardenclub.org](http://www.berkeleygardenclub.org)

**Feb 17 Craft Corner for Kids** in grades 1-3. Come create a fun craft to take home with you. Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 3pm. Free. 524-3043

**Feb. 20 Installation of Rev. Tony Clark** as pastor of Arlington Community Church. 3pm; Reception to follow, Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave. The community is welcome. 526-9146

**Feb. 26 Small Animal Adoption Fair and Spa Day.** Rabbits and guinea pigs, hamsters galore. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave, EC. 356-4233

**Feb. 26 Preschool Story Time & Craft.** Meets one Saturday per month – please check the schedule for specific dates. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 10:30am. Free. 524-3043

**Feb. 28 Book Club.** Discussion of Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Feb. 28 KIC meets.** Topics include naming unnamed public paths & stairs. 7:30pm, Youth Hut, 59 Arlington Ave.

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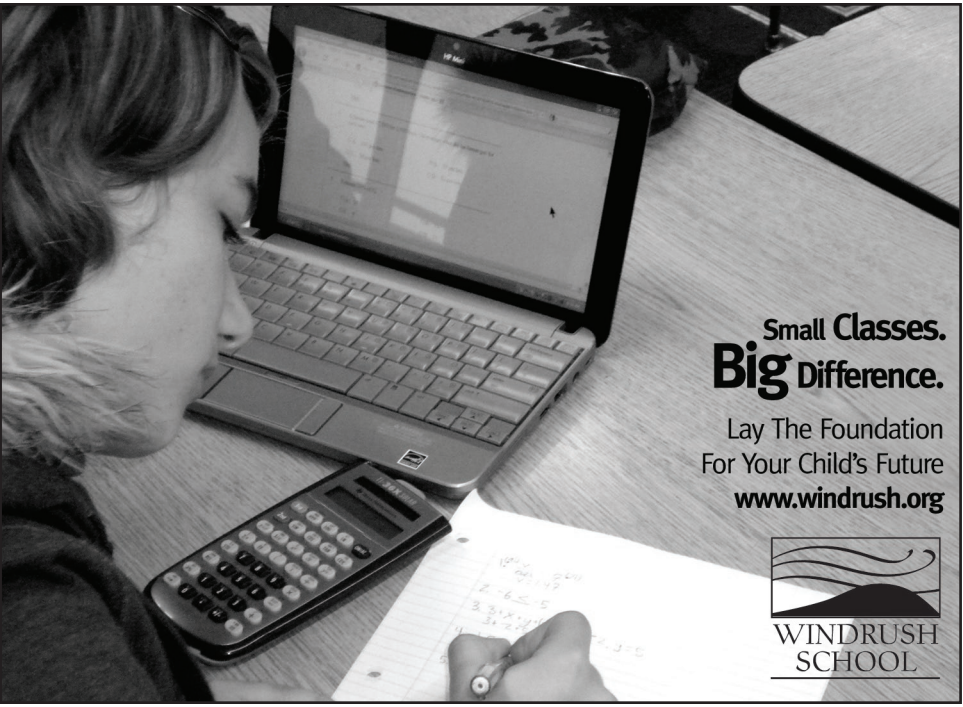
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