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KCC Presents the 15th Annual Spring Celebration

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The Kensington Community Council (KCC) invites all Kensingtonians to the 15th Annual Spring Celebration on Sunday, March 23 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Join KCC for an afternoon of fabulous hors d'oeuvres, scrumptious desserts, fine wines and non-alcoholic beverages. The ever-popular Millennium Strings will again provide music. There will be a silent auction of works by local artists and authors. Child-care, including a light meal and entertainment, will be available for children 3 to 11.

Spring Party Underwriters

Eugene J. Millstein and Associates Real Estate at 264 Arlington Ave. and Andronico's Market are once again generously underwriting this year's event. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit the maintenance and renovations of Building E and Kensington Park, as well as the expansion of the recreation program and the Kensington After School Enrichment Program (KASEP).

Silent Auction

One of the highlights of the event is the silent auction. Among the items that have been donated so far are a ride on a tug boat, donated by KCC member Ted Blanckenburg, a tennis party for kids and a tennis clinic for adults donated by tennis pro Alex Brown, a pie-a-month donated by Nation's Foodservice, Inc., and books from Boadecia's Books. Local artists have donated pieces, including Barbara Tapp, Dena Fredric, Elizabeth Kavaler, Anne Stewart and Carla Van Slyke. Other auction donors include Ciara Wood, Patty and Leo Carrousel, and Jeremy Knight. To donate items for the silent auction, call Danielle Power at 524-6737. For more information about the event, call Vida Dorroh at 527-3169 or Ciara Wood at 525-7806.

Ticket Information

Tickets for the party are \$25 per person for adults. Child-care is free. Checks payable to KCC (and marked "Spring Celebration") should be sent to KCC Celebration, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707-1037. Tickets will be held at the door. Those who are unable to attend are urged to send donations. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

About KCC

KCC is a 501c3 non-profit corporation, which sponsors educational programs for community enrichment. KCC publishes the Outlook and sponsors classes for adults and children, the Kensington After School Enrichment Program and Summer Day Camp. The organization also improves and administers educational facilities in Kensington Park in conjunction with the KCSD. In 2002, in addition to KCC's regular programs, KCC committed significant funding to the completion of the new Tot Lot in Kensington Park.

KFD Update

The Kensington Fire District (KFD) approved two key expenditure items at their February 12 meeting. Both items had been budgeted for fiscal year 2002-2003. Phase IV of the Kensington Water System Improvement Master Plan was approved, which will allow water flow work to continue on Purdue Avenue north of Willamette Avenue. Members of the Maybeck Property Owners' Association had expressed concern that the roadway be returned to its original state following construction. "We made a commitment to do it," said Don Dommer. The amount authorized to complete the work is \$326,740.

The current KFD reserve fire engine needs to be replaced. According to Fire Chief Mark Scott, "It is not economical to bring the 1983 Mack to National Fire Protection Association standards." The board approved the purchase of a new fire engine at a price of \$255,174. The truck will be a combination pumper for use as a reserve fire apparatus as well as for use as a wild-land interface fire-fighting vehicle. The delivery date will be between December 2003 and February 2004.

Proposed Zoning Ordinance Update

As a follow-up to the town meeting held in early January and in response to the input his office has received, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia's office will mail a survey to every Kensington household by the end of April. The survey will include complete information about the most recent version of the proposed ordinance and will give every resident an opportunity to give input on different aspects of the proposal. The funds for the mailing will come from the county.

"This input will be valuable as we continue to develop and improve the ordinance," said Gioia.

In the meantime, the most current version of the proposed ordinance can be found on Gioia's website at http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/di s1/kensington.htlm. According to Gioia, a substantial environmental review process, including many more public

and community meetings, will occur before the Board of Supervisors votes on the ordinance. This process will take at least 9 to 12 months.

The proposed ordinance is the result of community workshops and input. In the fall of 1999, the Kensington Community Advisory Council (KMAC) sent a questionnaire to 2,315 residences regarding the issue. Based upon the favorable response of the 20 per cent of households who returned the survey, a steering committee was formed to undertake the writing of what is termed the Kensington Combining Ordinance. Members of the steering committee include Gloria Morrison. president, Kensington Improvement Club; Gail Feldman, president, Kensington Property Owners' Association; Jim Carman, president, Kensington Municipal Advisory Council; and Lynn Wolter, community member.

KCC FUND DRIVE



The Kensington Community Council (KCC) board of directors would like to

thank the many members of the community who have already mailed their annual tax-deductible donations. If you haven't done so already, please consider making your gift today.

Thanks to these generous gifts, KCC is able to support the Outlook (the newspaper you are reading), the Kensington After School Enrichment Program (KASEP), children's classes, adult classes, maintain the Community Center, the Annex and Building E, the muchused tennis courts and the new park space for use by the community.

If you haven't done so already, please mail your contribution (payable to KCC) to the KCC Annual Fund Drive, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington CA 94707-1037. Donations are tax-deductible to

rice and Roberta Schlatter.

NEAT Offers Homeland Security Tips

By Pat Caftel

I am often asked what individuals can do to be alert for homeland securitv. Taking basic preparedness steps will help ready us for any disaster, natural or otherwise. Here are some ideas:

- Develop a household disaster plan, including an evacuation plan.
- · Have a family meeting to discuss what to do and to practice your plan.
- Have an out-of-state contact phone number so members of the family may communicate through someone in a region not affected by the disaster.
- Make sure everyone in the family knows this number.
- · Assemble disaster supply kits for home, work, school, and auto with water, food, first aid supplies, flashlight, portable radio, and extra batteries.
- · Learn how to shelter in place, including how to create a safe room by

sealing off one room with plastic sheeting and duct tape.

- If you have special needs, discuss them with family, friends, and employers. · Check with school and work to
- determine their emergency plans. • Report hazardous or suspicious incidents or activities to authorities.
- · Contact neighbors to discuss their plans and needs and how you can help each other.

For a more complete list of emergency supplies, check the B Section of your phone book, white pages, or the American Red Cross website: www.redcross.org.

The NEAT Program (Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams) promotes safety and preparedness for Kensington and El Cerrito. For information, contact NEAT Program Director Pat Caftel at 510-525-7268, caftel@juno.com.

the extent allowed by law.

Donors whose contributions of \$50 or more were received by February 1 are as follows: Anonymous, Elena Caruthers, the Murphee family, Egon Hoyer and Annette McCoubrey-Hoyer, Phillip Eaton, Carl and Lisa Brodsky. Robert and Olive Shaner. Russell Dedrick, Betsy Gardiner, and Mau-

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community members will have an opportunity to learn CPR for infants and children. The location is to be determined. "Our CPR for Family and Friends course targets all lay rescuers. such as family members, new mothers and fathers, babysitters, or those responsible for caring for infants or small children on a regular basis, but do not require a full CPR certification card," said Officer Shelly Crain.

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every effort to accommodate you. There is no charge for this class for

On Tuesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m., Kensington residents. Please contact Officer Shelly Crain at 526-4141 by Monday, March 10.

Kensington Community Center 59 Arlington Ave.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Kensington Community Council Monday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. (Call 525-0292 to confirm.)

Kensington Fire Protection District Wednesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. (Call 527-8395 to confirm.)

Kensington Police Protection and **Community Service District** Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

(Call 526-4141 to confirm.)

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m. (Call 526-5546 to confirm.)

Friends of the Kensington Library Library, 61 Arlington Monday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. (Call 524-3043 to confirm.)





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Zoning Ordinance Feedback

Dear Editor:

How would you feel if one day you noticed a construction project next door to your home and your view of Mt. Tamalpais or San Francisco Bay was being obliterated? What if you had no recourse to object? This is exactly what can happen under current land use rules.

I have been working for the last two years with a broad array of Kensington residents to develop an ordinance to address the growing concern of the impact of new construction on neighbors and community character. A steering committee composed of the leadership of KPOA, KIC, KMAC and a former KCSD board member have been diligently working with me on this issue.

The goal of the ordinance is to preserve such values as views, sunlight, privacy, and neighborhood compatibility with regard to bulk and scale. Contrary to some residents' belief, there is NO protection of views under current

There have been several town hall meetings and numerous meetings with community leaders on this issue. The ordinance continues to undergo changes in response to public input. It will be at least 9 to 12 months and many more public meetings before the Board of Supervisors votes on the proposed ordinance.

Unfortunately, Mr. David Hertzer's letter to the Outlook last month mischaracterized many of the facts regarding this issue. He placed wrong information into the public debate and created fear among residents.

I want to assure Kensington residents that as your only elected representative on local land use issues, I am committed to making sure that there continues to be broad public discussion and input on this issue.

Shortly, I will be mailing to every Kensington household complete information about the current draft of the proposed ordinance and asking residents to complete a survey. Every resident will have a chance to provide input about different aspects of the proposal. Your input will be valuable as we continue to thoughtfully develop and improve the ordinance.

> John Gioia, Contra Costa County Supervisor

Dear Editor,

The zoning ordinance under consideration for Kensington has been developed and conducted in an open participatory manner with extensive community involvement over several years, which included many communicontinued on page 4

All are invited to attend the Familiy Hymn Sing on Thursday, March 6 at 7p.m. followed by a discussion of "The Power of Myth: Love and the Goddess" from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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Church Events

MARCH SCHEDULE

Every Sunday morning at the Unitar-

ian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1

Lawson Road, Kensington, lay leaders

hold a meditation service at 8:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., community members lead

Personal Theology Seminars, discussing

a different topic of relevant interest

each week. The worship service fol-

lows at 10:45 a.m. Visitors are always

On March 2 the topic will be "Abra-

ham's Children: Christianity, Islam,

and Judaism" led by Revs. Barbara and

Bill Hamilton-Holway and Intern Min-

ister Sofia Betancourt. Their topic on

March 9 will be "We Are the Ones." On

March 16 they will discuss "Taking the

War Out of Words" and on March 23

they will talk about "Planting Seeds of

Trust." Acting Director of Religious

Education Sally White will take over

the pulpit on March 30 with her dis-

cussion of "What's God Got to Do

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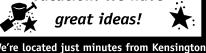
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IN MEMORIAM

J. Malcolm Good

J. Malcolm Good, 84, passed away on December 26, 2002. A Kensington resident, he was employed for over 35 years with Jenkel-Davidson Optical Company in San Francisco. He was known as a pioneer in the development of contact lenses. He is survived by his wife Evelyn.

Stephen Okasaki

Stephen Okasaki passed away Friday, January 17, 2003 at his home at the age of 52. He lived in Kensington for 28 years. Okasaki grew up in Berkeley and graduated UC Berkeley. He is survived by his wife Nancy Okasaki of Kensington; his daughter Stefani Okasaki of Albany; his sister Nancy Okasaki Erickson of Gardena and his father Amile Okasaki of Berkeley. Donations in Steve's memory may be sent to the American Diabetes Assn., P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

Inez Goding Schuyten

Inez Goding Schuyten died on January 11, 2003, in her home in Kensington at the age of 90. She was a graduate of U.C. Berkeley, Class of '37. She began her long career teaching English and history to middle school students in Antioch and continued for 23 years at Roosevelt Junior High and Adams Junior High. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, John Schuyten; her three daughters, Suzanne McDowell, Meredith Escudier, and Johanna Tondre; and her six grandchildren, Caroline and Morgan McDowell, Harley and Dylan Escudier, and Caleb and Imogene Tondre. Contributions in her memory may be made to the East Bay Symphony League, #1, Davies Symphony Hall, San Francisco, Ca. 94102 or the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), 1663 Mission St., #460, San Francisco, Ca. 94103.

Sis Velasquez

Sis Velasquez passed away on January 10, 2003, at 86 years of age. A native of Pierce, Arizona, she resided in Kensington for over 30 years. Survived by her husband of 67 years, Manuel Velasquez of Kensington; daughter, Suzanne Velasquez of Concord; son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Zenia Velasquez of Lafayette; daughter-in-law, Virginia Velasquez of Fairfield; brothers and sisters-in-law, Leonard and Anita Duran, and Lawrence and Carol Duran, all of Pinole; granddaughter, Michelle Velasquez of Martinez; grandson, Greg Velasquez of San Ramon; grandsons and their wives, Gary and Patti Velasquez of Vacaville, and Tony and Carrie Velasquez of Fairfield; and great grandchildren, T.J., Justine, and Mitchell Velasquez of Fairfield. Mrs. Velasquez was a homemaker, and attended St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in El Cerrito. Memorial donations may be made to Pathways Hospice, 7901 Oakport St. 3500, Oakland, CA 94621.

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Personal Theology Seminars

On March 2, Father Robert Cromey, author, retired Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in San Francisco, activist in civil rights for all minority groups will tackle the topic "From Piety to Politics." Kendra Smith, psychologist, meditation teacher, long time student of Buddhism will speak on March 9 and 16 regarding "Tibetan Buddhism." On March 23 George Millikan, active in Berkelev Ouaker Fellowship will talk about "The Faith and Practice of a Quaker Agnostic." Finally, on March 30 Fritz Tubach, professor of German at the University of California at Berkeley will discuss "Meister Eckhart: Overcoming the Separation of Subject and Object."

For more information or for directions, call the church at 525-0302.

Arlington Community Church News

Plans for Lenten Season

The Arlington Community Church, which is located virtually across the street from the library, welcomes all to its services and programs. Sunday morning worship at 10 a.m. is preceded by choir rehearsal and adult Bible study at 8:45 a.m. Sunday School for children is offered during morning worship.

On the first Sunday of the month communion will be celebrated and Kyle Lovett's ministry at ACC will be honored. On March 9, Pastor Bromley will speak on "The Rainbow Connection." Her topic on March 16 will be "What's in a Name?" "Remembering" and "Patience" will be the sermon topics on the last two Sundays of the month.

Lent at ACC

The six-week period prior to Easter is known as Lent. March 4, the last Tuesday before Lent, is Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday, as historically housewives used up all the fat in the house prior to the sixweek period of fasting and sober reflection. On March 5, Ash Wednesday, at ACC there will be a service of worship held in the Chapel at 7 p.m.

On the six Thursday evenings commencing March 6, Pastor Shirlee Bromley will lead a discussion of the book *Memories of God* by Roberta Bondi. This special study will enable participants to explore their own life stories and experiences that have formed their own beliefs about God. The discussion group will meet in the Fireside Room at 7 p.m. All are welcome. To sign up for the series, please call 526-9146.

Second Mini-Concert

The second of the Spring Mini-Concerts will be given Friday evening,

March 21, at 7:30 p.m in the Sanctuary. The spring-like program will feature Dr. Cheryl Fulton, America's premier performer of historical harps. She will be playing Celtic and contemporary music. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the church office. The advance admission is \$10. Tickets purchased at the door are \$12.

Youth Events

In anticipation of their annual snow trip, the young people will be having an overnight marathon event on March 1 to raise needed funds.

On March 9, the youth will meet at 4:30 p.m. to prepare and serve dinner for the homeless at the winter shelter in Richmond.

Dinners for the Homeless

In connection with GRIP (Greater Richmond Interfaith Project), Arlington Community Church will be preparing and serving breakfast and dinner to the homeless during the week of March 8 to 14. If you would like to participate in this community service, please call the church office, 526-0146, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for more information.

Musical Opportunity

The Arlington Community Church Choir is beginning to prepare the "Durufle Requiem" for their Good Friday service. The work, though contemporary, has the flavor of Gregorian chant. Community singers are welcome and invited to join in preparation and performance. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 8:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Music is available. If you have questions, call 526-9146.

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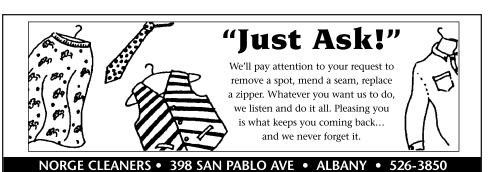
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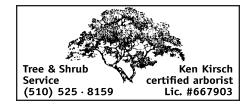
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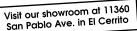
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The ordinance intends to balance the interests of property owners who want to expand the exterior areas of their homes, and neighboring property owners that bought homes with the expectation that their views, sunlight and privacy would not be unduly compromised when expansions occurred. The intention and outcome is to improve fairness and provide better guidelines in order to decrease the amount of costly redesign that occurs when projects are initially denied.

We would hope that open discussion on the merits of the ordinance provisions can be discussed without distortion and misinformation. We encourage owners to read the ordinance. If there are specific elements in the ordinance that need to be reexamined, then sound reasoning needs to be presented regarding those issues. The Kensington Property Owners Association has been sending our comments to Supervisor Gioia and working with the committee in an effort to design a fair and reasonable ordinance.

> Gail Feldman President of KPOA

Dear Editor,

When people purchase a home with a view, they would like to know that they are not going to lose that view along with a huge chunk of their property's value. The good news about the proposed revision of Kensington's zoning ordinance is that it will protect a homeowner's view, light, and privacy in important ways that the current county ordinance does not.

The proposed ordinance would require builders to consider their neighbors' views, light, and privacy when planning additional construction. This does not make additional construction impossible; it simply means that builders and architects will have to plan carefully and considerately.

The proposed ordinance honors the

rights of those homeowners who wish to add to their homes. It offers guidelines for how much square footage may be added to an existing home. The new guidelines are based on 175 sample homes from three Kensington neighborhoods. The resulting figures were then increased by ten percent to ensure the feasibility of additions for the great majority of homes.

The drafters of this ordinance analyzed guidelines from other view communities like Sausalito, Pasadena, and Carmel to ensure that the new ordinance would not exceed the restrictions in the comparable ordinances. It is very important to note that once those communities had a law moderating impacts on views, they all experienced a rise in property values.

Implementing the new ordinance may cost each homeowner as much as \$17 (a one-time only cost)— an incredible bargain when you realize the benefits we'll all reap. In the next month or so, all Kensington homeowners will receive a survey from Supervisor John Gioia's office. We encourage everyone who values their view, light, and privacy to respond to that survey with a resounding "Yes!"

John and Kathy Stein, Beverly Rd. Walt and Gretchen Gillfillan, Coventry Rd.

Dear Editor.

The proposed revision of Kensington's zoning ordinance has been discussed at length in community meetings for two years. Developing the ordinance has been a scrupulously open process, with working group sign-ups and townhall meetings receiving front page announcements in the Outlook.

In 1999, a survey was distributed to all Kensington homes. Twenty-one percent of Kensington homeowners responded to the survey. (Among professional survey takers, a 21 percent response is considered extraordinarily high.) The responses, tabulated by Marianne Loring of the Kensington Improvement Club, indicated that 86% of respondents favored changes to the existing code that would give consideration to a new project's impact on neighbors' view and light.

Several months later, the Outlook announced the formation of a working group tasked with drafting a new ordi-

nance. The working group was open to any and all Kensington homeowners wishing to participate. After many thoughtful and lively discussions, the working group drafted a balanced ordinance designed to protect both homeowners' rights to add to their homes and their neighbors' rights to retain existing views and light.

In a new survey, soon to be distributed by Supervisor John Gioia's office, Kensington homeowners will have an opportunity to register their opinions of the proposed ordinance. Anyone who is interested may obtain a copy of the ordinance at the Kensington Library or at Supervisor John Gioias website: www.bos.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart /dist1/kensington.htm

We support the proposed zoning ordinance and fully approve of the process that developed it.

Lynn Wolter, Williamette Ave. Gloria Morrison, Windsor Ave. Dear Editor,

I have read the "Planning Ordinance Update" article in the Feb. 2003 issue and Draft 3 of the Kensington Combining District Ordinance. I am concerned about the ordinance itself and the General Plan amendment study.

I have been a property owner in Kensington for 23 years. The proposed draft ordinance is one of the most restrictive I have read for a community not covered by CC&Rs. We currently have zoning laws and the cumbersome small lot review process in place. We have a view ordinance. We have a tree protection ordinance. We have notice requirements for those who live within 300 feet of a proposed project. Do these laws work? Well, look around. Of course they work.

Aside from the issue of not needing more burdensome building requirements, I very strongly object to paying for the required General Plan amendment study. The Outlook states that cost estimates for the study range from \$25,00 to \$100,000. Guess what end of the price range it will come in at. In order to avoid a vote on a special tax, the Outlook article states that our supervisor, John Gioia, and the commusteering committee approached various Kensington groups for contributions toward the cost of the amendment study.

Is this yet another attempt to burden Kensington residents without allowing us to vote?

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during class hours Sandy Thacker,

Curriculum Coordinator 482-1258

WINTER SESSION

The winter session will end on March 21.

SPRING SESSION

Registration for the spring session will be held in the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. on Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. for 1st through 6th graders. Classes will begin on Monday, March 24.

KCC

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Helen Horowitz, Administrator Kensington Community Council Building E, 59 Arlington Ave. Kensington, CA 94707-1037 525-0292

OFFICE HOURS

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KCC OFFICE LOCATION

Building E is located across the grassy field from the Community Center Annex that houses The Neighborhood School.

NOTICES

To Register for Class

Call the office unless otherwise specified. Some classes have enrollment limits. Those registering will be notified if they cannot be enrolled.

Tennis Court Reservations

Reservations are taken for weekends and holidays only. The earliest reservation is for 9 a.m. Fees are \$2 per hour for Kensington residents, \$5 for others.

Community Center

Call Helen Horowitz for rental and reservation information.

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Instructor: Barbara Ward Portrait: Thursdays, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. Still Life: Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 8 weeks: \$200 per resident

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Non-impact aerobics; ongoing. Instructor: Michele Dorntge Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9-10 a.m. Fees per resident (10 weeks): \$40/1 x week, \$80/2 x week \$120/3 x week, \$4.50 drop-in Non-residents add 10 percent COMMUNITY CENTER

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Students should wear loose clothing such as leotards, sweatpants, or shorts. Long hair must be tied in a ponytail. To enroll, call Judy Baker at 233-1833.

Instructors: Judy Baker and Jean Jay Tuesdays, 11 weeks, March 25-June 10 Kindergartners:

\$135/resident; \$150/non-resident Other students:

\$110/resident; \$125/non-resident Administration fee: \$25 COMMUNITY CENTER

In this class for students in Grades 6,7,and 8, Alex Brown teaches the fundamentals of tennis, including strokes, tactics, and sportsmanship. Classes consist of instruction, drills, and play, and continue through the school year. Students must register by the month for one or two days a week.

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The Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children grades 1 through 6 in the Fall 2003. The camp runs from June 16 through August 22 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. To ensure the best experience for each child, our camp has a maximum of 60 children per week. We employ two directors, five counselors, two or more counselors-in-training, and a "specialty consultant" for each two-week specialty session to work with the campers. Dropins are not permitted.

Day Camp Staff Returns

Director Brian Barfield and Assistant Director Jessica Smith are returning for this year's camp along with head counselor Hayley Strandberg, Andrew Erdmann, Valerie Fike-Rosales, Teddy Firestone, Evan Horowitz Joe Starkey, and DJ McIntyre. KCC is delighted that they have chosen to work again at its camp.

The cost for the Kensington Summer Day Camp is \$165 per week with the cost prorated for July 4th week to \$132. This fee covers all transportation costs, snacks, entrance fee, activities and a KCC Summer Camp T-shirt for field trips. Fees must be paid 10 days before each week

begins. Children whose fees have not been paid may not attend until fees have been paid to the KCC administrator. Registration, waiver and emergency forms must be submitted prior to the start of each week. Forms must accompany the appropriate fees. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per child per week requested is required with the application. The \$25 deposit is deducted from the balance due of camp. If a week is full and space is not available, applicants will be notified immediately. We cannot refund fees if a child drops out after a session begins.

Registration will take place as follows: Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m.

Community Center

Kensington residents & camp alumni Friday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. KCC Office

Kensington residents and camp alumni Monday, March 10, 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Open registration. Parents may register their children on a space available basis during KCC office hours.

Brochures available

For more information or a brochure, call the KCC office at 525-0292.

Letters to the Editor continued from page 4

It was not too long ago that a special assessment was added to residential (not commercial) property tax bills in Kensington. Do you remember voting on assessing yourself \$100.00+ annually for a park? No, you never voted on that. There are now state laws preventing this type of thing from happening again. However, there is no state law preventing the solicitation of donations to pay for an amendment study and then pushing an ordinance through the Board of Supervisors without a vote by affected property owners.

Let us vote on another special tax. Nancy Mulvany, **Arlington Avenue**

Dear Editor:

It appears that the proposed zoning ordinance has very far reaching implications for most of us who reside in Kensington and it should therefore be

the subject of a very thorough public discussion followed by an advisory vote during the next general election if a large percentage of voters desire to place it on the ballot. This is an initiative sponsored by an appointed (not elected) group of dedicated Kensington residents. I admire them all. But this requires a public process. It is not good public policy to draft legislation out of the public domain and then to rush it through the legislative process.

Cathie Kosel, Windsor Avenue

Dear Editor:

I agree wholeheartedly with David Hertzer's letter in opposition to the proposed Kensington Zoning Ordinance (Feb 2003 Outlook). His arguments and comments are right on the mark.

I remodeled my house in 1989-90 and found that the existing permit system was reasonable to all concerned. The focus of that system was on any

variances required, which do need review to ensure that they are justified.

I think it is critical to understand instances of problems with the existing permit system. I have no heard of any such problems. If there are multiple severe instances of problems, then the system may need revision to change specific problem areas. In the absence of such demonstrated problems, no changes are justified, especially wholesale changes that will bring more problems than they will solve.

To expand review to include "view protection, obstructions, privacy, quiet, parking, protection of mature trees, and compatibility with regard to bulk and scale, access to sunlight, and isolation from offensive emissions" will turn the permit system into a "stagmire" of bureaucratic litigious NIMBY'ism. We can see this happening in neighboring communities.

Arlin Peters, Yale Avenue

Dear Editor:

I object to the proposed zoning ordinance in Kensington. I live on Sunset Drive and my main concern is the view portion of the ordinance. We have two large redwood trees on our property which have lived on our lot much longer than most of our neighbors have been in Kensington. In fact, when the Knowles sold us the property in 1994, they included in the sale documents a stipulation that the two redwood trees be preserved. I'm afraid that if this ordinance passes it will eventually allow property owners (who wish to have a view) to force others (who wish to have redwoods) to cut them down or mutilate them. I have no objection to the rights of those property owners who have an existing view to maintain that same view. However, I think Kensington would be a much less attractive place to live if wholesale tree cutting &

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MARCH 2003











ABCs of the FKL



■ By John Gossard ■

ABCs of FKL

The Friends of the Kensington Library found themselves again discussing budget questions at their February meeting. As mentioned last month, the decreased state revenues have caused a sharp reduction in monies available through the Public Library Fund to Conta Costa County. Already we have had the elimination of one of the two newly added library assistant positions here in Kensington. The reductions will hit hardest later, as we are now operating on the budget allocated last year. Within FKL we note that contributions and sales at our ongoing in-library book sale are both down from the level seen last year at this time. So, we are going to work hard to make as big a success of our Annual Spring Sale, to be held May 10 and 11, and to work on matching last years revenues, or exceeding them. This would allow FKL to make up for some of the shortfall in funding until the State and County economies recover. There will be a need for books, CDs, materials and possible facility renovations, as new carpeting in a year or so, hopefully.

Dreamy Future Beckons

FKL will sponsor a program by Alan Siegel, Ph.D., March 24, from 7-8 p.m. at the library. Dr. Siegel is a therapist, professor and researcher who has published, among other things, the book Dreamchasing: Every Parent's Guide To Understanding Children's Dreams and Nightmares. He has also served as the president of the Association for Study of Dreams. Dr. Siegel, who is a very entertaining lecturer by all reports, can be expected to also offer insights into how dreams may play a part in the understanding of what is going on with the growing child, if not why so many have recurring dreams of having a paper due, no time to write it, and their college career being dependent on getting the paper in immediately, or was it an FKL article?

In regard to the Monday night programs, you might want to check at the Library, as most will not be noted in this column as planing is usually not that far

ahead to allow a timely notice to be given here. Barbara Fergason, Kensington's Librarian, set these up, and may offer such things as how to research things on the computer, or use some type of a program. These will not necessarily involve outside speakers, but will offer material keyed to the varied needs or curiosities of Kensington patrons.

Mystery Clouds

FKL was happy to be contacted and offered a chance to once again have a Mystery Writer Night as part of the annual National Mystery Writer's Week activities. In the past, we had several years of hosting a mystery writer in coordination with the Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of Mystery Writers, who remained strangely silent the last three years. However, this year we have already heard from several writers willing to talk about their work. In the past we have both had single and paired presenters on our Mystery evening, and as we have heard from more than one author this time, we may plan for more than one to appear together. Details are being worked on, including both who and when. Flyers and further details in this paper will emerge, but for now FKL is still a bit clueless.

Keeping Up the Good Work

FKL reflects on how nice it is to have a great community of readers. Your donations of cash to the fund drive and books to our book sales as well as the turnout we get on our book sales is a recurring theme in Kensington. Keep our library strong and continue what vou do best! Our next meeting will be at 7 o'clock Tuesday, March 11 at the library and visitors are welcome. Our usual meeting is the first Tuesday of the month, but the Dr. Seus program on the 4th forced a change next month. If any advice or help is needed with book

donations (Only to be delivered during open hours at the library.) can be made to Adrian Jennings, our Book Sales Chairman at 524-2508.



Kindergarten Registration

March 1-31 is kindergarten registration period in the West Contra Costa Unified School District. If your child turns five years old on or before December 2, 2003, he or she is eligible to register for kindergarten at your local neighborhood school for next fall. The tentative date for the first day of school for the 2002-2003 has not been set.

Register your child at your school of residence from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, or 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on school days during March. Call Kensington School for more information. To register your child for kindergarten, bring the following papers to your school:

- 1. Proof of age, such as a birth certificate or baptismal record.
- 2. Proof of immunizations.
- 3. Proof of residence, such as a current PG&E bill. Telephone bills are not accepted as proof of residence.

Letters to the Editor continued from page 5 removal were to ensue.

I sincerely hope that at the very least we will all have an opportunity to vote on this!

Diana Krampf, Sunset Drive

Dear Editor

I do not believe that the revised zoning ordinance which Supervisor Gioia is attempting to rush through the Board of Supervisors without adequate Kensington input is in the best interests of Kensington. Nor do I believe, if we are given a chance to evaluate and discuss the proposed ordinance, that it will be desirable to the vast majority of Kensington residents. Rather, I believe the Supervisor is being hoodwinked by a vocal minority who wish to dictate their view of a Kensington devoid of the eclectic building styles which have, till now, reflected our diverse population.

This minority wishes us all to march lockstep into some Disneyland fantasy world of make-believe "better" houses more suited for their fictional world of Ozzie and Harriet, right out of a Hollywood 1940s - '50s studio backlot. They want a zoning ordinance which

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Schedule for March

Ongoing classes at the center include meditation, a German conversation group, cultural, history, travel and art videos. On the first Thursday of the month, a massage therapist is available and the fire department is on-hand to check guests' blood pressure.

On March 6, the movie The Treasure of the Sierra Madre will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a potluck lunch. Please note the early start time for the movie. At 11 a.m. on March 13, Nancy Erb will discuss "Conflict Resolution Across Generations." Birthdays will be celebrated on that day. On Mar 20, Ray and Friends will sing and play Irish songs in honor of the season. Following lunch, guests are invited to stay and watch the video Life of St. Patrick. Jan Stecher returns on March 27 to lead the "Rosen Movement for Seniors" class at 11 a.m.

Contact Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, at 547-1969 for more information.

LWV Kensington Study Group

The League of Women Voters Richmond Area, Kensington Study Group will meet March 10 at the home of Lucille Parker, 51 Highland Blvd. at 12 noon for a light lunch followed at 1 p.m. by a meeting and discussion. New comers are welcome. Call Lucille at 527-1538 to confirm.

Garden Clubs to Meet

Berkeley Garden Club

"Mushrooms: Edible & Poisonous" will be the topic presented by Debbie Viess on Tuesday, March 18 at the Berkelev Garden Club. Ms. Viess is the Education Chair, Mycological Society of San Francisco. The club meets at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Guests are welcome to attend the business meeting at 1 p.m. as well as the free program at 2 p.m. Call 524-4374 for more details.

El Cerrito Garden Club

The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Following the business meeting, refreshments, and monthly plant sale, a program on "Getting Started with Bonsai" will be presented by Evelyn Humphrey from the Berkeley Garden Club. Guests are welcome and may pay \$3 at the door. For more information please call 234-0135.

Kensington Republican **Women Meet**

The Kensington Area Republican Women (KARW) will meet on March 26 at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito at 12 noon. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Stuart Posselt, president of the Benicia Congress of Republicans. Posselt is currently chairman of the resolution committee of Contra Costa Republicans. He will speak about the coming meetings of the state Republican party.

Tickets are \$12 per person and reservations should be made with Catherine Weeks at 524-5689.

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El Cerrito Democratic Club

The public is invited to attend the Tuesday, March 25 meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club, at the Northminster Presbyterian Church on 545 Ashbury Avenue in El Cerrito. The meeting will be held at 8 p.m., following the 7:30 p.m. general business meeting of the club. Nathan Britton, the Northern California political director for California Peace Action, will discuss terrorism, the military budget, "rogue states" and national security. Contact Joe Franaszek at 524-4659 for more information.

KARO To Meet

The next meeting for the Kensington Amateur Radio Operators (KARO) will be March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center at 59 Arlington Ave. Anyone interested in amateur radios is welcome. The group currently has five emergency communications radio stations installed in Kensington and welcomes new members. For more information about KARO, contact Ken Horne at 526-8349.

Retired Teachers To Meet

The California Retired Teachers Association, West Contra Costa Division No. 58, will meet at noon on Thursday, March 6 at the Masonic Hall of Richmond, 5050 El Portal Drive, El Sobrante. Dr. Helen Carr, president of Contra Costa College, will speak about her experiences as an educator in a talk entitled, "Backward Glance, Present Stance, Future Chance." Call 234-3046 by Monday, March 6 for luncheon reservations. Cost is \$10.

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The Kensington Police Blotter

The following incidents were among those report-

ed by the Kensington Police Department during January 2003.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

- A resident complained of loud noise coming from a party near Edwin Dr. and Kerr Ave.
- ⊚ At 8:45 a.m. on New Year's Day, someone reported hearing loud banging coming from a home on Norwood Court. A construction crew had reported for work.
- Officers served a supoena to an Edgecroft Rd. resident.
- **②** A truck was impounded on Colgate Ave. for expired registration.
- © The morning newspaper was stolen from a Columbia Ave. residence.
- A neighbor complained of a loud radio coming from a Coventry Rd. construction site.
- © Kenyon Ave. residents reported a disagreement over property.
- An Ocean View Ave. resident called police to issue a complaint over treatment by her adult children.
- A citizen was locked out of his home on Vassar Ave. Because he took part in the House Key Program with KPD, officers had a spare key on hand.
- A Highland Blvd. resident asked for assistance with an insect problem. The responding officer removed the potato bug from the home and released it in the back yard.
- An Anson Way resident reported a case of I.D. theft. Goods and services valued at \$25,000 were obtained in the victim's name.
- A resident on Ocean View Ave. was taken to Martinez County Hospital for evaluation
- A tree fell down in front of the Carmelite Monastery off Rincon Rd.
- A computer monitor was found on Franciscan Way.
- ⊚ The owner of a Cadillac parked on Arlington Ave. reported a hit and run. The damage to the front grill and missing emblem were valued at \$800.

WEEK OF JANUARY 6

- While backing out of a parking space in front of Arlington Pharmacy, a Toyota Corolla hit a Honda Odyssey.
- A person was reported missing on Vassar Ave.
- Officers and fire department personnel responded to a report of a chimney fire on Norwood Ct. They found no fire.
 Someone went to the door of a Yale Ave. resident to ask for money to feed his children.
- A resident reported a hit-and-run incident to a Mercedes-Benz parked on York Ave.
- At 1994 Acura Integra was stolen from in front of a Grizzly Peak Blvd. residence.
 An Ardmore Rd. resident was injured when a glass door knob shattered in his hand. He was taken to Brookside Hospital for stitches.
- © Officers recovered a stolen BMW at Colusa Ave. near Ocean View Ave.
- © A 1996 Honda Civic was stolen from Wellesley Ave.
- A case of attempted auto theft was reported on Arlington Ave.

WEEK OF JANUARY 13

- Broken tree branches were reported on Arlington Ave. near the El Cerrito border
- An older resident needed assistance.
 Kensington Chevron reported that someone had dumped trash at 1:30 a.m.
 The victim of a recent auto theft reported that a blonde woman in a red Toyota appeared to be watching her residence.
- There was a fight among 8 to 12 year-olds at Kensington Hilltop School.
 Someone left a water heater at Franciscan Way. Officers took it to the dump.
- © Following a minor accident on Arlington Ave. near Cowper Ave., a driver complained of chest pains. The driver left against the advice of Engine 65 EMTs.
- A resident on Grizzly Peak Blvd. reported that his neighbor had been acting strangely at night.
- A 26 year-old female died of an overdose on Yale Ave.

- © Someone found a portable radio belonging to El Cerrito Public Works.
- © Items were taken from an unlocked 1996 Ford parked on Arlington Ave.
- A possible bullet hole was reported in the window of the Arlington Pharmacy. No bullets or casings were found.
 A 1997 Staturn was stolen from Rugby Ave.
- A fire alarm went off on Highgate Rd.
 A resident reported difficulty breathing on Highgate Rd.
- A 1988 Toyota truck was stolen front of an Anson Way residence.
- © Officers notified a resident on Plateau Dr. that a relative living over-
- A Toyota van that had been stolen from Wellesey Ave. was found on Highgate Rd.
- © Officers were involved in a child custody dispute on Ardmore Rd.
- A Volkswagen Jetta in violation of the 72-hour parking limit was towed from Coventry Rd.
- A resident drove into a ditch after running into a mailbox.
- © Officers responded to an Ardmore Rd. report of gunshots. They found juveniles playing with fireworks.
- Vandalism was reported at Kensington Hilltop School.
- Caller complained of pain. The Anson Way resident was taken to Kaiser Hospital.
 Someone dropped off a leather jacket at the Police Department.
- A neighbor reported an open door at an Avon Rd. residence. Officers determined that wind was the cause.
- A Coventry Rd. resident suffered a stroke and was taken to Alta Bates Hospital.
 The alarm was accidentally tripped at a home on Yale Ave.
- ② A vehicle with expired registration was towed from a Grizzly Peak location.

WEEK OF JANUARY 27

- © Someone left the door open at the Community Center.
- A Kensington resident ran into a deer in Berkeley.
- © A 15-year old skate boarder was teasing third graders at Kensington Hilltop School after school hours
- School after school hours.

 Someone reported child neglect on Canon Dr.
- A resident was the victim of road rage in El Cerrito.
- A 1990 Volvo was reported on fire on Los Altos Rd. The fire was out when officers and KFD arrived.
- Neighbors on Purdue Ave. argued over a dog.
- A resident complained that someone had dumped mulch on his property that was smoldering.
- © Tired of waiting in line at Young's Kensington Market, a resident walked out without paying for a magazine. He went back and paid for it later.
- ◎ Officers noticed an auto with expired registration driving along Kenyon Ave. The driver tried to avoid the officers. It turned out that the driver was unlicensed and just been released from jail. The car was impounded and towed.
- A resident on Kingston Rd. called police when members of the Feral Cat Foundation took back the cat they had sold her.
- © Following up on the report of suspicious activity on Highland Blvd, officers found juveniles talking loudly.

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Grizzly Peak Flyfishers

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers will meet on Thursday, March 13 at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. A light dinner will be available at 7 p.m. for \$4. The meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. Mike Caul, who runs a lodge and guide service, will discuss fly-fishing in western Montana. There will be a fly tying demonstration for beginners at 6:30 p.m. Beginner and "wannabe" fly-fishers and their families are welcome. For more details, call 524-0428.

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requires architects, contractors and home owners desiring even the slightest modification to be subject to their unknown and unknowable whim. They want a voice in how we all live and want the right to veto any idea which runs afoul of their frozen mindset. We already saw their type of "zone control" in their prolonged attempts to block one homeowner from executing an attractive, well-planned, code-compliant modification to her home much in need of renovation. Some of them even proposed in public hearing that since the homeowner didn't want to bow to

their whim, she should leave town. I believe the vast majority of Kensington residents eschew this type of Kafka-esq intrusion of "the people" into our lives. We have existing zoning requirements which have worked well. They are understandable. Homes and renovations can be designed to their standards. There is a viable procedure for any desired design review through KMAC, the county planning dept., and ultimately, the Board of Supervisors. If we need modifications to our ordinance, fine. Let's discuss them and thrash them out in community debate and local ballot box. Instead, these pro**AURORA PAINTING & DECORATING.** Interior, exterior, waterproof coatings, wood restoration, color consultation. License #721226. Kensington references. 655-9267 for free estimate.

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ponents of this ill-cooked mess of pottage fear such scrutiny, urging instead expidited vote by the Board of Supervisors. They seek haste in hoisting this upon us, hiding behind the assertion that democracy is too expensive and cumbersome.

> Bill Halpin Highgate Road

Eagle Scout Photos Available.

Dear Editor,

Eagle Scouts (and/or their parents and families) from Troop 100 and from other Troops in the area may be interested in a reminder that Barry Evans Studio in Pinole has a number of portraits of Eagle Scouts now available at half price. The studio has for many years photographed Eagle Scouts from the Troops that are connected with Camp Herms in El Cerrito. After the photograph has been on the walls at Camp Herms for two years, the studio retrieves it and makes it available for purchase; the frame is extra. The studio's telephone number is (510) 758-8267.

Anna-Maria Hertzer Ardmore Road