

Bringing The Community Together

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New vendors, live music, specialty foods, bakers, and organic food purveyors showed up for the Kensington Market Summerfest in June. Farmers' Markets continue on Sundays from 10am to 3pm through the summer at Colusa Circle.

Community Center
Remodel Postponed

It is with disappointment that we announce that the planned remodel of the Community Center, scheduled for this summer, will have to be postponed. The changes in scope, direction and funding of the project, along with recent demands by the KPPCSD to alter the role of the Kensington Community Council (KCC) have made this necessary.

We would like to thank all of the participants and sponsors who have worked with us over the last nine months. It is our sincere hope that we will be able to move forward with this project once the reasons for our delay have been resolved.

For those of you who are new to Kensington or would appreciate an historical perspective, KCC is a non-profit community service organization that provides an array of educational and recreational

opportunities. We have been working with the KPPCSD in the capacity as its agent since inception in providing these services.

In a working agreement that has been in place for decades with the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD), our income is derived through KCC and Kensington After School Enrichment Program (KASEP) classes, a 10-week Summer Camp, the Kensington *Outlook* (advertising), and through contributions from the community raised at Spring and Fall fund raising events.

Any reserve funds, after expenses and maintenance, are accumulated to reinvest in worthwhile improvements. The '87/'88 remodel of the Community Center, Building E, and the planned Park bathroom are examples of improvements which have been funded

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Measure G Wins

While all absentee ballots will not be counted for another two or three weeks, barring any unexpected surprises, and with all the other votes having been tallied, *Measure G*, the initiative that increases the annual Kensington police tax up to \$200 per parcel, appears to have passed by a 70% to 30% margin, with 964 votes in favor and 408 opposed. (A 2/3 majority was required for passage.) Sponsors of the measure, backed by assurances from KPPCSD General Manager and Chief of Police, Greg Harman, promise that this will put the District on firmer financial footing, and prevent any reduction in police protection.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to
“Raise the Rent”

I write in response to Phillip Zimmermann’s letter, *Raise the Rent*, in the June Outlook. The letter stated that the KCC runs programs at the Community Center at a “profit.” While technically correct, the KCC regards the profit as surplus funds to be reinvested in the community. The construction of Building E, a wonderful and well-used asset, was paid for by such funds, as were the park and the playground.

Regarding the proposed remodel of the Community Center, Mr. Zimmermann correctly asserted that the first priority should be necessary maintenance. This is also the position of the KCC, and no work would have proceeded without first assuring that the building was sound and had adequate drainage. The remodel has been put on hold for the time being. It would have made the building far more attractive and rentable at an increased rate, funds that would have helped to pay for the construction.

Lastly, if, as Mr. Zimmermann suggests, the rent paid by the KCC was set at a level to absorb any surplus generated by its programs, the KCC would lack the ability to stockpile funds for future projects. The KCC would be forced merely to tread water and would forfeit the ability to go forward on behalf of our community.

Ted Blanckenburg, Kensington resident

A statistician made a few calculations and discovered that since the birth of our nation more lives have been lost in celebrating our independence than in winning it.
— Curtis Billings

Response to
“Eggs in Kensington”

Dear Outlook,

It was with a mixture of humor and disbelief that I read the letter in the May Outlook titled “He’s an Eggs-istentalist,” advocating the changing of zoning regulations to allow bees and chickens to be kept by local residents.

Some years ago two of my Kensington neighbors kept bees. On three occasions my house was swarmed. Once, a hive relocated inside the walls of my home. I remember hearing the bees and noticing how warm the wall was getting. The beekeeper I hired told me they were making honey. On two other occasions I had hundreds of bees in my living room. I had a young child at home at the time who found this disconcerting. On a fourth occasion I observed my neighbor’s apple tree being swarmed. It was like watching a thirty-foot high cyclone. I’m glad his kids weren’t playing in the yard when that happened. I also do not miss the dozen or so bees that came to visit every time I would have a meal on my deck.

The situation created by my bee-keeping neighbors was dangerous, took a number of hours to fix, and cost a few hundred dollars.

I know one other thing about bees. Over the years I’ve visited several farms. A few have kept bees. In each case the hives were located over a hundred yards away from inhabited dwellings. It’s obvious why.

I know less about chickens. But I don’t trust them. While the Chicken Lobby has successfully promulgated the notion that they are quiet, in truth all attempts to create a genetically engineered noise-free chicken have failed. Basically, if they’re up

at dawn clucking around a few feet from your window, then so are you, especially if you’re a light sleeper.

I would hope that Mr. Eggs and the Zoning Commission do their research before proceeding further. Kensington is a sub-urban density residential town – not a farm community. However, if in its wisdom the Zoning Commission decides to allow bees and chickens into residential neighborhoods, then I would like to keep a bull in my garage. Think of the benefits of having freshly slaughtered, pesticide free meat, right here on our properties! And I want a rooster too! Imagine the stories these two could tell!

Respectfully submitted,
*Michael Baar, Founder and President
The Ad-Hoc Committee To Make Kensington A Homosapien-Only Preserve*

Chickens? No Cluckin’ Way!

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Russell Brent’s Letter to the Editor published May, 2010. Mr. Brent expressed an interest in keeping chickens and bees in his back yard, and seeks to connect with other residents that share that interest. If enough support is garnered, they would look to potentially amend the Kensington Overlay Ordinance allowing residents to keep small a flocks of fowl and beehives.

I too thought of keeping chickens. Last fall I asked a couple of long time residents very familiar with Kensington’s workings if residents could keep chickens in Kensington. It never occurred to me it was not legal. The answer I got was, “yes, if you keep them quietly, and, no roosters.” I did not have time to clarify what that meant when I started to hear loud squawkings in my neighborhood. While the noise was not 24/7, when it did come, it was very loud and lasted a long time. I am 25% deaf in my right ear, and have a pretty decent set

of insulated glass windows, and at times I was awoken in the morning by chickens.

It took me 2-1/2 months to find out where they lived – three houses away on a different block. They are 100-140 feet away. The sound carries far!

I contacted the owners and asked them to abate it. My understanding is that they pared back the flock. I still hear them, but it is not as bad as it was.

You wouldn’t think it, but chickens, not just roosters, can be really loud. I don’t know if it is related to how sound ricochets on my block, the size of the flock kept, the breed, predators...I have no idea. But if Mr. Brent’s group is to go forward, it seems they will have to address noise concerns.

Sincerely,
Leslie Reckler

And Now – Plant Thieves!

Editor,

There are plant thieves working our neighborhood. Over the last 2 weeks, 9 different cactus plants (well grown specimen plants of medium size) have been dug up from my garden on Highland Blvd. I have made my immediate neighbors aware, but we thought the entire community should be alerted.

Sadly, my telephone call to the Kensington Police Department went to voice mail. Although a message was left for the Police, my call was never returned.

Regards,
*Martin Reed
Highland Blvd. Resident*

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KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Fall registration will be held on Wednesday, September 8, and the first day of the fall session is Monday, Sept. 20th.

We can be reached at 525-0292 Monday-Fri., 10 am-4pm, or kccrec@yahoo.com.



KCC SUMMER CAMP

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Avenue in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in Fall 2010.

The camp runs June 14 through August 20, 2010, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. The price for one week of camp is \$205 (except Week 4, July 6-9, \$160).

Our camp has a maximum of 62 children per week. We employ one director, a head counselor, eight counselors, a tennis instructor, and a "specialty consultant" to work with the campers.

The camp director and head counselor also provide extended day care 8:00-9:00am and 5:00-5:30pm for an additional fee of \$7 per day. (7:30-9am and 5-6pm available for \$10 per day.)

Each week the campers will enjoy:

A field trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area such as *Scandia*, *Water World*, the *Exploratorium*, and the *Jungle*; Special activities such as carpentry, drumming, dance, cooking, and golf; Tennis instruction three days per week; Games, arts and crafts, hiking, and fun!

• Week 1: Carpentry w/Sandy Thacker 6/14-18; Field trip to The Jungle

• Week 2: Carpentry w/Sandy Thacker 6/21-25; Field trip to Lake Anza

• Week 3: Environmental Art with Chris Lack 6/28-7/2; Field trip to Oakland Zoo

• Week 4: Golf with Alex Brown 7/6-9; Special Activities at Camp

• Week 5: Drumming with Mark Rosenthal (Olympics Week) 7/12-16; Field Trip to Scandia

• Week 6: Cooking Outdoors with Vicky Brodt; 7/19-23; Field Trip to The Exploratorium

• Week 7: Hip Hop with Tati Argue 7/26-30; Field Trip to Lake Temescal

• Week 8: Sports & Games with Kim Roots 8/2-6; Field Trip to Waterworld

• Week 9: Art with Elaine Chu 8/9-13 (also Olympics Week); Field Trip to Pier 39/Alcatraz/Aquarium

• Week 10: Yoga and Movement with Catherine Johnson 8/16-20; Field Trip to The Jungle

*Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances. Registration continues during office hours, 10am-4pm, in the KCC office in the Recreation Building (just beyond the tennis courts in Kensington Park). For further information, please call Esther Hill at the Kensington Community Council office at (510) 525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com. Forms are available at: www.AboutKensington.com/KCCDayCamp.html.



Celebrating another Wonderful Year of KASEP!

Jane Webber, Elaine Chu, Jean Jay, Judy Baker, Lynn Crook, Joan Gallegos, Esther Hill, Sandy Thacker, and Xinrong Searcy

And a BIG Thank You to...

...Bob Shaner and Paul Grunland for the wonderful *Maybeck Estates Walking Tour* on May 22nd! Over 30 people participated; and to Ollie Shaner for her gracious hospitality;

ADULT CLASSES

User-Friendly Pilates with Ernie Adams

NEW LOCATION:

Arlington Community Church
52 Arlington Avenue (across the street from the Kensington Library)

During the summer months, our *Pilates* class will move to the Arlington Community Church. Our thanks to ACC for providing this space during the summer season.

These classes are mixed-level, appropriate for those with experience, and also for those who are just beginning.

NEXT CLASS SERIES

TUESDAYS, 7:30-8:30pm

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Note: Since we are not able to offer a level one class during the summer I am combining Level 1 & Level 2 classes.

I will try to give more advanced students more difficult versions of the exercises and ask them to do more repetitions or to do the exercises more intensely.

SERIES ONE: June 8-July 13, six sessions, \$75 Kensington residents/\$76 for nonresidents.

SERIES TWO: July 20-Aug. 24, six sessions, \$75 Kensington residents/\$76 for nonresidents. 7-student minimum.

Ernie is a Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Movement Educator, with an extensive background as a professional dancer and 16yrs experience collaborating with physical therapists to treat orthopedic, neurological, dance- and sports-related injuries. He presents a less stressful way of learning Pilates. Private sessions also available. 619-9223 or bodyinaction.com.

REGISTRATION

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

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only; beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for information.
Court Fees: Residents – \$2 for a 45-min. singles reservation. Nonresident: \$5.

Kensington Community Center Rental Information: Please call KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection & Community Services District) at 526-4141.

Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Building E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. Email: kccrec@yahoo.com.

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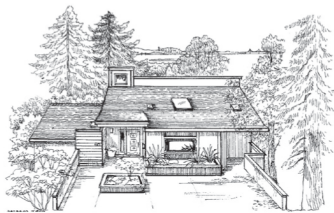
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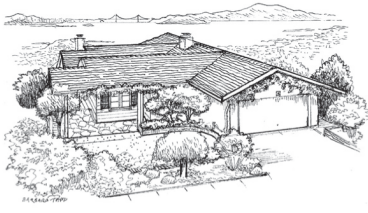
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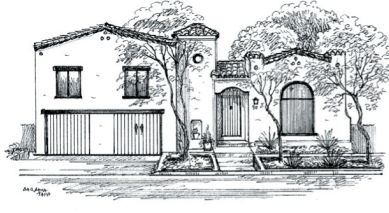
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Neighborhood Notes

Daniel Stone in Rare Appearance at Arlington Community Church

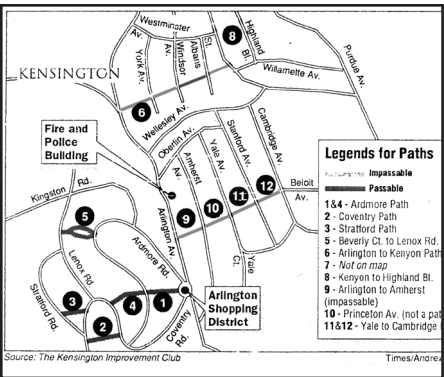
The Arlington Community Church is presenting Daniel Stone, visual artist, founder of the Shamanic School of Dreaming, and author of *The Shaman, the Buddha, and the Conscious Dreamer* – in concert on August 7th, 52 Arlington Ave, in Kensington. Workshop 8/7, 1-4pm; concert at 7:30pm. Dream workshop 8/8, 1-7pm. \$18-99. More info at 526-9146 or acc.staff@sbcglobal.net.



Double Spiral by Daniel Stone

Many Paths to Tread...

...and in Kensington, they could use some sprucing up! When Kensington’s residential lots and streets were *platted* (a map, drawn to scale, showing the divisions of a piece of land) in 1911; the paths were included and offered for dedication to the County, but the County never accepted them. Neither do the paths belong to the lots adjacent to them. As no one owns these paths, they are haphazardly maintained. There are 12 segments to this path system, comprised of trails and stairs. These paths are used by a number of Kensington residents regularly, as shortcuts to traverse the hilly terrain to get to the Arlington shops, the #7 bus stop, or as the means for an enjoyable stroll away from traffic. The Kensington Improvement Club needs volunteers to weed and trim the overgrown shrubs, on Saturday July 24, from 10am-Noon. They’ll start with Paths 1 and 4, which run east from Coventry to Ardmore, and from Ardmore to the Arlington. Info: email MelissaAHolmes@aol.com.



Kensington Elementary Makes a BIG Difference in Haiti

This spring, students at Kensington Elementary, with the support of teachers, staff and parents, raised over \$8,000 for Berkeley’s *What If? Foundation*, to help feed children in post-earthquake Haiti. The students initiated bake sales and a walk-a-thon, collected loose change, sold t-shirts, and even gathered proceeds from a play, all to benefit the children in Haiti. On June 9th, Margaret Trost, Founder and Executive Director of the What If? Foundation, came to thank students and talk with them about the foundation’s work in Haiti.



Margaret Trost with Kensington Elementary School students at a recent bake sale to benefit the children of Haiti

Tre Curran, a parent who volunteered many hours in support of the student’s efforts, acknowledged Principal Judy Sanders for her commitment to having the children support a local organization in a way that would allow them to connect “beyond just writing checks.” Margaret Trost said she was so touched by all the students had done, and said the funds they raised would make a tremendous difference in the lives of children in Port-au-Prince. The What If? Foundation has been feeding and educating impoverished children in Port-au-Prince for over 10 years, and has been providing up to 15,000 meals to hungry children and some adults each week since the earthquake struck on January 12th.

Local Earthquake Matters

Last month at the Arlington Community Church, Battalion Chief Michael Bond spoke to an attentive crowd on what actions residents should take in an earthquake – including what to expect in a major quake in the East Bay, tactics for survival in the first days after a quake, and measures we can take in our homes to be prepared.



Luminous Spheres: Photos of the Moon & Other Radiant Orbs

On view at Nan Phelps Photography, 398 Colusa Avenue from July 2nd to July 26th, 2010. This will be award-winning photographer, Marty Knapp’s first show at Nan Phelps Photography, as well as the third in the gallery’s *Silver Gelatin Series*. (Silver gelatin prints are valued for their superior tonal range – the silver content gives these prints their subtle luminosity. Today few photographers make their own prints, or work in silver gelatin. This series celebrates them and their work.) Reception: 7/2, from 6-9pm, coinciding with *First Fridays*. Exhibition: Thursdays and Fridays, Noon-4pm, Saturdays, 10am-4 pm, and by appointment. More information at www.NanPhelps.com.



Drakes Moonrise, by Marty Knapp

Anonymous Senior Sing-a-Long

Kensington’s senior musical instrument players group entertained themselves and others with songs from the 1890’s to the 1940’s, last month at the Kensington Library.



Neighborhood Notes

27th Annual National Night Out - August 3rd, 7-10pm

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Along with the traditional outside lights and front porch vigils, on August 3rd Kensington will once again celebrate National Night Out with block parties and cookouts. Contact Officer Doug Wilson at dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org or 526-4141, ext.38 for information on how to participate. Local criminals will hate you for it. (More info also at www.nationalnightout.org.) *We'll leave the light on for you!*



Neighbors and NNO Coordinator, Officer Doug Wilson, joined Jadyne and David Buchholz last year for a potluck on the deck of their beautiful home

Local Scouts Prepare for National Summer Jamboree

Submitted by Home Town News Reporter, Joe Scarpa; Jamboree Troop 623

On April 16-18, over 15,000 scouts, leaders and families attended a celebration of *Boy Scouts of America's* 100th anniversary at a Nor-Cal Jamboree at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. The celebration included many exciting events, demonstrations and activities, from leadership games and a (Boy Scouts founder) Lord Robert Baden Powell look-alike contest, to *Guitar Hero* demonstrations, disability awareness games, merit badges, BMX bike demonstrations, and more. The weather was hot and lines were long, but scouts of all ages were energized... Three MDSC Hermes District Boy Scout Troops (#6, 100, & 127) had eight boys who attended this event, themed, "A Portal through Time" as a "dry run" for the upcoming National Jamboree. These boys, along with 28 other local scouts, are part of National Jamboree Troop 623 that will be attending the upcoming National Jamboree, to be held in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia July 26-August 4. The Jamboree will feature rappelling, scuba diving, kayaking, rafting, sailing, trap shooting, archery, bike-athons, buckskin games, confidence courses, and more. Information at www.bsajamboree.org.



Photo: Joe Scarpa

Rabbit Adoption Day at RabbitEARS New (Second) Location

RabbitEARS owner, Judy Hardin, is a big Kensington community booster – if it's happening on Colusa Circle, Judy is probably behind it. She's also a big bunny booster, and on Saturday, July 10th and August 14th, you can meet the cute and adoptable Ella, Bella, Stella, Scarlett, and others from 1-4pm at RabbitEARS's new location, now also at 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. – IF they haven't already been snapped up! Info: 356-4233.



KFPD administrator, Brenda Navallier, and Chief Lance Maples hold the District of Distinction award, validating the District's commitment to good governance and ethical and sound operating practices.

Outgoing PTA President, Pamela Gilbert-Snyder joined incoming President Felicia Robertson and long-time volunteers Betsy Quayle and Sally Fraser at last month's PTA Happy Hour at The Arlington.



Artist, Keiko Nelson poses with her sculpture, Arches of Energy at her Kensington home studio during last month's Open Studios.

Reserve Officer Suzanne Tyler received a commendation for her actions on May 18th during an armed robbery at the El Cerrito Safeway store. Sgt Rickie Hull also received a commendation for his assignment as interim GM & COP for April and May.



• Experience Matters •



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From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From May 2010

•10-1751 On 5/2/10 at 1545 hrs. Officer Ramos took a grand theft report of grave markers being stolen from the cemetery.

•10-1935 On 5/17/10 at 0942 hrs. Officer Hui took a residential burglary report on Anson Way.

•10-1953 On 5/18/10 at 0727 hrs. Officer Hui took a grand theft report from a business on Colusa Ave.

•10-2008 On 5/22/10 at 1228 hrs. Officer Wilson took an identity theft report from a resident on Ardmore Rd.

•10-2009 On 5/22/10 at 1235 hrs. Officer Wilson took a battery report (mutual combat) from two subjects on Stratford Rd.

•10-2050 On 5/24/10 at 1724 hrs. Sgt. Hull took a hit/run report involving two parked cars on Arlington Ave. Officer Barrow located the suspect and suspect vehicle on Kenyon Ave. The unlicensed, but insured driver was arrested. *(That's got to be a first – a hit/run accident involving two parked cars!?)*

•10-2057 On 5/25/10 at 1015 hrs. Officer Tyler took a vandalism report at the Kensington Hilltop School. Some miscreant had smashed a window with a wine bottle. *(Miscreant? If his kickers were buckled below the knee we hope he had his ears boxed and was sent to bed without his supper!)*

•10-2151 On 5/30/10 at 1749 hrs. Officer Hui took a vandalism report from a resident on Lake Dr.

•10-2160 On 5/31/10 at 0457 hrs. Officers Stegman and Colon stopped a suspicious vehicle at Oberlin Ave. and Stanford Ave. They arrested both subjects for parole violations and possession of burglary tools. These arrests probably prevented many thefts from the District. *(Related statistics indicate that there were actu-*

ally 1,459,873 crimes that did not take place in Kensington during the month of May!)

• 2010-1734 – On 5-1-2010 Officer Martinez took a report of a domestic dispute in the unit block of Kingston Drive. Approximately one week later a Judicial Officer granted an emergency restraining order to separate the couple. *(An emergency restraining order; one week later? By that time, they had probably forgotten what they were fighting about!)*

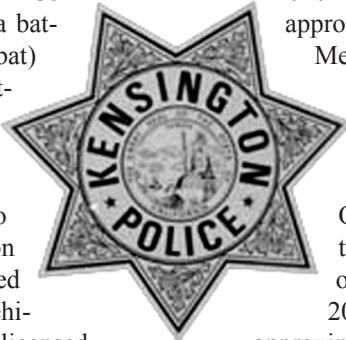
2010-1745 – On 5-1-2010, at approximately 1958 hours, Officer Medina took a coroner's case in the unit block of Edgcroft Road.

2010-1806 – On 5-6-2010, at approximately 2217 hours, Officer Medina took an identity theft case in the 300 block of Coventry Road.

2010-1826 – On 5-8-2010, at approximately 1228 hours, Officer Hui took an identity theft case in the 300 block of Coventry Road.

2010-1828 – On 5-8-2010, at approximately 1459 hours, Officer Hui took a petty theft case in the unit block of Arlington Avenue.

2010-1889 – 5-13-2010, at approximately 0958 hours, Reserve Officer Lafitte took a report of grand theft in the 100 block of Colusa Avenue.



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by KCC.

With that background information, a significant reason why the project had to be postponed was due to the uncertainties created by recent demands that KCC sign a lease agreement with KPPCSD, seeking to replace the current working agreement, citing that the fees which KCC pays each year are not at a "fair market rate" and represent a "subsidy," which can only be remedied through an increase in our annual stipend. The proposed increase, presented to KCC on May 19, 2010, based on unsubstantiated estimates provided by their legal counsel, would result in a 400% increase in fees per annum for the next five years.

Such an increase would most assuredly result in either having to substantially raise fees charged to members of the

community to use facilities which are supported by tax revenues or, given the fragile economy, a reduction in the type and scope of the KASEP and KCC classes, all of which are considered important by the parents and children of Kensington.

We do not want to create an adversarial relationship with KPPCSD. The KCC Board has made a commitment to work with the District to reach an agreement that is equitable to both parties and beneficial to the community.

If you share our opinion that the KCC and KPPCSD relationship should remain as it has been for the last 50 years and believe that KCC has fulfilled its responsibilities in fostering educational and recreational programs which benefit the entire community, please contact the KPPCSD and KCC Board members and/or express your support or share your thoughts in letters to

See KCC, page 9...

Kensington Education Foundation Needs Your Help

Due to California's continuing budget crisis, the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) faces additional cuts in order to balance its budget for the coming school year. State funds previously used to help pay for reading and math intervention programs at Kensington Elementary Hilltop School (Hilltop) will not be available in 2010-2011.

The Kensington Education Foundation (KEF), a 501c3 non-profit, continues to finance academic enrichment at Hilltop through its annual fundraisers – Garden Party, Fall Pledge, Spell-a-thon, and Community Fundraising. Since 1983, KEF-sponsored programs have expanded to provide Kensington's elementary-aged children the educational offerings that used to be the standard public elementary school experience.

In addition to supporting reading and math intervention programs, KEF funds instructors and supplies for science lab, computer lab, art, and P.E. for grades K-6; vocal music for grades K-3; and roughly 75% of the school library budget. KEF also provides Hilltop teachers with stipends to pay for basic classroom supplies and pays for a credentialed teacher to assist in adminis-

tering the annual state tests.

Based on a high quality administration, a dedicated staff, and the unwavering support of the parents and our community, Hilltop continues to thrive despite the increasing financial hurdles facing California schools. According to the California Department of Education's Growth Academic Performance Index (API) - a 1,000-point scale based on how well a school's students perform on a variety of tests - a score of 800 is considered excellent. Hilltop's API score continues to exceed the "excellent" level, (a 933 score in 2009).

Please join Hilltop parents and many of your friends and neighbors in providing our children with the best education possible. Hilltop's outstanding reputation continues to attract new residents to Kensington and keeps property values high. Your contribution strengthens our community by helping us meet one of our most important responsibilities – educating our children. Please consider a tax-deductible donation in support of KEF, 90 Highland Blvd., Kensington, CA 94708, or www.kensingtonhilltop.org.

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KENSINGTON CALENDAR

Town Meetings

at the
Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington
(Unless otherwise noted)

KCC - July 5th (Only)
Kensington Community Council
7:30pm • 525-0292 • 1st Mondays

FKL - July 6th, Aug. 3rd
Friends of the Kensington
Library, 7pm at the Library, 61
Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

KPPCSD - July 8th, Aug. 12th
Police Protection and
Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KARO/ECHO - July 12th
Amateur Radio Operators
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emergency response teams in the
case of natural disasters. Actively
soliciting new members interested
in operating amateur radios as a
community service. 2nd Mondays
of odd months. 7:30pm. 524-9815

KPSC - July 12th, Aug. 9th
Kensington Public Safety Council
EQ & Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

KMAC - July 27th, Aug. 31st
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tuesdays 7pm. 273-9926

KFPD - August 11th (Only)
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KIC - Aug. 23rd (Only)
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

KPOA
Property Owners Association
One annual general spring member-
ship meeting; Board of Directors
meets quarterly. 525-1709

Online Neighborhood Newsgroup
*[http://groups.google.com/group/
kensingtontips?hl=en](http://groups.google.com/group/kensingtontips?hl=en)*

Kensington Signboard Coordina-
tor: To reserve signboard space for
your event, call Jaima at 525-8902.

July 1, 22, & 29 Baby & Toddler Story
Time. Stories, songs, & action rhymes
for young children and their caregivers.
Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.
Two identical sessions 10:15am and
11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

July 2 Kensington First Friday Art
Walk, Original art works, music, and
crafts. With Nan Phelps Photography,
White Magnolia Tai Chi Studio, Cath-
erine Hiersoux Pottery Gallery, Post
Meridian Restaurant, and RabbitEARS.
6-9pm Colusa Circle. 525-6155

July 2-27 Luminous Spheres: Photos of
the Moon & Other Radiant Orbs at
Nan Phelps Studio. Opening Reception
7/2, 6-9pm. See *Page 4* for details.

July 3 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project with reader,
Elizabeth Berg, Director of House
Rabbit Society. 11:30am-12:30pm,
RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave.

July 4 Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: Video Speak Out. Uni-
tarian Universalist Church of Berkeley,
1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 10-11am.
Free. 525-0302.

July 4, 11, 18, 25 The Kensington
Farmers Market 10am-3pm at Colusa
Circle. *kfmaboard@gmail.com*

July 6 “Castoffs” Knitting Group.
Note date change this month. All levels
welcome and some help provided. At
the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington
Avenue, 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

July 10 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project with reader,
Police Chief Greg Harman. 11:30am-
12:30pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fair-
mount Ave., El Cerrito. 356-4233

July 10 Rabbit Adoption Day. 1-4pm,
RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., El
Cerrito. 356-4233

July 11 Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: Dr. Frederick Shaw,
CEO and founder of Developing Indig-
enous Resources (DIR): “Chandegar: a
Model for India.” Unitarian Universal-
ist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd,
Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

July 12 Scrabble Club. All levels wel-
come. Kensington Library, 61 Arling-
ton Ave., 3 pm. Free. 524-3043.

July 12 Berkeley Opera. A slideshow,
music, and preview of Richard Wag-
ner’s “Legend of the Ring epic saga,”
which starts on July 31. To be held in
the Fireside Room of the Arlington
Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave.,
7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

July 17 Flippers, Fins & Feathers with
Bonnie Lockhart. Aquatic creatures
abound in this sing-along concert of
songs from many cultures. Children of
all ages and their families are invited to
sing and celebrate the library’s summer
reading theme: *Make a Splash – Read!*
Bonnie Lockhart is an Oakland, Cali-
fornia based singer, songwriter and
educator, who also offers school resi-
dencies and music workshops for
teachers and caregivers. Kensington
Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 2pm. Free.
524-3043.

July 17 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project with author/
illustrator Melissa Bay Mathis,
11:30am-12:30pm; plus *No Bunny Left*
Behind Poster Signing Fundraiser,
with artist Melissa Bay Mathis. Rab-
bitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC

July 18 Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: Joan Davis, President
and CEO of Richmond Children’s
Foundation: “The Revitalization of
Richmond.” Unitarian Universalist
Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd,
Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

July 23 Buddhist Naming Ceremony
for Pets, with Rev. Kenrei Bassis from
Berkeley Buddhist Priory, a special
blessing for newly rescued and recently
adopted pets, 3-4pm, RabbitEARS,
7523 Fairmount Ave, EC 356-4233

July 24 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project. 11:30am-
12:30pm, RabbitEARS, 7523
Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito, 356-4233

July 25: Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: Pierre Lavoisier and
Marilyn Langlois on “Haiti Today!”
Unitarian Universalist Church of
Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.
10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

July 26 Book Club. Discussion of *The*
House on Mango Street by Sandra Cis-
neros. Kensington Library, 61 Arling-
ton Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

July 31 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project 11:30am-
12:30pm, RabbitEARS, 7523
Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito, 356-4233

Aug. 1 Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: David C. McGaffey,
Professor of International Relations
(Adjunct), Holy Names University,
Retired Foreign Service Officer, on
“Negotiation as an Alternative to
War.” Unitarian Universalist Church of
Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.
10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 The Kensington
Farmers Market 10am-3pm at Colusa
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Aug. 2 “Castoffs” Knitting Group. All
levels welcome and some help pro-
vided. Kensington Library, 61 Arling-
ton Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Aug. 2 Scrabble Club. All levels wel-
come. Kensington Library, 61 Arling-
ton Ave., 3 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Aug. 2-6 Peace Child Summer Arts
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on Universal Health Care – a one-
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Aug. 3 National Night Out. Block par-
ties and cookouts throughout Kensing-
ton, 7-10pm. See *Page 5* for details.

Aug. 5, 12, 19, & 26 Baby & Toddler
Story Time. Stories, songs, & action
rhymes for young children and their
caregivers. Kensington Library, 61
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Aug. 6 Kensington First Friday Art
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Aug. 6 Peace Child Summer Arts
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Universal Health Care – community
performance at Arlington Community
Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave., 7pm.
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Aug. 7 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project. 11:30am-
12:30pm, RabbitEARS, 7523
Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito, 356-4233

Aug. 8 Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: Sharon Tennison, Presi-
dent, Center for Citizens Initiative: “A
Review of Russian American Rela-
tions.” Unitarian Universalist Church
of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.
10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

August 9 Adam Miller, author of *A*
Ticket to Exile: a Memoir. Kensington
Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free.
524-3043.

Aug. 14 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project. 11:30am-
12:30pm. **Rabbit Adoption Day:**
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and others! 1-4pm. RabbitEARS, 7523
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Aug. 15 Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: Stephen McNeil, PMRO
Peace Building Program, American
Friends Service Committee: “Exiting
Afghanistan; Winning the Peace.” Uni-
tarian Universalist Church of Berkeley,
1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 10-11am.
Free. 525-0302.

Aug. 17 California Puppets: Splish,
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Library, 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Aug. 21 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project. 11:30am-
12:30pm, RabbitEARS, 7523
Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito. 356-4233

Aug. 22 Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: Ellen Augustine, author
and National Women’s Political Caucus
Board Member: “My Priority: Do You
Really Know the Federal Budget?”
Unitarian Universalist Church of
Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.
10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

Aug. 23 Book Club. Discussion of
Madonnas of Leningrad by Debra
Dean. Kensington Library, 61 Arling-
ton Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Aug. 28 No Bunny Left Behind Com-
munity Reading Project. 11:30am-
12:30pm, RabbitEARS, 7523
Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito. 356-4233

Aug. 29 Summer Forum 2010 – Toward
a Just World: Earle Canfield - founder
of ANSWER: “Building Schools in
Nepal.” Unitarian Universalist Church
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