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Moving On! 2013 Graduates

A happy group of thirty-seven graduating seniors gathered on Sunday, May 5th for the *Kensington Outlook's* annual high school senior picture.

Below is a list of this year's graduates, the high schools they attended, and the colleges they hope to be attending this fall. Many thanks to the photographer, Kensington Hilltop parent, Wenyan Petersen!

Row 1: Adrienne Ramsey (El Cerrito/Sarah Lawrence College, NY), Elise Peterson-Trujillo (Acalanes/Washington University in St. Louis), Alexander Wing (El Cerrito/UC Berkeley), Mat-

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Park Buildings Committee Update

At the request of the KPPCSD Board, the Kensington Park Buildings Committee has engaged financial experts and met with nine community groups, including KCC, KIC, Scout groups, and KEF, to discuss their opinions on how to move forward with possible plans to improve the use and condition of the park buildings.

Additional community outreach meetings open to the public will be at the

Arlington Church on Sunday, June 9th at 11:30am and the KPOA meeting on June 29th, from 10am to noon at the Community Center. There will also be a Town Hall Meeting to discuss all of the recommendations, including findings from the outreach efforts to date on Saturday, June 15th, from 11am to 12:30pm at the Community Center.

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Letters to the Editor

Happy For Half Century, But Now She's Upset

Dear Editor,

I have lived happily here in Kensington since 1959, but now I am upset!

I just found out that defending the lawsuit against the remaining old KPPCSD Board members and Chief Harman has cost over \$38,000 just until the end of March. Who knows how much the bill is now!

This is a complete(ly)...unnecessary cost. That amount of money could help the park, the community building, the lights, and any number of 'wished for' projects here in Kensington.

As I understand it, 6 individuals, represented by former resigned board member, Mari Metcalf, are the plaintiffs in this lawsuit.

What is their case?

They are claiming that the raise, voted on by the board last year to give Chief Harman a well-deserved increase in his pay, after three years without an increase, was voted on a few minutes after 10pm, instead of before 10pm. The normal cutoff time for the KPPCSD meetings is 10pm unless it is extended by a vote of the board. Why didn't they point out the time, then and there?

Protect Your Home and Community From Wildfire

Advisory From El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Chief, Lance Maples

Summer is upon us, and that means fire season is in full swing. With the risk that our community faces from a wildland interface fire it is imperative that we embrace vegetation management to reduce the fire hazard in the community of Kensington.

As we look outside and see our surrounding vegetation becoming golden brown we realize that the risk of wildfire exists not only for property owners, but also for our community as a whole.

Wildfires often begin unnoticed and can spread quickly, igniting brush, trees and homes. Below are a few simple things you can do to prevent wildfires and promote overall fire safety in our community.

- Design and landscape your home with wildfire safety in mind. Select materials and plants that can help contain fire rather than fuel it. Plant fire resistant shrubs and trees.

In my opinion, this is all about finding a way to cancel Chief Harman's raise, or to just get back at the voters who soundly beat board member Cathie Kosel in the election, last fall.

It is unbelievable that in this small community, run by all volunteers, who give generously of their time without pay, that we should have to pay to defend the Board at this outrageous expense.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Osmundson

P.S. How about a petition to have the case dismissed?

Re: Why the Leash Law?

Dear Editor:

I live across the street from the EBMUD treatment plant in lower Kensington, adjacent to Berkeley Park Blvd. Once, I saw a dog in the plant attacking a fawn. I climbed over the fence (sorry, EBMUD) and chased the dog off. More recently, I saw a dog inside the fence line chase three does into the corner of the property, where they (amazingly) vaulted the barbed wire to escape attack. If you think your dog can get into the EBMUD plant and you're reading this, can you please take steps to prevent that access?

Thank you,
Gordon Becker

- Use fire resistant or non-combustible materials on roofs and exteriors of all buildings.

- Clear all flammable vegetation such as dry grass or weeds.

- Prune tree branches and shrubs within 10 feet of a stovepipe or chimney outlet.

- Place fireplace and grill ashes in a metal container with a tight lid.

- Store gasoline, oily rags and other flammable materials in approved containers.

- Teach children about fire safety. Keep matches and lighters out of their reach.

- Regularly clean your roof and gutters.

It is the responsibility of each property owner to ensure their property is fire safe and to make certain there is a reduced risk in our community.

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KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

KCC is very grateful to have teachers and Board members that work so hard to bring its mission to life through KASEP classes, community events like Movie Night, FALL Parade and this year’s Valentine’s Dance. KCC also proudly offers adult classes and summer camp.

This school year we were fortunate to

introduce 8 new children’s after-school classes and two new adult fitness classes. Amazing facts to know: KASEP offers about 50 classes each session. Roughly two hundred families enrolled a child into an average of two classes per week.

None of this can happen without the support of you, our Kensington families. There is not a more supportive, intelligent, and adventurous community of involved parents and KCC says thank you!

SUMMER DAY CAMP

Woo hoo! It’s time for KCC Summer Day Camp sign up! Don’t miss out - Summer camp can be one of your child’s most rewarding, unforgettable and joyful life experiences.

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KCC Summer Day Camp provides a sense of community – many classmates from Hilltop Elementary School attend as well as neighboring communities.

To register go to AboutKensington.com. We accept credit card payment online. Payment is accepted in the KCC office for checks/cash and partial payments. Questions? Call 510-525-0292.

One of the goals of KCC Summer Day Camp is making sure children have the time of their lives. 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 2013.

Affordable Summer Camp is just \$235 per week per camper. You choose the weeks you want to attend – anytime from June 10th through August 16th.

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

Camp Hours:
Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

BeforeCare: 8-9:00am and **AfterCare:** 5-6pm. (Childcare is an additional cost of \$8.00 per hr./per child.)

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 that they may not be familiar doing such as working with a real hammer and nails to build with Sandy in Carpentry, laugh while on a

TOP 5 REASONS
KIDS SHOULD GO
TO KCC SUMMER
DAY CAMP

field trip to play miniature golf, or learn a new life skills while making pasta from scratch! Campers develop their social skills by being around other children, solving problems, and teamwork. Camp life fosters independence - children learn the responsibility of making their own decisions with the safety net of insightful counselors and staff in a safe environment.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
SCHEDULE

- Week 1: June 10-14**
Carpentry with Sandy
+ Field Trip: *The Jungle*
- Week 2: June 17-21**
Engineering with Lance
+ Field Trip: *Oakland Zoo*
- Week 3: June 24-28**
Mask Making with Shelly – Spirit Week
+ Field Trip: *Adventure Playground*
- Week 4: July 1-5**
Sports & Games with Kim Roots
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- Week 5: July 8-12**
Fun with Drumming w/Scott
+ Field Trip: *Lake Anza*
- Week 6: July 15-19**
Gymnastics with Judy Baker – Olympic Week
+ Field Trip: *New Exploratorium*
- Week 7: July 22-26**
Gymnastics with Judy Baker
+ *Miniature Golf at Scandia*
- Week 8: July 29-Aug. 2**
Jewelry & Leather Creation
– Spirit Week + *Indoor Soccer & Rock Climbing at Bladium*
- Week 9: August 5-9**
Circus Fun with Doug
+ *Lake Temescal/Ice Cream Treats*
- Week 10: August 12-16**
Cooking with Vicky Brodt
+ *Playland Not at the Beach*

Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances.

ADULT RECREATION CLASSES



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On-going for summer time fitness! Have you been looking for a fun and effective

way to incorporate strength training into your life without joining a gym or hiring a personal trainer? Are you aware that, if you suffer from symptoms of the following conditions or diseases, strength training might help: arthritis, diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity, back pain and depression? Then this class is for you!

Please join Catherine for this 60-minute strength training and flexibility class, incorporating motivating music with play lists that appeal to everyone. Only \$7.00 a class! Drop-ins welcome.

You’ll need a mat, at least one set of free weights, and an exercise band. If there’s an item you don’t have, please contact Catherine prior to class, as some equipment may be available for your use. Email Catherine to register at jazrcat@comcast.net.



On-going classes during summer! Interested in a fun, low-impact workout close to home? Then Kensington Jazzercise is for you! Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:15am to 9:15am at the Kensington Community Center.

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Join us for a 60-minute fitness class that combines dance-based cardio with strength training and stretching and dance yourself fit! All fitness levels welcome! Come for a free trial – bring a mat and water – we’ll see you there! For more information contact Kevin Knickerbocker at 486-2728.



KASEP Kinder Cooks
Learn the Art of Juicing

KCC’s Acrylic Artist’s
Paint Studio

Wednesday’s Acrylic Artists are taking a break for the summer. The group will resume September 11th. If you’re interested in exploring the canvas and want to paint, call the KCC Office at 525-0292!

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. 525-0292. M-F, 10am-4pm.

Kensington Community Center Rental Info: Please call KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection and

Community Services District) at 526-4141.

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.



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Neighborhood Notes

Zoe Altenberg Back From 3-Month Expedition

Kensington’s own Zoe Altenberg, 18, recently completed an 89-day wilderness expedition, with the National Outdoor Leadership School. Zoe hiked four mountain passes in the Rockies, navigated over 100 miles of the rugged terrain of the Grand Canyon, explored the Mojave Desert, and slept in a fly tent – whatever that is – and in a snow shelter in a Wyoming mountain winter. Zoe is safely back in Kensington, and as we all know, “There’s no place like home.” *Way to go, Zo’!*



Kensington Property Owners Association Meets June 29th

This year, the KPOA annual meeting will include Supervisor John Gioia, neighborhood CERT block captains, Fire District and Police & Community Service Directors (invited), and a presentation on the options and costs for the remodel of the Community Center. There will be opportunities for property owners to ask questions, and everyone is welcome. 10am to noon, at the Community Center.

Young Gymnasts Make State Championships

Three Kensington Elementary School students, Hanna Erdtman (14), Ella Erdtman (10) and Annakari Hoyer-Nielson (10) started their gymnastics career at the KCC after school gymnastics program back when they were in first grade, with their teachers, Judy Baker and Jean Jay. Graduating to the USA Gymnastics Jr. Olympic Competitive Team Program, they competed in five sanctioned meets during the 2012-13 season, bringing home many a medal and smile. In April, the girls competed along with their team in California’s state competitions, bringing home more medals – including 4 gold. *Congratulations, gymnasts!*



Kensington Optometry Grand Re-Opening June 9

Dr. Russell Cotteral is inviting everyone to attend the grand re-opening celebration for Kensington Optometry on Sunday, June 9th, from noon to 2pm at its new location, 396 Colusa Avenue (on Colusa Circle) – its fourth, and the good doctor promises, final move. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony, refreshments, and tours of their new office. RSVP to Russell at rcotteral@sbcglobal.net by June 7th to be entered into a drawing for a free pair of Maui Jim sunglasses (must be present to win). *Here’s lookin’ at you, kid!*

‘25 Reasons’ Contest at Nan Phelps Photography

Everyone has a reason to get a real portrait. From the classic to the comedic, tell Nan Phelps your best reason and you could win the Grand Prize (a portrait session and a silver gelatin print). To enter, drop by her studio, or go to nanphelps.com/contest...Have a special reason to remember this day? Nan and her crew invite you to share it with them. Contest: June 1-15, Nan Phelps Photography, 398 Colusa Avenue.



Bay View Refuse Wins Rate Review for 2014 – No Increase for 2013

Earlier this year, KPCCSD and Bay View Refuse participated in an arbitration, as required under BVR’s contract, to resolve a dispute regarding its rates. The arbitrator found that BVR was not entitled to a rate increase in 2013, as it claimed, but that it was entitled to receive a comprehensive rate review in 2013 to establish and set rates for 2014, pursuant to the terms of the contract. As the franchise fees the District receives have already been exhausted through previous legal costs of doing business with Bay View, the cost of the review – not to exceed \$28.5K – in this case will ultimately be paid by the District.



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Writ of Mandate Defense Costs Climbing Past \$38K

As reported in the March 2013 edition of the *Outlook*, seven (formerly nine) Kensington residents, headed by Leonard Schwartzburd, Ph.D., represented by a reported two-person legal team headed by Mari Metcalf, Esq. (who was a KPPCSD Director at the time of the disputed action last year), are suing the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD), and three of the directors – Richard (Tony) Lloyd, Chuck Toombs, and Linda Lipscomb, individually.

The plaintiffs are asking that the KPPCSD Board be directed to vacate its July 2012 vote to increase COP/GM, Greg Harman’s compensation package, enjoin any gift of public funds, such as they claim was awarded to Harman in retroactive pay, and that costs of suit and attorney fees be awarded to the petitioners.

According to Harman, legal fees paid by the District to defend that suit, through March 30th, had reached \$38,000.

While opinions on the merits of the case differ, many in Kensington feel that, in this time of austerity, the costs to the community of such legal action outweigh anything that might be gained by pursuing the matter in court. The cost of the defense comes out of the pockets of all Kensington residents.

Based on the initial draft of the 2013-14 Police Dept. budget presented at May’s KPPCSD meeting, without additional funds, the District will need to dip into its reserves to run the department in the coming year.

The budget projected a deficit of \$50K-\$150K (depending on the receipt of a hoped for, but not guaranteed \$100K COPS grant) – a shortfall expected to limit everything from ammunition to toilet paper. (“One of the most depressing budgets I’ve ever seen,” said KPPCSD President, Tony Lloyd. When asked if he could run the department with the projected shortfalls, COP, Greg Harman said, “It would be like pulling a rabbit out of a hat.”)

Increasing the amount of Measure G funds

to be collected from Kensington homeowners in the coming year – an option that was approved by the measure (which supplements the share of property taxes that goes to pay for operating expenses of the police department) – was put forth as one way to cover the expected budget shortfall.

The \$38,000 spent on defending the writ of mandate would have covered 30-80% of that expected shortfall. Other community uses to which such an amount might have been put include:

Purchasing 1,500 books for the Kensington Library; purchasing a new police patrol car and all the equipment that goes with it; or, it could have covered the District’s share of the new Calpers increase in the pension rate for all KPD officers.

Judy Sanders, Principal of Kensington Hilltop Elementary said, “Assuming that \$38,000 was donated to the Kensington Education Foundation, it would pay the cost of our reading intervention program for one year, which serves approximately 100 students. Alternatively it could give each teacher approximately \$2,000 to use for classroom supplies and instructional material, or it could cover the cost of sending all of our 6th graders to environmental camp for a week, with money left over.”

Fire Chief Lance Maples suggested any of three items in the Fire District’s budget could be covered with those funds: 1. The annual maintenance of our two-county radio system (\$35,000); 2. The Fire District’s cost share for a grant for Airpacks breathing apparatus for firefighters to carry on their backs (\$40,000); or 3. A year’s worth of diesel and unleaded fuel for the Kensington Fire District.

Chris Hall, Market Manager at the Kensington Farmers’ Market, also had three ideas about how to spend such a sum: 1. Establish a direct linkup to Hilltop Elementary School to subsidize healthier meals for the kids, with fresh locally grown produce (which would also help

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D’Jour Floral Closing – Final Sale Sat., June 15th

From the time she was a teenager, Judy Pope’s passion has been flowers. The owner of D’Jour Floral & Boutique on upper Fairmount in El Cerrito (across from Fat Apples), since she and her daughter, Sam, opened it in 2006, has recently announced that the 3,000-ft retail store will be closing this month.

Originally D’Jour Floral & Antiques, Judy said, “When the economy tanked, the demand for antiques declined, and people’s shopping habits took a different direction. When the remodeled El Cerrito Plaza opened, all we got was big box retailers, and we lost all the boutique shopping in the area.”

Sadly, commerce at her retail outlet no longer supports the maintenance of her large store.

The good news is, however, that Judy will be transforming D’Jour Floral into *Kensington Gardens Floral Design* – a home-based business supplying the community with fresh cut flowers on a daily basis at Colusa Market, and possibly at the Arlington General Store. Judy will be available to meet with customers in their homes and will offer her flowers and design work for birthdays, small dinner parties, and special events.



“Continuing the old fashioned, personalized service we’ve always offered; I can recommend specific flowers and particular arrangements, depending on the occasion. I can still offer personalized service at a great price, and drop the flowers off at people’s homes,” Judy said. She assured everyone that she’d still have her cooler – the secret to keeping flowers fresh and making sure they last, once a client gets them home.

The last day for retail sales will be June 15th. “We opened with a champagne and sparkling cider party and we’re closing with one,” Judy said, with lots of marked down items. Some of the antiques will also be sold.

So if you need an Evel Knievel lunchbox, a retro 50’s shirt, some costume jewelry, a dress, a gas mask from World War II, a framed photo of a flapper, or some flowers for your dining room table, drop by, take advantage of some great deals, have a glass of bubbly, and wish Judy well in this new chapter for her business, on Saturday, June 15th, from 10am to 4pm.

And Judy – thanks for the mummeries!



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• Arlington Ct.	\$695,000	\$900,000	10
• Grizzly Peak	\$849,000	\$844,000	17
• Arlington	\$849,000	\$825,000	15
• Stanford	\$729,000	\$770,000	7

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*We were skeptical when you said that the house would sell quickly for a price more than we anticipated, but you proved us wrong.*

~ Bill Lundgren

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D'Jour Floral has proudly served the Kensington Community for the last seven years with old-fashioned personalized service. **Judy Pope, Designer and Owner** will be closing the present location at 7512 Fairmount Avenue on June 15.

Their commitment to offering only the finest floral arrangements, plants and gift baskets, in addition to offering gifts, clothes, collectibles and more made them a local favorite.

Until a new traditional retail location can be found, personal appointments can be made to take care of floral needs for parties, holidays, small weddings and more. Additionally, plans are being made to provide fresh-cut bouquets on a regular basis at an Arlington location as well as at the Colusa Circle.

The business name will be changed to  
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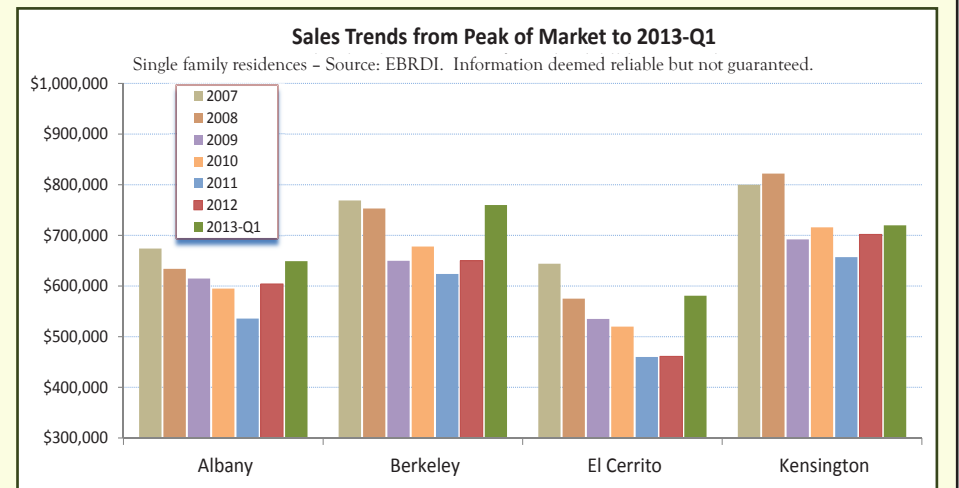
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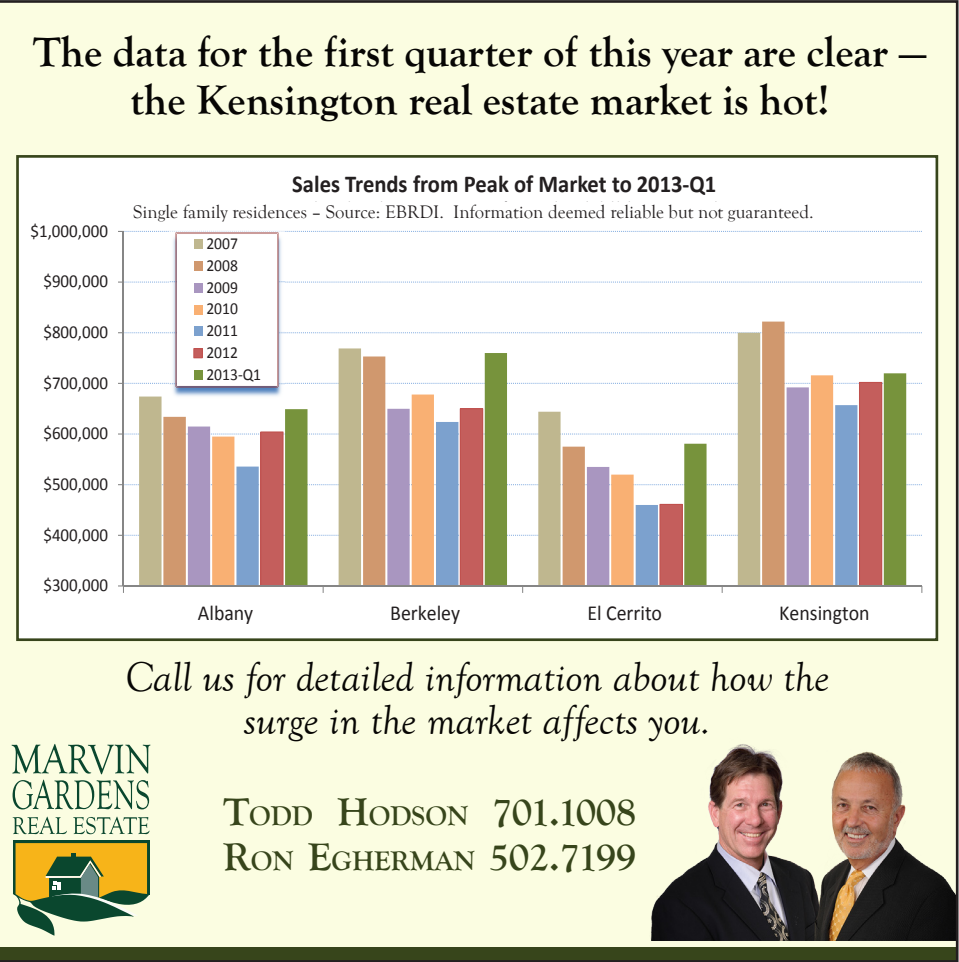


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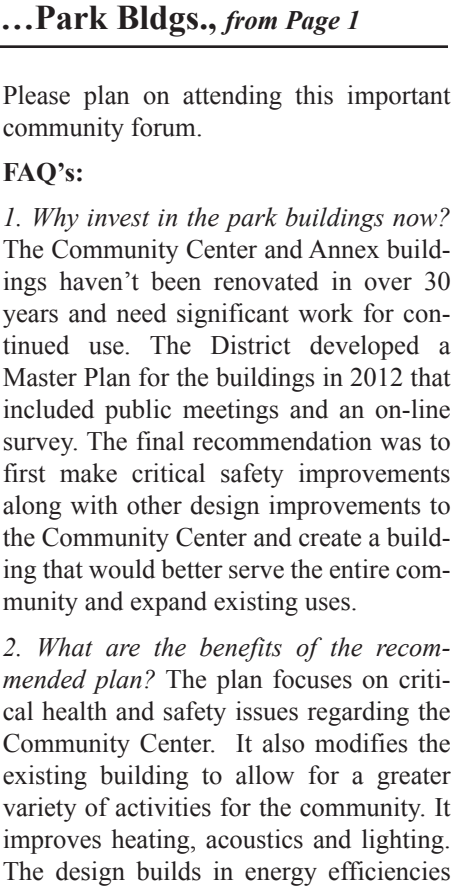
### ...Park Bldgs., from Page 1

Please plan on attending this important community forum.

**FAQ's:**

1. *Why invest in the park buildings now?* The Community Center and Annex buildings haven't been renovated in over 30 years and need significant work for continued use. The District developed a Master Plan for the buildings in 2012 that included public meetings and an on-line survey. The final recommendation was to first make critical safety improvements along with other design improvements to the Community Center and create a building that would better serve the entire community and expand existing uses.

2. *What are the benefits of the recommended plan?* The plan focuses on critical health and safety issues regarding the Community Center. It also modifies the existing building to allow for a greater variety of activities for the community. It improves heating, acoustics and lighting. The design builds in energy efficiencies



### ...Grads, from Page 1

thew Bunker (Berkeley/NYU), Kayla Maslonkowski, (Albany/Sonoma State University), Sonya Balsara (Berkeley/ NYU Tisch School of the Arts), Zoey Wolinsky (El Cerrito/ UC Davis).

**Row 2:** Ryan Barry (El Cerrito/ Academy of Art University SF), Greg Afong (Piedmont/ UC Berkeley), Conrad Feder-spiel (Albany/UC Santa Barbara), Gordon Hung (El Cerrito/ UC Davis), Sierra Lee (El Cerrito/UC San Diego), Amara Hans (El Cerrito/ Humbolt State), Chloe Alston (El Cerrito/Reed College), Heather Bourne (Lick-Wilmerding/Macalester College), Ariana Bondoc (El Cerrito/ CSU Monterey Bay).

**Row 3:** Corey Roehl (El Cerrito/Chico State), Ryan Soe (Berkeley/UC Santa Barbara), Whitney Tamaki (Albany/ UC Berkeley), Nick Shebek (El Cer-rito, Cornell), Bryce Lee (El Cerrito/UC Los Angeles), Chandler Florez (El Cer-rito/ Santa Barbara Community College), Lucas Lochner Bravo (El Cerrito/UC Berkeley), Laila Fawzi (El Cerrito/UC Santa Barbara), Daron Bolyan (El Cer-



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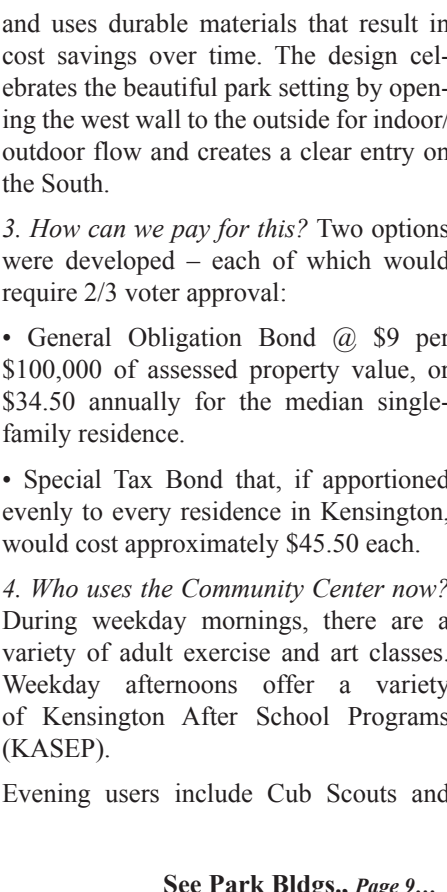
and uses durable materials that result in cost savings over time. The design celebrates the beautiful park setting by opening the west wall to the outside for indoor/outdoor flow and creates a clear entry on the South.

3. *How can we pay for this?* Two options were developed – each of which would require 2/3 voter approval:

- General Obligation Bond @ \$9 per \$100,000 of assessed property value, or \$34.50 annually for the median single-family residence.
- Special Tax Bond that, if apportioned evenly to every residence in Kensington, would cost approximately \$45.50 each.

4. *Who uses the Community Center now?* During weekday mornings, there are a variety of adult exercise and art classes. Weekday afternoons offer a variety of Kensington After School Programs (KASEP).

Evening users include Cub Scouts and



See Park Bldgs., Page 9...

rito/ San Diego State), Ryan Delaney (El Cerrito/ San Diego State), Kelin Kurzer-Ogul (Albany/UC Santa Cruz).

**Row 4:** Darby Pitts (El Cerrito/ Berkeley City College), Jake Preston (El Cerrito/ UC Santa Cruz), Chris St. Amant (Berkeley/Wesleyan University), Eric Sprague (Bentley/UC Los Angeles), Freeman Schlesinger (SF School of the Arts/Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts), Ardalan Teyman (El Cerrito/ UC Santa Cruz), Ter-rance Labriola ( El Cerrito/ Berkeley City College), Ben Jenkins (Lick-Wilmerding/ UC Berkeley).

**Graduating Seniors Not Pictured:** Nadia Alaiyan (Berkeley High School, Pomona College), Bowen Bethards (Berkeley High School, UC Davis), Winnie Chan (Dublin High School, San Jose State Univer-sity), Kenia Cobb (Marin Academy, Elon University),Serena Doty (Albany High School, Arizona State University), Kaitlyn Endo (Albany High School, University of Oregon), Griffin Kamm (Saint Mary's, San Francisco State University), Rachel Graup (El Cerrito,UC Los Angeles), Kayla Kinsey (Berkeley High School, Tulane University), Blair Nodelman (Albuquer-que Academy, Tufts University), Hal Par-adis (Tilden Preparatory School, Humboldt State University), Damien Phan (Pleasant Grove High School, Sacramento State University), Morgan Pilcher (El Cerrito High School, Santa Barbara City Col-lege), Madison Seltzer (Bainbridge High School, Lewis and Clark College), Ondrej Shebek (Berkeley High School, Califor-nia Polytechnic University SLO), Emily Specter (El Cerrito High School, Univer-sity of Iowa), Omojefe Ugbeyan (Berke-ley High School, California Polytechnic University SLO), Robert Won (El Cerrito High School, UC Davis), Colin Wright (El Cerrito High School, Contra Costa College), Alexandra Zemanek (Berkeley High School, San Diego State University), Genevieve Zimmerman (Berkeley High School, UC Los Angeles).





**June 1 Threat Level Orange** returns to the Circus Pub. Bill Wright and friends at 8pm, 389 Colusa Avenue. Free.

**June 1 Chocolate & Chalk Art Festival.** 10am-5pm, Gourmet Ghetto, North Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Chalk Art Contest and chocolate to eat. Free. [chocolateandchalkart.eventbrite.com](http://chocolateandchalkart.eventbrite.com)

**June 1 Legos in the Library.** *Bricks 4 Kidz* brings Legos & blueprints to the library. Age 5 & up. Kensington Library, 11:30am. Free. 524-3043.

**June 1 & 2 Relay Luminaria Workshop at Playland-Not-at-the-Beach** Honor cancer survivors and those we have lost while donating to the American Cancer Society. Pay one price and play all day. [playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://playland-not-at-the-beach.org)

**June 2 Summer Forum:** Chris O’Sullivan, on “Report Card on US Policies with Iran, Iraq, Syria, Israel, and North Korea.” 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, Kensington, 525-0302.

**June 2 Portola Middle School Ground-breaking.** Join local and WCCUSD officials, students, and parents as construction begins on the new campus of our local public middle school. 2-3pm, 7125 Donal, EC. <http://goportola.org>


**June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Kensington Farmers’ Market.** Live produce and live music every Sunday, 10am-2pm. Free. Colusa Circle. 847-0801

**June 3 “Castoffs” Knitting Group.** All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 7pm. Free.

**June 3, 5, 7 Jazzercise** at the Community Ctr, M/W/F 8:15-9:15am; drop-in OK.

**June 4, 6 Body Sculpting.** Ongoing; Community Ctr, 9-10am; drop-in OK.

**June 4 The kABC, The Kensington Afternoon Book Club.** Ages 11-14. Contact the library for the title of the book to read. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 1pm. Free. 524-3043.



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**June 6 EC Garden Club meets.** Annual spring luncheon and officer installation. EC Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Ln. This meeting limited to members and their guests. \$20. 233-9365.

**June 6, 13, 20 & 27 Baby & Toddler Storytime.** Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free.

**June 8 KCC Movie Night.** *Ratatouille* for the entire family. 8:30pm. Free.

**June 8-Aug. 17 Contra Costa Library’s Summer Reading Festival.** All ages read for fun and prizes. Register at [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org) or at the EC Library. Free.

**June 9 Summer Forum:** Mac Lingo on “Chaplaincy and Teaching in Prisons.” 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, Kensington.

**June 9 Kensington Park Buildings Presentation:** Financing options and community discussion. Arlington Community Church Social Hall. 11:30am potluck and 12 noon presentation. Free

**June 10 Berkeley Repertory Theatre Docent Talk** on the current production, *Dear Elizabeth*. Kensington Library, 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

**June 10 KCC Summer Camp Starts.** 9am-5pm On-going through August 16th. \$235 per week. Info: 525-0292

**June 10 EC Art Association Meets.** Mark Mon-sarrat on ‘Atmospheric Landscape’ and Plein Air painting + social time and mini art show of members’ work, 7pm, EC Community Ctr., Free. 526-6241

**June 15 Hungry Caterpillar Story & Craft.** Saturday craft for preschoolers. Listen to a special story and make your own *Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Kensington Library, 11:30am. Free.

**June 15 Uncle Jer’s Traveling Bee Show.** Honey, puppets, and a real beehive. Ages 3 and up. El Cerrito Library. 11am. Free. 526-7512.

**June 15 KPPCSD Special Meeting and Community Forum** on *The Future of Park Buildings and Financing Options*, Community Center, 11am to 12:30pm.

**June 16 Summer Forum:** Steven Murphy, attorney and activist, on “Human Trafficking – What is Happening Now.” 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, Kensington.

**June 17 Author Talk:** Tony Bushman discusses *Creating a Fulfilled Life*. Kensington Library, 7pm. Free.

**June 18 Magical Nathaniel Magic Show.** Ages 3 and up. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

**June 18 Mt. Kilimanjaro: A Hiker’s True Adventure.** Slide show by Sue Elliott. EC Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., 7pm. Free.

**June 19 Karaoke** with Officer Doug Wilson at The Arlington, 6-10pm. Free

**June 19 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters** picnics at 12:30pm. Guests welcome. 524-6071

**June 22 Cleanup: Gore Lot on the Arlington,** 10am-2pm. Bring rakes, clippers, brooms, loppers, etc. Green waste bags – and cookies – provided.

**June 23 Summer Forum:** Rev. Craig Scott, on “Review of Social Justice Programs at UUCB.” 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, Kensington, 525-0302.

**June 24 Book Club.** Discussion of *Palace Walk* by Naguib Mahfouz. Kensington Library, 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

**June 29 Annual Meeting of the Kensington Property Owners Association.** Town Hall Mtg., 10am-noon at the Community Ctr. Free. All welcome.

**June 30 Summer Forum:** Dr. Liliane Koziol, on “Int’l House Programs and a bit about Madagascar.” 11am-noon. Free. UUCB, Kensington. [uucb.org](http://uucb.org)

## Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center  
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

**KCC - June 3rd**  
**Kensington Community Council**  
1st Mondays 7:30pm. 525-0292

**FKL - June 4th**  
**Friends of the Kensington Library,** 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

**KPSC - June 10th**  
**Kensington Public Safety Council**  
Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness  
2nd Mondays 6pm. 501-8165

**KFPD - June 12th**  
**Fire Protection District**  
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

**KPPCSD - June 13th**  
**Police Protection and Community Services District**  
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

**KIC - June 24th**  
**Kensington Improvement Club**  
7:30pm. 527-3062

**KMAC (Tentative) - June 25th**  
**Municipal Advisory Council**  
Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s ofc. to confirm: 374-3231, ext. 5)

**KARO/ECHO - JULY 8th**  
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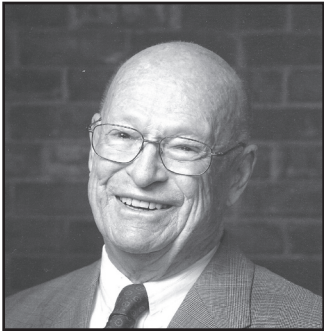
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Don Sisk

March 21, 2013

Longtime Kensington resident, Don Sisk, passed away in his sleep on March 21, 2013. Don was born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin. After serving in the Navy during WWII, he settled in Berkeley where he graduated from UC Berkeley, then met and married Mary Gibson at St. John’s church in Berkeley in 1954. In 1958, Don and Mary bought a home in Kensington, where they raised their children, and lived until their deaths.

Don was an elementary school teacher for the West Contra Costa School District. Over the course of his life he was active in the community through various organizations, including KCC, PTA, Indian Guides, and Friends of the Kensington Library. Don’s primary community involvement was with Boy Scout Troop 6, with which he participated for over 60 years.

After retiring from teaching, Don continued to teach as a substitute, most of this done at Kensington Elementary School. To his great pleasure, he was able to travel to many of the faraway places of his childhood dreams. Don was a great dad. He will be missed.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate his life at the Unitarian Church in Kensington on Saturday, June 22, 2013, from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Bring your stories.

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sustain local small family farms); or 2. Since music has been cut back at schools, many kids come to the Farmers’ Market and have their first exposure to live music; with additional funds, Chris said the Farmers’ Market could expand its music and arts program – and provide honorariums for speakers to come to the market to talk about nutrition; or 3. The market could sponsor 16 foster families in need, at the rate of \$200/mo, for a year (these are usually kids separated from their family due to abuse in the family).

According to a sampling of the construction estimate in the Master Plan for the Community Center (Option 2 – the Recommended Plan) any of at least four items could be covered within the \$38K amount: 1. Seismic safety improvements and roof repair and resurfacing; 2. Exterior drainage improvements to prevent water penetration into the building; 3. Most of the heating systems for Community Center main meeting room and three smaller meeting rooms; 4. Fire alarm and telecommunication distribution systems.

Additional fees for defense in the writ of mandate case have accrued for April and May, and will, no doubt, continue to do so through the conclusion of the case, which is expected by the end of June.

...Park Bldgs., from Page 6

Boy Scouts, fly fishers, stamp collectors, KPPCSD and KFD Board meetings, various K-groups and community interests. Weekends include a variety of private and community events.

A more detailed discussion of the recommended improvements and related possible financial obligations is available at [www.kensingtoncalifornia.org](http://www.kensingtoncalifornia.org) (look for “Parks & Recreation”).

– KCC Director, Bruce Morrow

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