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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Raise the Rent

Dear Editor:

The Community Center building has many pressing maintenance needs. The KCC pays rent to run its programs in the building, and it does so at a profit. The current management of the KCC has categorically refused to consider that its first priority in spending its money in the Center ought to be for necessary maintenance. Examples of urgently needed repairs are inadequate drainage facilities on the uphill side that allow occasional floods; downspouts and gutters in need of replacement, and shabby exterior paint.

Instead of a fully functional building in good repair, the finished product of the impending remodel the KCC is pushing for the Community Center will mostly be intended to provide "prettier for parties" superficial cosmetic changes to the interior surfaces, such as an impractical wood floor, sheetrock over the cinderblock interior walls, and a wall of French doors we don't need. More is the pity that these expensive changes to the main room will not change its character, which is dominated by the exposed steel trusses that support the roof. No significant changes are planned to them. Granted, there are needed updates planned for the bathrooms. "Needed," and merely "wanted," among the contemplated projects should be ranked, and the "needed" list augmented and fully funded before one dime goes toward the "wanted" list. The alternative is for the building's owners, KPPCSD, at taxpayer expense, to pick up the tab for KCC-ignored repairs.

To help fund these repairs, from now on, KCC's rent ought to be set at the amount their programs earn, after all associated

costs, up to a projected annual amount sufficient to maintain the building.

*Philip Zimmerman, Kensington taxpayer*

**Measure G - What's at Stake**

Are Kensington police officers overpaid? Are they underpaid? Or are they paid appropriately?

One highly respected director of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) examined currently available compensation data and determined that Kensington officers earn less than officers in most nearby cities. A different director on the same board reviewed a different set of data and concluded that Kensington officers are overpaid.

Hoping to resolve such controversies, the KPPCSD board is commissioning an independent survey of current police compensation in Bay Area cities similar to Kensington. The Board will use this survey to negotiate police compensation that is fair and equitable. The police salary negotiations are scheduled to take place in June, once the survey is complete.

For several years now, I have attended Police Services District meetings and have become familiar with the issues. As I see it, the bottom line on Measure G is simple: Even without any officer pay increase whatsoever, the KPPCSD board is facing a serious budget shortfall that can only be resolved by increasing the police tax or, alternatively, by cutting police patrol shifts.

This is not fear mongering. It is common sense. I encourage Kensington residents who wish to continue to enjoy low crime rates and 24/7 neighborhood patrol services to VOTE YES ON MEASURE G.

*Kathy Stein*

Inaccuracies in Voter Information Pamphlet?

Dear Editor,

The writers of the *Measure G Rebuttal* made a few mistakes. Our officers are NOT paid 18% more than similar departments: their salaries are below many similar areas, and below El Cerrito and Albany. Our officers' base salary did NOT increase by 28% over the past 5 year – they got 3.8% a year on average, totaling 19%. Social Security cost of living increases over those years averaged 3.64%, totaling 18.2%, so they were right in line with inflation.

In the last 3 years, about 50 houses per year sold. This year, 15 sold as of 5/12/10. Taxes go up when property sells for more than its previous value, but if an owner's child takes title, or if someone over 55 can take their lower tax basis with them, they qualify for NO tax increase due to Prop. 58, 60 or 90! When pre-Prop. 13 houses are sold, more money goes to the District. But under Prop. 13, the District gets only 13 cents of each tax dollar! If you're paying \$2,200 tax per year, only about \$130 of it goes to our police. Add the \$300 assessment passed 16 years ago, and you're still only paying only about \$37 a month, total, for your 24/7 police service. At \$6K/yr, you're paying about \$77/mo. (Take your tax bill, minus assessments, x 13%, + \$300, and divide by 12.

Under Measure G, our Board may levy up to \$200 per parcel – only \$16 a month. If an assessment is not needed, our Board need not declare it due, as did our Fire Board recently. Passing Measure G means that resources will be there to address our current deficit, and for the future. Keep your prop-

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**Opposition to 'G' Asks to "Negotiate a Fair Deal"**

How do you determine what a fair deal is? Compare total compensation packages with those of similar agencies. Specifically, we pay our two sergeants almost \$200K each in total compensation per year. Other officers are proportionally grandly compensated. A respected compensation survey shows that we pay approximately 23% more than El Cerrito and similar cities.

As beneficiaries of G, KPD officers could not resist the temptation to claim low salaries in a letter to residents. That is half the truth. Our budget indicates that we pay \$925K a year in police salaries and an additional \$887K in benefits for a total \$1.8million. This means the department pays on average \$201K combined salary and benefits per officer per year. That is huge! And out of control.

There is no cost share for retirement or medical; Kensington pays 100% of the employer and employee share for both. G raises approx \$450K. Officers' share of CalPers is \$83K, almost a fifth of the amount to be raised. Voters should ask KPOA to pay their share like other agencies do. The amount for medical is a staggering \$360K+/year and growing. It went up \$127,000 over 2009 for active members and proportionally for retirees.

In 2008 when KPPCSD knew they had no revenue to pay for it, they gave KPOA 10% raises, while public safety agencies all over the country took cuts during our national fiscal crisis. They also made not one budget cut. Consultant Brown Taylor's report found that our officers have 70% unassigned time. So we added a second

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We can be reached at 525-0292 Monday-Fri., 10 am-4pm, or [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto: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" each week to work with the campers.

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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!

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• 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



KASEP's Mandarin Class  
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• 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](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com). Forms are available at: [www.AboutKensington.com/KCCDayCamp.html](http://www.AboutKensington.com/KCCDayCamp.html).

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**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 [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com) or 525-0292.



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# Neighborhood Notes

**Women Behind the Lens Presents “The Spirit Moves”**  
*Nan Phelps Photography* is hosting a photographic exhibition by the Bay Area photography group, *Women Behind the Lens* (Joan Bobkoff, Averie Cohen, Nan Phelps & Kristin Satzman). The show opens on June 4th and runs through June 13th, with a reception scheduled for Friday, June 4th from 6-9pm at 398 Colusa Avenue (Colusa Circle), Berkeley, in conjunction with First Fridays. Business hours are Thursdays and Fridays 12-4, Saturdays 10-4, and additional times by appointment. Info: 528-8845


  
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**Star Dance Assembly Performed**  
Funded in part through the generosity of Ruth Frassetto of *Grubb and Company Real Estate*, in late April, Kathryn Roszak's *Danse Lumiere*, which creates dance theater pieces linking arts, sciences, and the humanities, performed *The Star Dances*, with a multimedia presentation by UC Berkeley astronomer Dr. Bethany Cobb, at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. Kids can attend the Dance/Science camp or the regular dance camp this summer by calling 233-5550 or going to [www.dlkdance.com](http://www.dlkdance.com).



**D'Jour Floral & Antiques Named Small Business of the Year...**  
...for the City of El Cerrito, by the EC Chamber of Commerce and Contra Costa Council (Contra Costa Chambers of Commerce). Owner Judy Pope received her recognition at a luncheon on Friday, May 7, with Chambers of Commerce throughout Contra Costa County in attendance. Always an enthusiastic supporter of community events, *D'Jour Floral & Antiques* is a full-service florist offering a unique blend of cards, gift items, clothing and collectibles, located at 7512 Fairmount Avenue, across from Fat Apples. 525-7232. *Congratulations, Judy, on an honor well deserved!*

  
*Award winner Judy Pope and El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Manager, Mark Scott.*  
*Photo by John Stashik*

**Kensington Art Walk is Back! – Friday, June 4th, 5-8pm**  
Last month's Art Walk on Arlington was another successful, special event for the Kensington community, this time in honor of Mother's Day. A dozen diverse Bay Area artists exhibited their wares along the avenue, including jewelry, ceramics, garden art, paintings, and photography. As always, the merchants remained open late, serving goodies, and to top it off, *The Blues Daddies* complemented the evening with oldies and dancing at the Kensington Chevron Station, now under new ownership. Pictured here is artist, Elaine Chu showing her sculptured square book with origami folds and hand-painted cover. Elaine makes handcrafted paper and jewelry, and has classes for adults and kids ([www.egchu.com](http://www.egchu.com)).



**Kensington Market Summerfest – Sunday, June 6th**  
This June 6th the Kensington Farmers Market will celebrate its new season and expanded market from 10am-3pm at Colusa Circle. Including the largest group of vendors in its four-year history, there will be live music, food sampling, cooking demos, face painting, and children's activities, as well as various market specials. Free cotton market bags, courtesy of *Marvin Gardens Real Estate*, go to the first 100 attendees. This will be our *new* Farmers Market with three times the number of vendors, including new specialty foods, bakers, and organic food purveyors who will be in our community every Sunday throughout the season – a chance to meet the people who grow, catch, and harvest what we eat. [kfmaboard@gmail.com](mailto:kfmaboard@gmail.com)



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# Neighborhood Notes

## Dads! Huh! What Are They Good For? Absolutely Everything!

You can always count on the *Dad's Club* when something needs doing. These *Dads* were cookin' up a storm at last month's Kensington Hilltop School Carnival (*left to right*): Al Wanger, Chris Keifer, John Wong, Adam Lehman, Terrance Lo, and John Lehman Winters. Thanks, guys! (*And enjoy your day off, June 20th – you deserve it!*)



Hilltop's 63rd annual Spring Carnival was a huge success. The weather was perfect and the kids enjoyed new booths introduced this year, such as the *Hair Wrap* and *Hoops*. Over 900 lunches were sold and the quilt raffle sold over 7,000 tickets. Kensington resident, Claudia Ramirez Wiedeman, won the quilt. The proceeds from the Carnival are split between the PTA and the Dads' Club and cover such expenses as safety supplies, school assemblies, teacher support and classroom supplies.



Larry Lefevbre, Co-Owner  
Kensington Fine Foods

## Kensington Fine Foods Soon Finer

Owners Larry and Jessica Lefevbre's building permit was approved this month, and they'll soon begin installing a new stove hood and start work on the back room of their shop, located inside *Young's Market*. These improvements will allow them to offer an extended menu of more hot food, hot sides, and prepared foods to take out. *We can hardly wait!*

## Kensington Man of the Month - Sergeant Rickie Hull

Chief of Police and KPPCSD General Manager, Greg Harman, has been out on medical leave for the past month. We're not privy to what's been going on behind the scenes while he's out, but if Acting Chief and General Manager, Sgt. Rickie Hull's performance at the recent KPPCSD meeting is any indication, it appears that Greg has left his little part of the world in excellent hands. Sgt. Hull was prepared to discuss police, budget, and policy matters in Chief Harman's stead, and made it look like he's been doing it all his life. He was not only prepared with facts and figures, but was gracious in his promises to follow up with requested information he did not have at his fingertips, and was every bit the professional in handing out a commendation and welcoming and swearing in a new officer to the force.



Detective Keith Barrow was awarded a Blue Commendation by Acting Chief Hull for his investigation and arrest of a hit & run suspect.

When complemented on his outstanding preparation for his month-long shift standing in for Chief Harman, the first words out of Rickie's mouth were credit to the Chief for preparing him for the job. *Get well soon, Chief. Meanwhile, good job, Sergeant – keep up the good work!*

**Man-of-the-Month Runner Up:** Officer Doug Wilson, for being quick to volunteer at last month's KPPCSD meeting, to, in lieu of a currently non-existent female member of the force, frisk any female suspects detained by the department, should the need arise.



Acting Chief Hull inducted Officer Hui into the Kensington Police Force. Welcome, Officer Hui!

## KPOA Finishes Annual Meeting On Time

We didn't think they could do it – present reports on LAFCO from Executive Director, Lou Ann Texeira (consolidation of the KFPD and KPPCSD is *recommended for consideration* by the two Districts themselves, but LAFCO has no plans to pursue it at this time), an update on suggested code changes regarding second units in Kensington from KMAC Chairman, Patrick Tahara, a report from Supervisor John Gioia on the state of the county (2nd year in a row of declining property tax revenues – first time since the Depression; funds still available for D.A. to prosecute misdemeanors), AND a debate on *Measure G* – all in two hours? Impossible! Moderator Gail Feldman, President of *Kensington Property Owners Association*, however, kept everyone on track and brought the informative meeting to a close five minutes early, to boot. *Now that's how to run a meeting!* (Better snacks, please!)

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Excerpt From April 2010

•10-1461 On 4/10/10 at 1058 hrs., Officer Ramos took an identity theft report from a resident on Lenox Road.

•10-1513 On 4/14/10 at 1534 hrs., Officer Wilson took a hit/run report from a resident on Berkeley Park Blvd.

•10-1560 On 4/18/10 at 1505 hrs., Officer Ramos took a residential burglary and double auto theft report from a resident on Rincon Rd. To date, El Cerrito PD has arrested one suspect, the Contra Costa Sheriff's Department has arrested another suspect, and Officers Barrow and Ramos have arrested a third suspect. Information has also been developed on a forth suspect.

•10-1570 On 4/19/10 at 1930 hrs., Sgt. Khan took a grand theft report of a firearm on Lake Drive.

•10-1575 On 4/20/10 at 0653 hrs., Officer Wilson took an auto burglary report on Coventry Road. A firearm was stolen.

•10-1586 On 4/21/10 at 1340 hrs., Officer Ramos took a hit/run report on Rincon Road.

•10-1650 On 4/25/10 at 0827 hrs., Officer Wilson took a residential burglary report from a resident on Yale Avenue.

•10-1657 On 4/25/10 at 1742 hrs., Sgt. Khan took an auto burglary report from a subject on Ocean View Avenue.

•10-1658 On 4/25/10 at 1915 hrs., Sgt. Khan took an auto burglary report from a subject on Berkeley Park Blvd.

•10-1672 On 4/27/10 at 0953 hrs., Officer Wilson took two auto burglary reports from a resident on Los Altos Drive.

•10-1336-On 4-1-2010, at approximately 1600 hours, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of residential burglary. Unknown suspects entered the residence through an

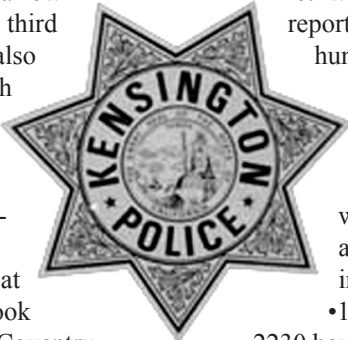
unlocked window at the rear deck. Jewelry, money, computers, digital cameras, and other items were stolen. Investigative leads have been developed and this case was referred to investigations.

•10-1455 – On 4-10-2010, at 0611 hours, Officer Medina responded to the 100 block of Arlington Ave. to a reported hit/run. Investigation leads were developed and the arrest of the responsible person was made later the same morning.

•10-1525 – On 4-15-2010, at 1304 hours, FTO Martinez and Reserve Officer Hui met with a resident at KPD who reported identity theft. Several hundreds of dollars of fraudulent transactions were discovered from the resident's checking account. Investigative leads were developed and will be investigated by patrol as part of the preliminary investigation.

•10-1550 – On 5-17-2010, at 2230 hours, Officer Medina responded to a residence on Purdue Ave. to a report of lewd or lascivious acts. Both parties were juveniles. This case was referred to investigations. (*Well, which acts were they – lewd or lascivious? We'd like a full report, please!*)

•10-1644 – On 4-24-2010, at 0945 hours, Officers Hui and Martinez took a report at KPD of a located missing person for the Coronado Police Department.



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## Obituaries



**Yvonne Selde, 1922-2010**

Yvonne Selde, a Kensington resident for 44 years, died at Aldersly Retirement Home in San Rafael on March 10, 2010

Growing up on a ranch in eastern Washington, Yvonne rode her horse to school and always preferred tools to toys. In WWII she worked in a Seattle military aviation plant before going on to earn a BS degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Washington and beginning her career as a structural engineer in California. Early work experiences included industrial building design, aircraft wing design (the F89F) and bridge design. Her first bridges were a pedestrian overpass and two road bridges over the Mountain Boulevard Freeway in Oakland (highway13.) Traveling north to south it is plain to see a young engineer's growing confidence in her ability and her authority.

Ms. Selde worked for some years in Los Angeles for the L.A. School District and for the California Division of Highways, before moving to Kensington and accepting a position with Naval Facilities Engineering Command in San Bruno. The wide variety of responsibilities there allowed her to hone her expertise in structural and hydraulic engineering, soil mechanics and nuclear shielding, and spared her what she perceived to be the drudgery of doing the same thing twice. Notable during her years with the Navy was an assignment at Mare Island. Defects had been reported in a crane used to load nuclear material onto Polaris submarines. It was Ms.

Selde's responsibility to condemn the crane, for which she was fired by the commanding officer but immediately reinstated and thanked in a personal phone call from Admiral Rickover.

Ms. Selde continued to work for the Navy until her retirement for health reasons in 1982. She was a longstanding member of the Structural Engineers' Association of Northern California, and in 1959 was the first woman engineer admitted to membership in the Association's Southern California chapter. In her early career she was the first woman structural engineer wherever she worked. She was deeply gratified to see the progress made by women in her profession.

Ms. Selde is pre-deceased by her husband Ponciano Cruzata (1905 – 1951). She is survived by her brother, Vernon Selde, of Walla Walla, WA, by nephews Peter and William, of Albuquerque NM and Omaha NE, and by nieces Cynthia and Lynda, of Walla Walla and New York City.

**Frances Desire Hanna, 1908–2010**

Frances died of natural causes on April 4th at her home in Kensington. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Warren L. Hanna. She is survived by daughters Sally Stevenson of Lincoln, CA, Jean Offholter of Reston, VA, and Marilyn Johnson of Calistoga, CA; five grandchildren, six *greats* and three *great-greats*. She was born in Iowa and raised in Pasadena, CA. She obtained her Registered Nurse certificate from Huntington Memorial Hospital, married Dr. C.B. Hills, moved to Berkeley, had two daughters, and she started her many years of volunteerism at Alta Bates Hospital. During WWII she was employed by the Red Cross training nurse's aides. Once the war was over, so was her marriage. In 1947 she met and married Warren Hanna. With her two daughters and Warren's daughter, Marilyn, they became a blended family. She was associated with The Berkeley City Club, Hillside Club, Arlington Women's Club, East Bay Fan Club, YMCA Seniorcize Aerobics and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley in Kensington. As she requested, no service is planned.

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## Town Meetings

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Kensington Community Center  
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(Unless otherwise noted)

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

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

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

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

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

**KIC - June 28th**  
**Kensington Improvement Club**  
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 965-1345

**KMAC - June 29th**  
**Municipal Advisory Council**  
Last Tuesdays 7pm. 273-9926

**KARO/ECHO - JULY 12th**  
**Amateur Radio Operators**  
Provides assistance to community 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

**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>

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

**June 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 10:15 am & 11:15 am. Free. 524-3043.

**June 4 First Friday Kensington Art Walk.** Colusa Circle merchants, including Nan Phelps Photography, Post Meridian Restaurant, RabbitEARS, and Hiersioux Gallery, will be open late – from 6-9pm – with refreshments, music, street artists, and attendant bal-lyhoo. More info: Judy at 525-6155

**June 4-13 Nan Phelps Photography presents *The Spirit Moves*,** a photographic exhibition by the Bay Area photography group *Women Behind the Lens*. Reception Friday, 6/4, 5-9pm, 398 Colusa Ave., Berkeley 528-8845

**June 5 Kensington Symphony Orchestra performs with Marie Plette, soprano.** 8pm. Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Suggested donation: \$15; seniors and students \$12; Children free. Wheel-chair accessible. 524-9912 or [www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org).

**June 5 The Foundation Fighting Blindness’ Bay Area 5K VisionWalk** in SF’s Golden Gate Park. Registration begins at 9am and the walk will start at 10am. [www.FightBlindness.org](http://www.FightBlindness.org)

**June 5-6, 12-13 East Bay Artists Open Studios.** Various artists and locations, including sculptor and painter, Keiko Nelson at 9 Arlington Lane, Kensington. 11am-6pm. [www.keikonelson.com](http://www.keikonelson.com) and/or [www.proartsgallery.org](http://www.proartsgallery.org)

**June 6 The Kensington Farmers Market Summerfest.** Celebrating its new season and expanded market, 10am-3pm at Colusa Circle. With live music, face painting, children’s activities,

market specials, cooking demos, and more. Continues on Sundays through the summer. [kfmaboard@gmail.com](mailto:kfmaboard@gmail.com)

**June 7 New! Scrabble Club.** All levels welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 4 pm. Free. 524-3043

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

**June 8 Garden of Musicians of Ferrara. The Women’s Antique Vocal Ensemble (WAVE),** and Bay Area instrumentalists will perform a concert of music from the House of Este, circa 1559-1597, in Ferrara, Italy. 8pm, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. \$15, or \$10 Students/Seniors

**June 8 Election Day!**

**June 8 Cap’n Jack Spareribs.** Make a Splash – read! This summer at the Kensington Library. Cap’n Jack Spareribs and his talking monkey will start you out on this wet and wonderful summer adventure, entertaining you with magic, juggling, and jaw-dropping illusions. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

**June 10 El Cerrito Garden Club – last meeting for 2009-2010.** Annual Spring Luncheon and Installation of Officers for 2010-2011. Happy Hour at 11:30am, and the luncheon at noon. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Limited to members and their guests. \$22. Info: 233-9365

**Live Music at The Arlington in June**  
**June 4 Rock: RRM & BDS Eclectic** and Kensington PTA Happy Hour  
**June 11 Jazz: The Jay Byrds**  
**June 18 Rock: Room 19**  
**June 25 Bluegrass: Wagon**

**June 10 Earthquake Preparedness Workshop.** Battalion Chief Michael Bond will discuss actions we can take in a quake. **7pm**, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146

**June 12, 19, 26 No Bunny Left Behind.** Community Reading Project, storytelling and healthy bunny snacks, 11:30am-12:30pm; Plus: Rabbit Adoption Day on 6/12, 1-4pm. RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave, E.C., 525-6155

**June 13 Introduction to Acupressure for Animals,** w/Graham Quigley: touch techniques and animal communication skills for common complaints, injuries, and emotional balancing. Learn a daily tune-up you can practice on your animal friends. 2-4pm, RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave. 525-6155

**June 14 Job Search Workshop: *Six Steps to Tapping the Hidden Job Market*** with Marilyn Ashlin of Ashlin Career Consulting. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 10 am. Free. 524-3043.

**June 14 Anonymous Seniors Sing-along.** Senior musical instrument players group, with songs from the 1920s-40s and more. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free.

**June 16 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters meets at 1:15pm** at 631 Parkside Ct. Guests are welcome. Please confirm at 527-1266.

**June 27 Grand Opening: *Bunnies Without Borders*,** an earth-friendly bed and breakfast for bunnies, bees, birds, and butterflies! Music, kid’s crafts, food, wine, and art; reception for artist Mary Patterson, 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 525-6155

**June 28 Book Club.** Discussion of *Shanghai Girls*. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.



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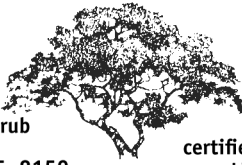


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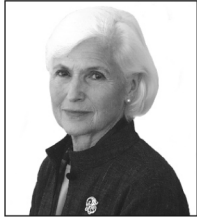



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Add'l Officers Needed?

As a homeowner, and resident of Kensington for 50+ years, I am really concerned about our need for more police “protection.” I can fully understand the need to add a cost of living clause to the Kensington officers’ yearly contracts, but I cannot agree with the need for an additional officer -(s) and the substantial increase necessary for us to support the upcoming initiative that will be on the June ballot. As I understand, our community is not growing in size. My hope is that we can all continue to support both the fire dept. and current police staff. Case in point, I did not need ‘protection,’ I needed help when I called 911, as others may have experienced. I had a physical emergency and needed the KFDs and KPDs incredible help and expertise, which I received at home in less than 15 minutes – thanks response teams!

Mez, Kensington resident

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support person to our staff at \$60K+. Nonsense! And we spent \$110K on attorney’s fees for personnel problems.

KPPCSD does not have the independent audited financial statement showing how the district ended the fiscal year in June, 2009; every monthly profit & loss statement provided by Chief Harman had major inaccuracies and discrepancies. This poorly managed district claims that we will have to cut patrols if this measure does not pass. Pure fear mongering! Kensington voters should meet KPPCSD’S smug claim that voters always approve a tax increase with, “Not this time. Balance the budget by getting costs and total compensation under control.”

Sincerely, Cathie Kosel

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2nd row, standing: Jonah Levine (Berkeley, UCLA); Ryan Clough (El Cerrito, UC Berkeley); Scott Malatesta (St. Mary’s, Cal Poly SLO).

4th row, on stairs: Ethan Grossman (Acalanes, Univ. of Michigan); Oliver Carrousel (El Cerrito, San Diego State); Beau Cardall (Bentley, Evergreen State College); Julia Herbst (Marin Academy, Oberlin College); Casey Sprague (Bentley, Scripps); Alice Cowens (El Cerrito, Univ. of Puget Sound); Patrick Schlesinger (El Cerrito, UCLA); Rebecca Aptaker (El Cerrito, UC Santa Cruz); Christina Narakov-Ritchey (Miramonte, UC Davis); Kiyomi Doty (Albany, San Jose State); Maarika Rickansrud (El Cerrito, UC Berkeley); Jessica Tran (El Cerrito, UC Berkeley); Dennis Shem (El Cerrito, UC Berkeley); Ilene Lee (Alameda Science and Technology, UCLA); Rebeca Pangelina (El Cerrito, UC Irvine); Samantha Carr (Campolindo, Univ. of Oregon); Christopher Gioia (Albany, UC Berkeley).

Not pictured: Takumi Murayama (Head-Royce, Princeton); Mike Eidlin (Head-Royce, UC Davis); Elizabeth Chen (El Cerrito, UCLA); Stacey Buell (Skyline in Seattle, George Washington Univ.); Matt Reif (Head-Royce, Franklin-Marshall College), Geoffrey Lee (Berkeley, Harvard), Daniel Corrodus (Berkeley, Expressions Digital Arts College).

Local Resident Graduates from Macalester College

St. Paul, Minn. – Elisabeth Aultman, the daughter of Lori and Steve Aultman of Kensington, California, graduated from Macalester during the college’s 121st exercises on the lawn outside Old Main on May 15th. Aultman is a graduate of El Cerrito High School and received a liberal arts degree in Japanese and Linguistics.

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