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Right: Liora Hersh, Berkeley High, UC Santa Barbara  
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New Horizons, Old Friends



Kensington seniors off to far different lives gathered on a sunny Sunday for the traditional photo shoot. The shoot is always a happy occasion, as past Kensington Hilltop students meet pals not seen for several years. Let's wish them all luck and continued success.

*Front row, left to right:* Dylan Kurzer-Ogul, Albany High School, Macalester College; Briana Barne, College Prep, Williams College; Reya Borbridge, El Cerrito High School, UC Santa Cruz; Jeffrey Tran, ECHS, UC Berkeley; Lila Zuckermann, ECHS, Seattle University; Katie Wanger, St. Mary's College High, Seton Hall; Claire McNally, AHS, Cal State Fullerton; Gloria Waxman, Bishop O'Dowd High, George Washington.

*Second row, left to right:* Helen Gilbert-Snyder, ECHS, Northeasten; Hannah Parks, ECHS, Cal Poly State; Ella Bydon, St. Mary's, UC Davis; Anya Lehman, ECHS, UC Santa Cruz; Nora Gest, ECHS, UC Santa Cruz; Sydney Ducker, ECHS, George Washington; Jordan Wellington, ECHS, Scripps; Leah Seymour, ECHS, Northwestern.

*Third row, left to right:* Anna Myles, Head Royce High, Whitman; Hidenori Wakabayashi, ECHS, Berkeley City College; Delaney Pitts, ECHS, UC Santa Cruz; Grace Rusin, ECHS, Tufts; Owen Woo, St. Mary's, Pitzer; Page Spencer, ECHS, UCLA; Masashi Matsumoto, St. Mary's, SF State; Aaron Hersh, ECHS, UC Santa Barbara; Jake Libenson, Jewish Community High, Cal Poly.

*Fourth row, left to right:* Holden Jurisich, St. Mary's, UC Santa Cruz; Ashkan Vafai, Head Royce, Columbia; Jordan Lew-Gibbons, De Anza High, Laney College; Claire Kaneko, Berkeley High, Cal State Fullerton; Miya Keilin, ECHS, McGill; Kathryn Cassin, Albany High, Diablo Valley College; Isabella Mercurio, Oakland School for the Arts, Chapman University.

*Fifth row, left to right:* Andy Yamashita, ECHS, University of Washington; Erich Fenczik Warnock, ECHS, Cal Poly; Tyler Hammond, ECHS, Berkeley City College; Courtney Tamaki, Albany High, UC Berkeley; Kayla Gruen, ECHS, Cal Poly; Emma Rusin, ECHS, Seattle University; Ema Willis, ECHS, UC Berkeley.

*Sixth row, left to right:* Evan Streshinsky, Oakland School for the Arts, University of Michigan; Marcus Lee, ECHS, Cal Poly; Sawyer Peralta, St. Mary's, UC Davis; Noyan Manyasli, Berkeley High, George Washington; Alistair Sherri Watt, St. Mary's, Occidental; Patrick Godfrey, St. Mary's, UC Santa Barbara; Eliph Frendbery-Mates, St. Mary's, Humboldt State; Maxwell Tomsick, Berkeley High, Cornell.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Shed Thanks

To the Editor:

The shed story and photo (*May Outlook*) can only tell part about who was there and who helped us to get this done. It takes a village. Participating directly from CERT were Hal Graboske and Tom Elkema. Others on the CERT team cheered us on. Representing the Kensington Fire District that financed it and provided technical advice were directors Nina Harmon and Larry Nagel. Representing the Kensington Fire Department were battalion chiefs Dave Gibson and Larry Carr. And our own Kensington Police Chief Rickey Hull was there to facilitate the shed's safe and efficient delivery while the 25-foot trailer was backed into the lot amidst the mid-day Colusa traffic at the Circle. The Home Depot and Tuff Shed helped us out too with whopping discounts. Heartfelt thanks are due to all.

Len Schwartzburd

## Wrong Assumption

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to Dr. A.Stevens Delk's letter in the *May Outlook* (Say What?!). In her letter, Dr. Delk stated that as one of the candidates campaigning for the KPPCSD board I "favored the status quo" with regard to splitting the KPPCSD GM/COP position. Contrary to Dr. Delk's statement, I expressly supported splitting the GM/COP position as indicated in the Q&A with the candidates on page 6 of the October (2016) *Outlook*. Specifically, the following question: "What are your views (be specific) on (a) bifurcation of GM/COP position?"

Spath: "I believe, as many do, that having separate positions provides another level of leadership, skillsets, and internal review for our district and is the preferred approach... We will have to responsibly look at what costs can be reduced and how to pay for a separate GM position and consider various options such as a part-time GM or a retired GM to achieve this goal..."

The KPPCSD board is in the process of hiring a part-time GM, and I fully support that decision.

Dave Spath

## Credit Where Credit's Due

I don't know if we acknowledge Supervisor John Gioia's leadership sufficiently. I have enlisted his assistance on multiple occasions and never found him wanting. He is practical and level-headed and, most importantly, willing to listen. He follows through. He can't move mountains but he will try to do so on your behalf.

I have looked at his schedule and found it daunting. Yet somehow he finds time to lend his aid on problems that are in the larger scheme of things quite small but personally vexatious.

Ken Hempel

## Why No Community Discussion?

Dear Editor,

The remodel and/or rebuilding of Kensington's two main fixed assets is presently being planned by the two community boards. The KPPCSD board is working on plans to

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We wish you an adventurous summer and look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

#### Important Dates for Fall 2017

- August 28-31 KASEP brochures go home in student backpacks
- September 5th 7:30pm Fall KASEP On-line Registration
- September 18th Fall KASEP classes begin
- September 23rd KCC Family Movie Night
- October 29th Fall Parade and Picnic



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Week 5	July 10-July 14 • SPIRIT WEEK • Specialty: Cooking Part II with Vicky • Field Trip: Lake Anza	Week 9	August 7-August 11 • Specialty: Ceramics air dry clay with Jeanne • Field Trip: El Cerrito Pool Party
Week 6	July 17-July 21 • Specialty: Skyhawk Sports • Field Trip: Scandia Miniature Golf/Laser Tag	Week 10	August 14-August 18 • Specialty: Legos -Playwell Technologies • End of Summer Air Bouncer and Jousting Tents & Home-made ice

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# KFPD Makes Headway

By Don Dommer, board president, Kensington Fire Protection District

Mark your calendar for June 24, 10am-noon, at the Community Center for a public presentation of the replacement plans for the current Public Safety Building. The planning and design process has been underway for a year to house both the KFPD and KPPCSD in a new facility on the existing site or, as an option, on a new (unknown) site facing Arlington Ave.

Representatives from Ross Drulis Cusenbery Architecture will discuss the problems and possibilities inherent on the existing site, the search for alternatives, and then take questions from the audience. This is an important opportunity for community input and discussion for this necessary civic project. (The presentation also serves as an agendized KFPD meeting.)

The Kensington Fire Protection District owns and operates the 48-year-old Public Safety Building that houses both the Kensington Fire Department and the Kensington Police Department. In early 2016 KFPD retained the firm of Biggs Cardoza Engineers to analyze the building for structural integrity. Their seismic integrity recommendations called for either a major seismic upgrade or replacement of the building. The building does not meet current codes, which have been upgraded over the years. At the time of construction, for instance, the building code did not include the category of Essential Services. This category applies to public safety buildings, hospitals, and large assembly buildings—those that must be strong enough to allow for continued operations after an earthquake.

Our building is also out of compliance with the California Building Code accessibility requirements, which require equal access for all members of the public. And perhaps the most important is that the present building does not begin to meet adequate functional and operations needs for modern fire and police operations. For example, the bay that houses the fire engines is too small for engines that must, by federal code, have longer chasses.

Last June, KFPD retained Sonoma County’s Ross Drulis Cusenbery Architecture to develop design proposals for upgrading or replacing the building. RDC Architecture is a recognized, award-winning expert in the design of public safety and other public buildings. Prior to the architects starting the design process, the KFPD subcommittee of Joe de Ville and myself (Nina Harmon replaced Joe in January) considered alternate sites as the existing site is troubled with a small parcel, building and retaining wall issues, traffic issues and disruption to the surrounding neighborhood. Our criteria included sites facing onto Arlington Ave. for quick response.

Four locations were originally considered; two did not meet the criteria for a site located in the middle of Kensington facing the Arlington, and one site was on a public park owned by the KPPCSD. KFPD and the members of the community expressed major concerns about converting portions of the park to a building, so that option too was dropped.

Meanwhile, the architects interviewed fire and police staff to develop a detailed list of uses that would meet code and expand the building’s functionality. Police and fire staff came up with a building of 15,000 square feet, which was then reduced by the



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# ...on Constructing New Public Safety Building

KFPD subcommittee to 12,000 square feet for site and budget reasons.

The architects then identified several options, one being to upgrade the existing building. However, that option carries significant negatives: Just doing a seismic upgrade would not update the structure to fully comply with code, the second floor still would not meet accessibility standards, and we would not gain enough space to overcome the operational deficiencies for both departments.

We realized soon enough that to meet the operational requirements for fire and police on the existing site will require a great deal of work: demolishing the building, shoring surrounding earth and erecting new retaining walls to replace existing retaining walls. The site would be excavated to the rear, greatly increasing the proposed ground floor area, which will house an entry foyer, most of the police operations, longer fire apparatus bays, and support staff. Limited parking for up to five cars would be provided. Unfortunately, that means that not all police vehicles have off-street parking. And this option gives us slightly less than we wanted—11,000 square feet rather than 12,000.

Time is critical as costs for public safety buildings rise approximately 6 percent per year. In mid-October the KFPD board set a budget of \$10 million for construction and soft costs (permits, architectural fees, environmental clearance, furnishings and contingencies). Fire Chief Lance Maples researched the possibility of federal or state grants for construction and determined there were none. KFPD directors made the decision to finance it without going to the community for several reasons. The recent defeat of a bond measure for a much smaller amount, the eventual high cost of a bond that stretches over decades, and Kensington’s already large property tax assessments indicate property owners will not favor an additional financial burden.

Funding will be a combination of cash and a bank loan with KPPCSD repaying its share of costs to the KFPD over time. With a building area of less than 8,000 sq. ft.

for KFPD and under 4,000 sq. ft. for KPPCSD, the financial obligations would be 2/3 and 1/3 respectfully. KFPD would continue to own and maintain the building. During construction of the new building, the fire department would relocate to a park north of the Kensington border on Arlington Avenue. KPPCSD has identified a possible site for a portable(s) on the parking lot it owns across from the library.

As of yet, no formal agreement has been made between the two agencies, so at this point, KPPCSD’s participation in this project is undecided.

**Come to the meeting on June 24, 10am-noon, at the Community Center, to meet the architects, discuss funding, and examine plans for the Public Safety Building.**

## Kensington Property Owners Association Annual Membership Meeting

- County Actions Impacting Kensington. John Gioia, Contra Costa County Supervisor.
- Planning for Survival, a Panel on Resiliency and Disaster Plans. Arrietta Chakos, Principal, Urban Resilience Strategies, Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Services, David Gibson, Battalion Chief/Fire Marshal El Cerrito Fire Department, Kevin Jaynes, Battalion Chief/EMS Director, ECFD, Rickey Hull, Interim Police Chief, KPD.
- Public Safety Building Rehabilitation. Don Dommer, Kensington Fire Protection District.
- Updates on Police, Community Service District and Community Center Building, Eileen Nottoli, Vice President, KPPCSD.
- Election of the KPOA Board of Directors: Gail Feldman, Rob Firmin, Kristine Hafner, Kevin Padian, John Sullivan, Greg Tananbaum.

**Saturday, June 10-Kensington Community Center, 10-noon**

Pros & Cons for Proposed Design Prepared by RossDrulisCusemberry Architecture, Inc.

PROS	CONS
1. New, state-of-the-art community public safety facilities constructed to modern seismic & safety standards	1. Requires use of street parking for staff & public safety vehicles
2. Does not require acquisition of new land	2. Zoning setbacks exceeded in order to accommodate required facilities
3. Remains a 2-story building	3. Does not allow for significant future expansion of services or facilities
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Letters

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upgrade the Community Center. In the April *Outlook*, Chuck Toombs covered the issues related to the remodel very well. The remodel/rebuilding of the Public Safety Building, which houses the police and fire departments, has been on the KFPD board agenda for some time. The price tag for that work may be as much as \$10 million, and the planning has not been publicized at all. The 2017 Spring Fire Plug arrived a couple of weeks ago with some useful information. Yet, not a word of when the fire board is willing to get the community involved in the Safety Building issues.

The planning process needs to be public, decisions should not be made by five board members and the fire chief. President Don Dommer has given an overview of issues during the last couple board meetings, but fewer than a dozen people attend board meetings. The board voted in March for an additional \$61,185 consultant fee to complete a “master plan/pre-schematic design.” All this seems to be done out of the public eye and without community input. The building lot is 11,488 sq/ft. Fire Chief Maples has stated that he would like a building with three bays. The lot is not large enough for three bays and parking stalls for police patrol cars. I think of our community as a one-fire-engine town. The KFPD board, as expressed at a previous meeting, expects a \$10 million price tag to be split 60 percent Fire Department and 40 percent Police & Parks. Neither department has those funds, not even the fire department with a much more favorable property tax split than has the Police & Parks district. I am asking the community to step forward and express their feeling on this issue.

**Karl Kruger**

Human Costs of Outsourcing

Dear Editor:

So, what are the cost-benefit numbers regarding outsourcing Kensington police services? For those of us who do not attend board meetings and are not swept up in the heated rhetoric, what are the objective facts upon which we, the citizens of Kensington, can make rational cost-benefits decisions regarding outsourcing police services, of which the bifurcation of the GM and COP positions is a necessary precondition? These factors include current and alternate levels of service, current costs, request-for-proposal (RFP) numbers from interested agencies, stand-alone GM costs, and transition and legacy costs.

That said, I hope we also recognize that our police officers are human beings, not reified abstractions, and we are their employer. To denigrate them with ad hominem attacks is a disservice to them and to us. Even the most callous corporate employer acknowledges the services of its employees and does not put them out on the street without adequate support and monetary compensation.

It should also be noted that CALPERS is a relentless and unforgiving third-party pension overseer. Several small special districts in the Central Valley that dissolved were forced to recognize and pay for the unfunded pension obligations of their past and current employees. It will be a huge cost to the KPPCSD and should be factored into the cost of outsourcing our police services.

**Bill Tilden**

Letters continued online at: <http://www.aboutkensington.com/outlook.html>

Passings

Eldon Dunford Ream June 2, 1939-March 23, 2017

When longtime Kensington resident Eldon Ream retired from a three-decade career as an optometrist, he acquired a “paper route.” Noticing that many of the folks in the blocks close to his Arlington Avenue home had difficulty retrieving their daily newspapers, he began rising very early and moving just-delivered papers from driveways to front doors. As he got to know his neighbors, he began offering other free services too—vacation plant and animal care and rides to and from BART and the airport in one of his vintage Mercedes Benzes. The median strip on the Arlington is often rather weedy, but Eldon planted and cared for the section in front of the Ream house, dragging his hose across the street in the dark hours. During the drought, he watered both the median and his own yard with water from plastic jugs that he filled from roof rain gutters.

The youngest of five children, Eldon began life in the old Albany Hospital, delivered by his general practitioner father. He attended Thousand Oaks Elementary, Garfield Junior High, and Berkeley High, where he participated in track and gymnastics and organized the school gymnastics club. He earned his Eagle Scout Award.

After receiving his BA from Brigham Young University, Eldon returned to Berkeley to



enroll in UCB’s optometry program, where he received his degree in 1971. His parents and the family home had moved from Berkeley to Kensington. For the last 26 years of his professional life, he worked at the Kaiser Permanente optometry clinic in Antioch. Eldon traveled extensively and made it possible for his elderly parents to enjoy travel abroad. On several European adventures, he served as chauffeur, tour guide, and translator. In 2008, Eldon invited his widowed sister, Marilyn Hunt, to live with him in Kensington. She joined him on his early-morning paper route. Eldon was a skilled photographer, jewelry maker, bicyclist, kayaker, and orchid grower. He died following a massive stroke that occurred two days after surgery for cancer. Memorial services, held April 8 at the Berkeley Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, were attended by Kensington neighbors and other friends and family from across the country.

Good Corn, Bad Corn Equals Fun Read

By Linnea Due

In April, Kensington resident J.L. Newton’s first novel appeared—and to put mildly, it does not fit the usual categories. Called *Oink: A Food for Thought Mystery*, the story centers on a college campus in the Central Valley (Judith Newton taught at UC Davis for 19 years). A scientist working on GMO corn for Syndicon (Monsanto stand-in with a better name) is poisoned with an unusual cornbread that unfortunately resembles the protagonist’s own recipe. But the poisoned scientist does not die; the protagonist, a women’s studies professor, begins to sleuth; and many corn-based recipes, including the Cheeseboard’s scrumptious corn and cherry scones, are scattered liberally throughout. You can have your mystery and eat it too.



At its base, the novel centers on the attempt by the university to axe programs, such as women’s and ethnic studies, that do not bring in revenue, a familiar story to those who worry that pay-the-piper corporations get to whistle the tune when it comes to research goals and ultimately the direction of higher education. Newton’s cast of characters relies on collegial teamwork to solve the puzzle, in between trying to save their programs from a vice-provost who seems to have drunk the corporate Kool-Aid. Readers learn about the plight of women scientists, grad students whose research is appropriated by their profs, and “haunted” foods based on forgotten sources.

“I wanted to write a comic campus novel but I also wanted to make it a mystery because that keeps people reading,” Newton says. “I wanted characters who in my experience functioned on the margins—so that was women and ethnic studies professors.” When Newton taught at Davis in the ‘90s, a similar move was made to focus on profit: “While we resisted that pressure, we also had fun. We did a lot of eating together, we’d dance outside our offices when we accomplished something. I’ve always found protest to be relationship-oriented. My characters get cozy together while they sleuth and resist.”

Newton started the book in 2012, while she was also writing a memoir and a screenplay. “I wrote *Oink* as a kind of escape,” she says. “I’d go back and forth between projects. You really do get tired and need to put things away. When you come back, you have a new perspective.”

She included recipes to help the reader become part of the community of her novel. And in a larger sense, Newton’s novel reflects a larger mission: “There are a lot of animals and plants and the natural world in the book. I believe we are all connected, and identification with the natural world is part of identification with the human community. I wanted to suggest the kind of ecology we live in, human and nature, and human and human. I set it in the fall to suggest a movement from the time of harvest to the time of winter. I wanted to explore the ways that community allows us to live with our mortality. Do we want to spend our life in self-interest and profit-seeking or spend it in pursuit of community?”

Newton appears at Book Passage in Corte Madera June 17, from 12-2 and on July 28 at Kaleidoscope Coffee, 109 Park Place, Richmond, 7pm.



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**Locations:**  
Arlington Community Church (ACC), 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146  
Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., 525-0292  
Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (UUCB), 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

**Ongoing:**  
**Jazzercise**, 8:15-9:15am, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Community Center.  
**Body Sculpting**, 8:45-9:45am, Tuesday and Thursday, Community Center.  
**Acrylic Artists**, Wednesdays 9:45-12:30pm, Community Center. Open Studio to paint with easels provided.  
**Tai Chi Chuan**, 9:30-10:30am Fridays, Community Center, \$10

**June 1 Women’s Fellowship** 6pm, ACC.  
**June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29** Baby & Toddler Storytime Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.  
**June 4 Dr. Don Klose**, retired psychologist. “Disarmament vs. Risking the Existence of the Planet.” 9:30am, free. UUCB.  
**June 5 Kensington Library Knitting Club** “The Castoffs” All levels welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn. We will provide support, encouragement and help. Learn new stitches, share your talents, and meet new friends. Normally meets on the 1st Monday of the month.  
**June 5 & 19 Kensington Library’s Digital Docent** will answer your eReader and digital library questions every other Monday by appointment at 1pm. This one-on-one free 60-minute appointment is intended for people seeking assistance with eBooks and eReaders. Sign-up onsite. Please bring your device.  
**June 6 Kensington Fire Protection Board** finance committee meeting at the Public Safety Building conference room. 5:30pm. The public is welcome to attend.  
**June 6, 13, 20, 27 Mindful Yoga** with Wendy Beckerman. 9:15am, ACC.  
**June 6, 20 & 27 Family Storytime** Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals & pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free.  
**June 7 Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters** Come for the

snacks! Stay for the interesting conversation! 1:15pm at 28 Camelot Ct. 527-4240. All are welcome!  
**June 10 Kensington Property Owners Association Annual Meeting** John Gioia explains county actions that impact Kensington, a panel meets on Planning for Survival (disaster plans and urban resilience strategies), Kensington Fire Protection District board president Don Dommer discusses plans for the Public Safety Building, KPPCSD vice-president Eileen Nottoli delivers updates on the district and the Community Center. 10-noon, Community Center. Please come participate in this important meeting.  
**June 10 Saturday Drop-in Craft** Kids and parents are welcome to come make simple, creative crafts and drawings. Kensington Library, all day, 10am-4:30pm while supplies last. Free. 524-3043.  
**June 11 OccuOpella, Hali Hammer & Friends.** Witty, political satire in song. 9:30am, UUCB.  
**June 13 Bubblesmith Bubbles**, bubbles, everywhere! Celebrate the beginning of summer reading with Sterling Johnson who creates hand-blown bubbles, bubbles inside of bubbles, and even puts an audience member inside a bubble. Don’t miss the magic. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.  
**June 14 Stress-Reduction Workshop** Stress may be a normal part of life, but there is nothing normal about our 45th President. Kensington’s Wellness Management Consultants (WMC) hosts a free workshop at the Arlington Café, 269 Arlington Ave., from 6:30-8pm. This is not a political discussion; the intent is to look at the harm long-term stress can cause and find ways to deal with it.  
**June 17 Builder’s Challenge** Kids and parents are welcome to come explore your creativity! Use blocks, tubes and ramps to build a maze. Test it out with ping-pong balls and marbles. Don’t miss out on the fun. Kensington Library, available all day, 10am-4:30pm. Free.  
**June 17 Kensington Public Safety Council** hosts a presentation with guest speakers. Fire Marshal Dave Gibson will address creating defensible space, preparing to evacuate, evacuation orders and evacuation protocols. Fire Prevention Officer Joe Gagne on codes and being in compliance with your vegetation control. Diablo Fire Safe’s Cheryl Miller will explain the nonprofit’s cost-share assistance to groups of neighbors to reduce fuel loads and create defensible spaces. An arborist may identify trees

that are dead or dying or in need of pruning. 10am-noon, Kensington Community Center.  
**June 17 First Aid Training with the Kensington Fire Department.** 8am, ACC.  
**June 18 John Gioia**, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. “What’s happening in West County.” 9:30am, free, UUCB.  
**June 19 Memoir Group** 10am, ACC.  
**June 23 Bridge Night** 6pm, ACC.  
**June 24 Presentation on the Public Safety Building** The Board of Directors of the Kensington Fire Protection District holds a public meeting beginning at 10am at the Kensington Community Center to discuss funding and options for the public safety building, which houses Kensington’s fire station and its police station. Please come to this important meeting.  
**June 25 Ray Westergard**, retired teacher. “Language of Political Correctness and its Damage to the Liberal Agenda and Social Justice.” 9:30am, free, UUCB.  
**June 26 Kensington Library Book Club** Discussion of *Hero’s Walk* by Anita Rau Badami. Book Club normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month. 6:30pm. Free.



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### Town Meetings

**Kensington Community Center 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington**  
**KCC-June 5** Kensington Community Council 1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292  
**FKL-June 6, Friends of the Kensington Library**, 7pm (at the Library) 1st Tuesdays  
**KPSC-June 12, Kensington Public Safety Council** Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness 2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165  
**KARO/ECHO-Amateur Radio Operators** 2nd Mondays of odd months, 7:30pm. 524-9815  
**KFPD-June 14**, Fire Protection District 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395  
**KPPCSD-June 8 & June 22.** Police Protection and Community Services District 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141  
**KIC-June 26**, Kensington Improvement Club 4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 524-7514.  
**KMAC (Tent.)-June 27, Municipal Advisory Council** Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s office to confirm: 231-8691)  
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April 1 TRAFFIC Arlington Ave. Neighbor left car running to charge the battery. Citation given.

MISC, Kenyon Ave. RP worried about friends not showing up to dinner party. Friend went to the movies, thought the party was Sunday night.

April 4 TRAFFIC, Wellesley Ave at Kenyon Ave. Two drivers having a verbal dispute over right of way.

April 6 OUTAIDED, Arlington Ave. Child went to friend's home and slept over without mother's permission. He returned home without incident.

April 8 HIT AND RUN Valley Rd. Unknown suspect(s) hit victim's car and fled the area w/out leaving notice of collision.

April 9 OUTAIDED, El Cerrito Plaza. Assisted ECPD looking for a subject with a knife, unable to locate.

April 10 SEXUAL ASSAULT York Ave. Sexual assault investigation of a non-resident.

April 18 TRAFFIC / MISC, Arlington Ave. Stalled vehicle on the median blocking traffic. Waited for tow truck, and then gave the driver a courtesy ride home to Berkeley.

April 19 MAIL THEFT, Garden Dr. Mail stolen out of mail box. Report taken and Postal inspector will follow up this case.

April 21 ANIMAL, Willamette Ave. Officer found missing dog and returned him home without incident.

April 22 SUSPICIOUS PERSON, Yale Ave. Resident was scared to enter home as several people were standing and sitting in front of their home. When we returned, the people had left.

April 24 911 DISCONNECT, Colusa Ave. Gone upon arrival, and unable to locate the frequent prank caller to KPD and ECPD.

IDENTITY THEFT, Beloit Ave. Unknown suspect opened a utility account in Texas using the victim's name and SS#.

April 25 ANIMAL, Los Altos Dr. Dog attacked cat three days prior, and resident wanted information. They will contact CCC Animal Control.

April 27 MISC.,Kenilworth Dr. Resident requesting info regarding neighbor smoking cannabis in private property.

April 28 VANDALISM, Lake Dr. Vehicle's windows smashed.

VANDALISM, Kensington Ct. Vehicle's window smashed

MISC., Visalia @ Colusa Ave (Berkeley). Vehicle's window smashed, referred citizen to BPD.

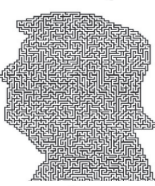


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LETTER FROM JUNE 2017 EDITION:

**Police on Display?**

Dear Editor:

I find it very odd that for months on end I would never see a KPD member on duty and now that their job is on the line I see them all the time. I have literally seen the Kensington Police Department more in the last two months than I've seen them in the last five years. Since transparency has no effect on them I find it highly suspect that all of a sudden they felt the need to properly do their job in light of all the transgressions they have shown in the past. Since the only way of making them honest is to threaten them with losing their cushy jobs, I think it's very apparent who is guilty here. So they keep their jobs and continue doing nothing? That's what they want. Pay them on a per-crime-solved basis and you would get some results. But only when their laziness is threatened will results happen.

**Todd Grosvenor**

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