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## KCC's Movie Nights - Summer 2014

### Big Turnout for 'Cars'

Almost 200 enthusiastic kids and their parents gathered on the big lawn in Kensington Park last month for the Kensington Community Council's Family Movie Night.

A family favorite, Pixar's *Cars*, was on the bill that night, and as the fog rolled in, everyone settled in for the ride.

KCC thanks its sponsors who made the night possible: Kensington's own Mechanics Bank, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Pixar, and Nation's Foods. Thanks also to all the many volunteers who worked so hard to provide for a great evening.

The next KCC movie night will be held Saturday, September 13th – *see you there!*



At left, Sarah and friends from Colusa Circle's 4Cats Art Studio • Photos: Marty Westby



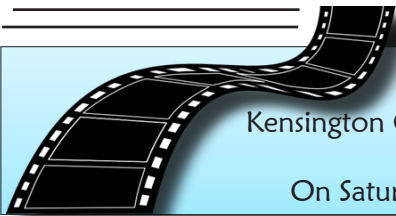
### Kensington Post Office to Relocate

Country Cheese Company co-owner, Shirley Ng, was disappointed to be informed by the US Postal Service that she is considered a "new merchant," in terms of carrying on the traditional post office location at the corner of Arlington and Amherst, and is not entitled to the same compensation as was being provided to the pharmacy before the lease on that space changed hands.

Shirley said the P.O. was only willing to reimburse Country Cheese for small percentage of CC's costs of providing the postal services that residents have come to expect.

So, effective immediately, the postal services provided at the store will be limited to selling stamps and accepting letters and pre-paid packages to be mailed. (Postal service pickups will be made at 1pm and 4pm, Tuesdays through Saturdays.) The postal service has promised to identify another local merchant with whom to contract for other services.

*see Post Office, Page 2...*



Save the date for the  
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• KENSINGTON MARKET UPDATE •

	LIST PRICE	SOLD PRICE	BR/BA
• Norwood Place	\$2,895,000	\$2,845,000	3/2
• Marguerita Road	\$1,250,000	\$1,350,000	4/3
• Kingston Road	\$899,000	\$890,000	3/2
• Norwood Avenue	\$565,000	\$850,000	2/1
• Lenox Road	\$799,000	\$820,259	4/2

• Pending Sales: 8

• Current Active Listings: 10

Source: EBRD-MLS Information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

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-P. Simack, Seller

## Responsible Parties Step Up

Janice Kosel, President of the Fire District Board of Directors, wanted to remind everyone that last month’s pharmaceutical dropoff was actually a joint project of the KPPCSD and the KFPD. The Fire District actually initiated the program seven years ago and was joined in its efforts by KPCSD for the past two years. Thanks again to both Districts for keeping those drugs out of our waterways – and for that matter, other orifices, as well. *Good work!*

## New Hours for Cheese Shop

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Please note that Country Cheese will no longer be open on Mondays; their new hours are Tues.-Sat., 9:30am-6:30pm, and Sundays, 11am-5pm.

Best wishes go out to Jacob Gano, long time employee at Kensington Pharmacy, Arlington Wine & Spirits, and recently, Country Cheese, who is recovering from a car accident. *Get well soon, Jacob!*

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## Letters to the Editor

### From the Measure L Committee

Dear Friends of Kensington:

Yesterday, nearly half of Kensington residents who voted on Measure L, voted Yes! Unfortunately, it simply was not enough to meet the 2/3 majority required for the measure to pass.

Nonetheless, we’re very proud of the efforts by our steadfast supporters and volunteers. The Measure L Committee remains grateful and humbled by their unmatched enthusiasm and commitment, which are true hallmarks of our small but devoted community.

Although we did not prevail on Election Day, we look forward to many more shared opportunities to enhance Kensington’s recreational assets for the kids and families who will follow us in the future.

Thank you again for your sustained interest in our community-driven campaign. We learned so much from many of you and feel honored to work with you in the service of Kensington.

Warmest regards,  
Bruce V. Morrow,  
Chair of the Measure L Team

### Just Sayin’

Dear Editor,

Seems Measure G, that was passed in 2010, can raise property taxes each year without any change in CPI, as was suggested by the wording on the ballot. I quote the General Manager’s report from February 2014:

“Please note that each year under the terms of Measure G the District can increase Measure G by the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Although no increase was projected in this forecast, the Board has the option to reduce the estimated shortfalls by increasing Measure G each year. The estimated budget shortfalls would affect Unallocated Cash Reserves available.”

Measure G already collects more than the estimated top \$200.00 per home.

The Bay View garbage contract runs out in 13 months, and as of early June, there is no RFP to solicit bids for an RFP to solicit bids for a new solid waste collections contractor. Past President Lloyd announced to the West County Times last August that there had been a KPPSCD executive decision to not renew Bay View’s contract, but no action was then taken, and it now seems unlikely that the process could be successfully completed in time keep garbage services uninterrupted.

Additionally there is an on-going worker’s comp/harassment suit against the District that the District is fighting, and so it will be decided by a judge. In the meantime the KPPSCD continues to refuse to implement Grand Jury requirements they provide direct oversight over employee expenses and related accounting matters.

Just sayin’.

Anna Shane

### Measure L Loses - Why?

(Dear Editor):

Measure L, with more than half of Kensington voters opposing it, did not pass. Why?

‘Someone’ had an idea about revenue streams and renting out a mega-improved community center; next thing we know, we’re being asked to vote to tax ourselves \$2.5M. There was virtually no communication and consensus building about this idea long before it became a bond issue.

The leadership of Kensington has a responsibility to the whole community, not just some inner circle, to extend itself to poll constituents on new ideas, strategic directions, major expenses and to provide opportunities for citizens to engage long before things like Measure L end up on a ballot. There are only 2,000 households, after all. In our view, the leadership acts in a high-handed manner with our money, with no effort at community-wide communication and dialog. It permits individuals to act on their own with no community input (as in the case of the ‘Entering Kensington’ sign).

In an era of social media and email communication, the lack of community consensus building about ideas that are best for Kensington is unacceptable. Not everyone can attend evening meetings. *The Outlook* has degenerated into a vehicle for “they said-the other guys said” letters and does more to obfuscate issues than clarify them. The self-appointed leaders of the Nextdoor Kensington neighborhood social media site, which ought to be a perfect vehicle, has decided to focus on earthquake safety and break-ins. As a result, most of us are disengaged or left to puzzle out what’s really going on in our town. We expect better.

Gina Moreland & Jack Miller

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# KENSINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## KASEP

### Kensington After-School Enrichment Program

**KASEP FALL CLASSES:** Online registration is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:30pm. On-site support will be provided in the KCC office for families paying by check or cash. The KASEP Fall Brochure will be heading home in Kensington Hilltop student's backpacks after the new school year starts, August 27th, with extra copies in the library. FALL classes start Monday, September 15th and run for 14 weeks, ending December 19th.

The KCC Office will be closed August 18th – September 1st for deep cleaning and transitioning from camp life to the world of KASEP.



## KASEP SUMMER CAMP 2014

### Time to Stop, Think, and Plan

**KCC Summer Day Camp is in full gear.** Since the start of camp, the weeks are full days of fun, energy and adventure... just ask a camper about their day! Campers love being outdoors – batting a ball, kicking, throwing, catching balls; playing ping-pong; and the list goes on! Craft projects are an everyday happening at camp: lanyards, cork sculpture, mask making – creativity abounds. KCC Summer Camp is Creative, Community, and Affordable!

KCC Summer Camp is a much-needed break from the academic year where creativity, adventure, thrills, smiles, and plain old good times are the priority. KCC Summer Day Camp is for children entering 1st through 6th grades in Fall 2014. You choose the weeks you want to attend – anytime from July 1st through August 15th.

One fee includes materials and supplies, field trip entrance fees and transportation, a snack each afternoon, group tennis lessons, and a free BBQ lunch on Friday!

**Camp Hours:** Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

**BeforeCare:** 8-9am; **AfterCare:** 5-6pm. (Childcare is an additional cost)

*What does your child do at camp?*

Try new things: KCC Summer Camp pushes children out of their comfort zone and exposes them to new activities and experiences, such as working with a real hammer and nails to build something, laughing while on a field trip to play miniature golf, or learning a new life skill while making pasta from scratch! Campers develop their social skills by being around other children, solving problems, and through team-work. Camp life fosters independence – children learn the responsibility of making their own decisions with the safety net of counselors.

**Cost is \$245.00 per camper, per week;**  
Registration is ongoing throughout the summer.

**Register Online:**

[www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.org](http://www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.org)

### Summer Camp Activities & Schedule

#### Week 1: June 9 - June 13

Specialty: Carpentry  
Field Trip: The Jungle – Indoor Playground/Concord

#### Week 2: June 16 – June 20

Specialty: Soda Pop Tab Belts/Jewelry  
Field Trip: Adventure Playground/Berkeley

#### Week 3: June 23 – June 27

Specialty: Gymnastics *Spirit Week*  
Field Trip: Oakland Zoo

#### Week 4: June 30 – July 3

Specialty: Ultimate Frisbee & Volleyball  
Closed 4th of July

#### Week 5: July 7 – July 11

Specialty: Ceramic Clay Creations  
Field Trip: Lake Anza

#### Week 6: July 14 - July 18

Specialty: Gymnastics *Olympic Week*  
Field Trip: Marine Mammal Rescue/Marin

#### Week 7: July 21 – July 25

Specialty: Circus Arts  
Field Trip: Bladium-Alameda Rock Climbing/ Soccer

#### Week 8: July 28 – August 1

Specialty: Cooking *Spirit Week*  
Field Trip: Lake Temescal

#### Week 9: August 4– August 8

Specialty: Metal Art, Dog Tags  
Field Trip: Scandia

#### Week 10: August 11 - August 15

Specialty: Ceramic Critters  
Field Trip: El Cerrito Pool Party!

*Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances.*

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*"If you want a wonderful start to your day, come to Kevin's jazzercise class. He is so much fun! He plays great music and we laugh and move our bodies while losing weight and getting in shape. I have lost 10 pounds!" – Shari Sinclair.*

## REGISTRATION

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

**Tennis Court Reservations:** For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for information. Court Fees: 45-minute singles reservation: Residents: \$2; Nonresidents: \$5.

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



*Clockwise from top left: KCC Camp Counselors Welcome You • Jazzercisers Tennis for All Ages • Creative Jenga Teamwork • A Little Help from a Friend – Carpentry at Camp • Happiness is Lego at Camp • Identical Twins – Guess Who? Vicky Brodt, KASEP Teacher; Brings Art to Summer Camp.*






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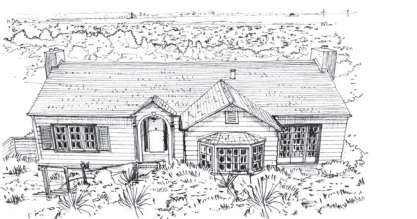
## Market Update



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**PENDING** - Offered at \$598,000


### MARKET SNAPSHOT - MAY 2014 - PRESENT

- 10 Available Listings • Average List Price: \$478.62 per sq. ft. • Average days on the market: 22
- 8 Pending • Average List Price: \$402.39 per sq. ft. Average days on the market: 19
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## Neighborhood Notes

### Officers Visit Kensington Library

Kensington Community Library Manager, Laura Martinengo (who proved that librarians *do* have a sense of humor by beginning her talk at a recent community meeting with the funny whispered, "I'll have a beer, please," library joke) notified us that Officer Del Prado from the EC Police's K9 unit came with his trusty German Shepherd, and Officer Kevin Hui of the Kensington PD came to read stories to kids for the library's Summer Reading kickoff last month. "*We'll have a book, please!*"



*Officer Kevin Hui (Photo: Julia Singer)*

### Many Companies Match Employees' Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations


A special thanks goes out to Mark Wegner of Kensington, who smartly doubled his money by soliciting his employer, Medtronic, to make a matching fund donation to KCC. A generous donation was received as part of the Kensington Community Council Annual Fund Drive. Donations such as these go towards many civic projects – summer-, and after school classes for kids, adult education, KCC summer movie nights, the impending remodel of the community center, and the publication of the newspaper you're holding in your hands (or other electronic device). *Thanks, Mark – and Medtronic!*

### Update From Hilltop Elementary

Hilltop Elementary School teacher (and KCC President), Anne Forrest checked in with this news from the school: Last month Kensington Hilltop surprised Principal Judy Sanders with its Principal Appreciation Day, including cheers, banners, and cards. Another great year at Kensington Hilltop School – Thank you Mrs. Sanders!...Mr. Baum's sixth grade class brightened up the Hilltop School garden with its colorful legacy project funded by the PTA and Kensington Education Foundation. Under the guidance of the art teacher, Winoka Turin, and with the inspiration of parent, Kate Verhoef, the kids created garden art that, says Anne, the school community will be enjoying for years.

### Don't Mess with the Local PD's!

It was a quiet afternoon in the East Bay. Shortly after 1pm on June 6th, however, El Cerrito PD responded to an alarm call at the Mechanics Bank located at 9996 San Pablo Ave. Dispatch advised that a white male, approximately 20 years old, had robbed the bank and was last seen northbound on Kearny Ave from Fairmount Ave. KPD Units (Hui, Barrow, and Martinez) responded to the area to assist in searching for the suspect. Dispatch was able to acquire GPS data from the bait trap and indicated that it was travelling westbound on Cutting Blvd, near S. 49th Ave. Master Sgt. Hull was returning from the Halo range and responded from I-580 at Cutting Ave. ECPD Officer Rhodus observed someone who matched the description of the suspect on Cutting Blvd, at S. 37th Ave. Master Sgt. Hull was the second on scene. The subject was later arrested for robbing the Mechanics Bank, after being positively identified in an in-field show up. No truth to the rumor the thief was also demanding a toaster. *Good work, officers!*



### You Heard it Here, First...

In May, the *Outlook* passed on an unconfirmed report that the long-vacant lot at 401 Colusa Ave. (on Colusa Circle) had been purchased by a local merchant. Though that merchant denied the report at the time, this month Jane Downs and Dan Lynch confirm that Julie Moore, owner of Circle Salon, across the street at 404 Colusa, is also the proud new owner of the lot at the corner of Colusa and Oak View Avenues, now reportedly slated for retail and residential use. *Mazel tov!*

### Update on Doctors Hospital

Contra Costa County will direct \$6 million to keep cash-strapped Doctors Medical Center afloat for the next few months and give officials time to ponder what to do next. A Doctors Medical Center stakeholder group, made up of officials of the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California, Contra Costa County and John Muir Health, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Sutter Health and others, held its first meeting June 6th. Subsequent to that meeting, a \$6 million property tax transfer – representing a third of the San Pablo-based hospital's annual \$18 million deficit – was approved by the Board of Supervisors. The money will allow DMC to continue to operate while officials scramble to come up with a permanent rescue formula for a downsized, financially sustainable facility. – *Excerpted from Tom Lochner's CC Times article at [www.contracostatimes.com/contracosta-times/ci\\_25981240/contracosta-county-supervisors-approve-6-million-bridge](http://www.contracostatimes.com/contracosta-times/ci_25981240/contracosta-county-supervisors-approve-6-million-bridge).*

### Art Camps for Kids this Summer

Jamie (Juju) Aberegg has been teaching art to kids for more than 14 years. She'll share her skills in ceramics, paper-making, pen & ink, watercolor, and more during her summer art camps for kids at the Albany Arts Gallery on Solano Avenue, this July and August. More info at 559-8533 or [JujusSoggieBloggie.com/summer-art-camp-2014](http://JujusSoggieBloggie.com/summer-art-camp-2014).



...*Letters, from Page 2*

Measure L by the Numbers

Dear Editor:

The votes on Measure L were: YES 618, NO 659. The measure could not garner even 50% of the vote when it needed 67%, despite the KPPCSD Board’s highly funded campaign, substantially supported by our tax dollars. This was not at all close: to succeed, Measure L would have needed more than twice the number of votes (700 more people) than it got to offset the 659 NOs.

The Board was seriously misled by its highly paid consultants. They said there was 70% support for the bond measure. They predicted that some 2500 of our 3000+ registered voters would vote in the election. (The total was half that.) They predicted 66% election support for the \$14 per \$100K annual tax. They said their margin of error was +/- 6%. Their survey design was severely flawed. The Board should ask for our money back.

But it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the board wanted to be misled. It pushed “Option 2” with both the architects and the survey group – which is why the latter, in its slide presentation, concluded “This is great news!” for the \$3.7M renovation, and recommended that the board go ahead with its strategy of rigorously pushing the bond measure.

Some citizens surprisingly now claim that it is up to the opponents of L to fix the problem generated by the defeat of Measure L. Not true: the board was elected to superintend public property, and it seriously misgauged public sentiment. It now has to implement the real safety repairs that its consultants correctly said are supported by the electorate, without the frills that were not supported and could not have been repaid by outside revenues.

The Board did its best: it held many meetings that few attended, and put all relevant documents on its website. But public awareness was low until ballot information was mailed. Don’t blame the voters: Measure L lost by a 2 to 1 margin, given what it needed to pass. The Board should change course graciously, and everyone will have to come together to do this project properly.

Kevin Padian

No Stamp of Approval for Kensington Post Office

As a resident of Kensington for over 33 years I am quite concerned about the absence of the postal station at the former Arlington Pharmacy. When Country Cheese took over that spot, Kensington residents were told both by Wing and by the Country Cheese owners that the postal station would continue as it had been with Wing’s pharmacy. More than five months later, that is not the case. Shirley, Country Cheese owner, tells me that, contrary to what the Postal Service had originally told her and Wing, they will not honor the same contract and have imposed such severe financial restrictions on the service going forward that Country Cheese will not be able to continue the postal station there.

Gail Feldman, President of KPOA, suggested I write to ask if you could place something about this issue in the *Outlook* to ascertain how great an issue this is for the community. The many residents I’ve spoken to feel that it is an important one. My next door neighbor plans to call George Miller’s office in the next day or two to speak to the person in that office responsible for postal issues to see if there is any course we can take to offer a postal station somewhere in Kensington. It would be a shame to lose this long-standing benefit.

Thank you,  
Joanne De Phillips

KPPCSD VP on ‘L’

Dear Editor:

I want to thank those citizens in our community who engaged in the thoughtful debates around Measure L, which contemplated safety as well as design improvements for the Kensington Community Center.

For over three years, the KPPCSD Board, with guidance from a volunteer community advisory committee and other K groups, sought community input on various renovation options for the Center. Based upon this feedback, as well as feedback from a professional public opinion survey of likely voters, we were informed that there appeared to be sufficient support for the recommended plan that appeared on the June 3 ballot. The outcome was 877 voters in favor of Measure L, and 922 against it.

Certainly, those of us who supported this

project are disappointed in the results. And, funding the necessary improvements to ensure the safety of those who use the Community Center will be a challenge for the KPPCSD. However, I know my fellow board members and I will do our best to work within the variable confines of the budget to make the improvements needed to ensure the safety of the many citizens who use the Community Center.

As always, we encourage members of the community to attend our meetings and/or join one of our committees to advise us of your ideas and suggestions on this issue as well as others in Kensington.

Pat Gillette

Save the Post Office!

Editor,

As you may have noticed, the Kensington Post Office, formerly in the Arlington Pharmacy, has been mostly closed for the last few months. Given that many of us had been using it, this is bad news.

The new owner of the new store hosting our Post Office told me that the USPO is trying to force her to buy a postage meter and that they aren’t paying her enough for a postal worker. She told me is thinking to not to open our Post Office except for selling stamps.

Any ideas on how to save our post office?

Catherine de Neergaard

Dir. Chuck Toombs on ‘L’

The campaign for Measure L has come to its end and while it did not pass, I am duty bound to uphold the will of the community as a member of our District to pursue repairs that are within the District’s financial means to make.

However I cannot let this campaign end without offering my heartfelt thanks to those on our Parks Building Committee who, beginning 4 years ago, and through 14 public hearings and numerous town hall meetings did their best to provide a vision for the Community Center befitting the aesthetics of Kensington. Lisa Caronna, a former assistant city manager

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**July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 Family Storytime.** Picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun; stuffed animals & pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

**July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Yoga** at Arlington Community Church. All ages. 4:45-6pm. Sm. fee; drop-ins OK. 525-1881.

**July 3 Women’s Fellowship** at Arlington Community Church, 6:30-9pm. Bring a dish to share. Info 526-9146.

**July 6 “Meeting with a Killer,”** a video from Restorative Justice Online. 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**July 6, 13, 20, 27 Kensington Farmers Market.** Live produce & live music every Sunday, 10am-2pm. Free. Colusa Circle.

**July 7 Kensington Library Knitting Club “The Castoffs.”** All levels welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn. Kensington Library. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

**July 10, 17, 24, & 31 Baby & Toddler Storytime.** Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

**July 13 Professor Chris O’Sullivan, “Politics of the Middle East – An Overview.”** 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center  
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

(Schedule Subject to Change – Call to Confirm.)

**KCC - July 7th, Aug. 4  
Kensington Community Council**  
1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

**FKL - July 1st, Aug. 5th  
Friends of the Kensington  
Library,** 7pm (at the Library, 61  
Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

**KFPD - July 9th, Aug. 13th  
Fire Protection District**  
2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395

**KPPCSD - July 10th, Aug. 14th  
Police Protection and  
Community Services District**  
2nd Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

**KPSC - July 14th, Aug. 11th  
Kensington Public Safety Council**  
Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness  
2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

**KARO/ECHO - July 14th  
Amateur Radio Operators**  
2nd Mondays of odd months,  
7:30pm. 524-9815

**KIC - Aug. 25th (Only)  
Kensington Improvement Club**  
4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 527-3062

**KMAC (Tent.) - 7/29, 8/26  
Municipal Advisory Council**  
Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s  
office to confirm: 231-8691)

**KPOA  
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**July 13 Knitting** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 11:30am. Knit shawls, hats, scarves, & mittens for those in need. 526-9146.

**July 14 Financial Planning Workshop**  
Call the library for more information. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

**July 14 David Savellano Demonstrates Plein Air Watercolor Painting.** Garden Room, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, 7pm. Free. [bdaniell1943@gmail.com](mailto:bdaniell1943@gmail.com) or 277-6996.

**July 17 Men’s Fellowship** at Arlington Community Church 52 Arlington Ave. 6:30-9pm. Usually about \$5. Information at 526-9146.

**July 19 Lindsay Wildlife Museum presents “Paws & Claws,”** featuring animal ambassadors from our local wildlife community. Ages 3 and up. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 11am. Free. 524-3043.

**July 20 Professor David McGaffey, “Ukraine and Russia.”** 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**July 25 Memoir Writing Group** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Fireside Room, 10am.

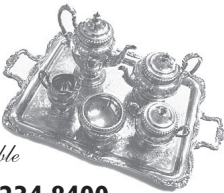
**July 25 Bridge** at Arlington Community Church. Potluck at 6pm. 526-9146.

**July 26 Path Clean-up.** The Stratford Path, 10am-noon. Bring rakes/gloves/brooms/clippers, etc. Water and cookies provided.

**July 27 Lee Lawrence and Rev. Craig Scott. “Social Justice at UUCB:** Focus on Immigration and Working with Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization (CCISCO).” 11am-noon. Free. 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

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**July 28 Kensington Library Book Club.** Discussion of *Wise Blood* by Flannery O’Connor. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Aug. 3 Claire Greensfelder, “Current issues in China.”** 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

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**Aug. 10 Knitting** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 11:30am. Knit shawls, hats, scarves, & mittens for those in need. 526-9146.

**Aug. 10 Marcella Adamski, “Tibet Today.”** 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302.

**Aug. 11 Shelly Rivoli on her new book, *Travels with Baby: The Ultimate Guide for Planning Trips with Babies, Toddlers, and Preschool-Age Children.*** Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free.

**Aug. 17 Sean Cochran on *Nothing but NETS: A Big Step in Controlling Malaria.*** 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302.

**Aug. 22 Memoir Writing Group** at Arlington Community Church. 10am.

**Aug. 22 Bridge** at Arlington Community Church. Potluck at 6pm. 526-9146.

**Aug. 23 Path Clean-up.** Upper Ardmore Path, 10am-noon. Bring rakes/gloves/brooms/clippers, etc. Free cookies!

**August 24 Angela Mason on “An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Circumstances”** – covering her work for a non- profit in 100 countries. 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**August 25 Kensington Library Book Club.** Discussion of *Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian. Kensington Library, 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**August 31 Dr. Rita Maran on *Advocacy for the United Nations.*** 11am-noon. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

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And I also wish to add to this list Paul Dorroh, Vida Dorroh, Kay Reed, and countless others who, along with this group led a fantastic campaign to pass Measure L. I am disappointed with the outcome of the election and its tenor in certain quarters, but am so happy this group felt the issues were sufficiently important to commit their time and energy towards their fruition.

The District will do its best to make the necessary improvements for which the community has expressed support. And I hope that those who campaigned against this will now generously contribute much needed funds towards such improvements. We will need the financial support of our entire community to realize these improvements starting with them.

Thanks again to those who supported Measure L and to all who expressed their civic engagement in the recent election process.

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