

————— *Bringing The Community Together* —————

K E N S I N G T O N

O U T L O O K

MARCH 2010

A PUBLICATION OF THE KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

VOLUME 67 NUMBER 2



Hannah Kessel's winter coat drive was a huge success. Last week she took 70 bags of coats, mittens, and hats to St. Anthony's Foundation in San Francisco. The El Cerrito Fire Department's Terry Pace knitted several bags of hats and sweaters to donate to the drive. The Daisy Girl Scouts, shown here modeling some of Terry's hats, were a big help as well, collecting coats from their families and friends. ("Now I thought I left my coat hanging right here in the closet. I wonder where I could've put it...Susie, have you seen my coat? Uhh, Susie?")

Note that each hat comes with its own individual facial expression – no extra charge!

22nd Annual Kensington Community Council's Spring Celebration

The *Kensington Community Council* will hold its *Spring Celebration* this year on Saturday, March 13th, from 6:30-9:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to wel-

come Spring with neighbors and friends, and to help support the many recreational and educational programs that KCC provides for the community.

Andronico's Market, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, and Mechanics Bank are generously sponsoring this year's event, to be held at the Community Center. Tickets are \$25 in advance or at the door. There will be food and drink to enjoy while bidding on silent auction items provided by local resi-

dents and businesses. A free kids' party with games, movies, and food will be provided for children from ages three to eleven.

Many of our talented community members have helped support this fundraiser over the years by donating auction items for the event. If you'd like to donate an item for KCC's Spring Celebration, please contact Danielle Power at 524-6737; or for party information, call Esther at 525-0292. See *Page 7* for photos from last year's event!


KCC WELCOMES DONATIONS for the SILENT AUCTION

Please Contact
Danielle Power
at
524-6737

I N S I D E

KMAC Update: Second Units • Interview: Officer Ramos
Police Tax • Disaster Preparedness • Kensington GM's 2010 Report

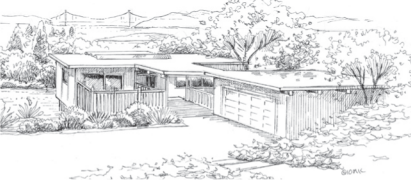
MARVIN
GARDENS
REAL ESTATE



When You Do Things Right,
Great Things Happen.

289 ARLINGTON AVENUE 510.524.0800

Select Listings



First time on the market! Architect-designed, custom-built 3-br, 2-bath home. Unobstructed views of the Bay, S.F. and Marin. Private and tranquil setting. Call agents for price.


| | | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 947 Galvin Dr. | El Cerrito | Todd & Ron | 527.9111 |
|----------------|------------|------------|----------|

Incredible views from this handsome three-level contemporary. Great natural light, master suite, open living, dining and kitchen area. Three brs, 2.5 baths. Offered at \$845,000.

| | | | |
|------------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| Todd & Ron | 527.9111 | 434 Beloit Ave. | Kensington |
|------------|----------|-----------------|------------|


8 Anson Way Kensington
Coming Soon! 4br, 2.5-bath with a spectacular Bay view. Panelled living/dining room combo, additional developed space on lower level. Enclosed courtyard & play yard. Offered at \$849,000. **Merrilyn Rhodes/Jeri Janes 761.4733**

We are pleased to announce that local Realtor and longtime Kensington resident Amy Kurzer has joined Marvin Gardens. Many of you already know Amy from her activity in the community. Amy will be dividing her time between our new Hopkins Street office and the Kensington office. If you have any questions about the local real estate market, give her a call or drop by the office.



Amy Kurzer
387.0723


marvingardens.com



PROSPECT SIERRA

HEART · MIND · COMMUNITY


Lalia BenMohamed – French teacher, eighth grade advisor, and High School Counselor is a beloved educator with over 30 years of experience in the Bay Area.



“Lalia cares deeply about the kids and is passionately committed to ensuring that they have the best possible opportunities open to them. Her personal relationship with the children, and her extensive knowledge of and experience with each high school were invaluable in determining the best fit for our child. We could not be happier with the process and the outcome.”

– K.H., parent, class of '09

ELEMENTARY (K-4)
510-236-5800



MIDDLE SCHOOL (5-8)
510-528-5800

Please call the school for more information.

WWW.PROSPECTSIERRA.ORG ~ EL CERRITO, CA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR =

Contracting Out
for Police Services

Dear Editor:

I was raised in Kensington, the son of the late Chief of Police, Walt Gist. I, too, dedicated my life to a law enforcement career, in Reno, Nevada. I have continued to monitor my hometown of Kensington through the years by reading the *Outlook* each month without fail, and my heart will always belong to the community.

I have become very concerned with current discussions of eliminating your own police department and contracting services to El Cerrito. This discussion has unfortunately taken place too many times through history and my fear for you is that it will someday come to be.

The Las Vegas Police Department and Clark County Sheriff’s Office consolidated into one countywide Metropolitan Police force in the 1970’s, an action mandated by law, based on population. Citizens of the unincorporated Clark County were fearful that when this consolidation took place, their law enforcement protection would be drawn to handle the troubles of a busy downtown Las Vegas. As predicted, emphasis on protecting the rural areas shifted to the high crime areas within the city, and law enforcement for those taxpaying citizens changed forever.

Consolidation of the Reno Police Department and Washoe County Sheriff’s Office has been considered for years. Citizens of the unincorporated Washoe County enjoy exceptional, personal, and truly community-oriented law enforcement services, while Reno police officers limit their responses to crimes in progress, for the most part, too busy to give their citizens the attention that you in Kensington are accustomed to. In the event that the residents of Washoe County, Nevada ever lose their minds and vote to consolidate law enforcement, they will suffer the same losses as those in Las Vegas.


There is a great difference between firefighters assigned to a single station when not on a call and police officers who are constantly mobile and responsive to field activity. I guarantee you that if your Kensington officers become El Cerrito officers, whether you have contracts in place or not, those assigned to Kensington will more and more frequently be used to combat crime and respond to the needs of El Cerrito residents. Kensington PD has never maintained the level of calls for service or crime that El Cerrito has. I guarantee you, giving up your police department is a slippery slope you do not want to encounter.

Kensington residents have enjoyed their own dedicated police department since the 1940’s, with a personal service level almost unheard of in today’s law enforcement agencies. Let it go and it will never be the same.

Sincerely,
Doug Gist

Thank you,
A Kensington Resident

Thanks, AKR. That makes three complaints that the Police Log is too funny and five that it’s not funny enough. – Ed.



West County Earth Day • April 22, 2009

Appreciating Our
Public Safety Team

Dear Kensington Outlook,

I would like to express my appreciation to our public safety team.

One late night at the end of December ‘09 I discovered my vehicle window was shot by vandals and called for a Kensington police officer to take the report. (I later heard my window was one of six vandalized that night.) A separate incident occurred the next day when I couldn’t open a gate padlock to admit piano movers. I went to the Kensington Police Department for my emergency key, but when it didn’t work a dispatcher sent firemen to help open the gate.

Over the many years I’ve lived in Kensington, I’ve called on local police officers, dispatchers and firemen for minor as well as one serious incident: In 1997, Fire Department trucks arrived at my burning home within minutes after a 911 call was made, and put out a serious fire.

I believe the overly jocular tone in the *Outlook’s* Monthly Police Report trivializes their efforts. I think your in-depth interviews and stories, such as the one about a local police officer who saved a citizen with CPR, are more supportive of the dedicated professionals who protect our safety and well-being.

Thank you,
A Kensington Resident

Thanks, AKR. That makes three complaints that the Police Log is too funny and five that it’s not funny enough. – Ed.

100th Anniversary?

Dear Sir,

I trust that the town fathers and the town mothers are aware that 2011 is the 100th anniversary of Kensington becoming a name on the map. According to Erwin G. Gudde’s *California Place Names* (University of California Press), Kensington was named by Robert Bousefeld when the tract was opened in 1911. When and if someone takes up the challenge to highlight the centennial, as a 42-year resident of Kensington I want to be counted in.

Ken Hempel

KENSINGTON
OUTLOOK

EDITOR
JOEL KOUSED

ADVERTISING MANAGER
ALMA KEY

PUBLISHER
KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
59 Arlington Avenue
Kensington, CA 94707-1307

Published ten times a year by the nonprofit Kensington Community Council. (Monthly, except for the combined July/August and December/January issues.) Available online at www.KensingtonOutlook.com, courtesy of www.AboutKensington.com.

Editorial.....510-236-8632
editor@KensingtonOutlook.com
Advertising.....510-526-3241
advertising@KensingtonOutlook.com

Advertising
Classified ad rates are \$6 a line (45 spaces or characters), with a 2-line minimum. Online ad forms are available after the back issues listings at: www.KensingtonOutlook.com

Display and classified advertising mail to: *Kensington Outlook* 18 Kingston Rd. Kensington, CA 94707. Other mail to: 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.

April Advertising Deadline.....March 8
April Editorial Deadline.....March 10

K E N S I N G T O N

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Located in the East Bay hills, at 59 Arlington Avenue, the Kensington Community Council’s After School Enrichment Program (KASEP) spring registration will be held on Wednesday, March 3, in the Kensington Community Center, starting at 6:45pm for kindergarten students and 7:15pm for grades 1-6. Spring session begins Monday, March 22, immediately following the end of winter session on Friday, March 19th.

Would you like to register first for fall KASEP? Come to the KCC Spring Celebration Auction on Saturday, March 13th – First place in registration is one of the many items available for bid!

KCC office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can be reached at 510-525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com.

KASEP brochures are available in the office or at www.aboutkensington.com, listed under children’s services.



Our Mandarin Class Hard at Work

KCC SUMMER CAMP

KCC Summer Camp-Registration on Wednesday, March 10th, at 7 pm!

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Avenue in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in Fall 2010. The camp runs June 14 through August 20, 2010, Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. The price for one week of camp is \$205 (except Week 4, July 6-9, \$160). Our camp has a maximum of 62 children per week. We employ one director, a head counselor, eight counselors, a tennis instructor, and a “specialty consultant” each week to work with the campers. The camp director and head counselor also provide extended day care 8-9am and 5-5:30pm for an additional fee of \$7 per day.

Each week the campers will enjoy: Field trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area such as *Scandia*, *Water World*, the *Exploratorium* and the *Jungle*. Special activities such as carpentry, drumming, dance, cooking, and golf. Tennis instruction three days per week. Games, arts and crafts, hiking, and fun!



- Week 1: Carpentry w/Sandy Thacker 6/14-18; Field trip to The Jungle
- Week 2: Carpentry w/Sandy Thacker 6/21-25, Field trip to Lake Anza
- Week 3: Environmental Art with Chris Lack 6/28-7/2: Field trip to Oakland Zoo
- Week 4: Golf with Alex Brown 7/6-9: Special Activities at Camp
- Week 5: Drumming with Mark Rosenthal (Olympics Week) 7/12-16: Field Trip to Scandia
- Week 6: Cooking Outdoors with Vicky Brodt; 7/19-23: Field Trip to The Exploratorium
- Week 7: Hip Hop with Tati Argue 7/26-30: Field Trip to Lake Temescal
- Week 8: Sports & Games with Kim Roots 8/2-6: Field Trip to Waterworld
- Week 9: Art with Elaine Chu 8/9 – 13 (also Olympics Week): Field Trip to Pier 39/Alcatraz/Aquarium
- Week 10: Yoga and Movement with Catherine Johnson 8/16-20: Field Trip to The Jungle

*Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances. Registration continues during office hours, 10am-4pm, in the KCC office in the Recreation Building (just beyond the tennis courts in Kensington Park).

ADULT CLASSES

User-Friendly Pilates
with Ernie Adams

Pilates is designed to stretch and strengthen your body in an intelligent way, and engages your deepest core abdominal, lumbar, breathing and pelvic floor muscles. Developing core strength gives you greater power and precision in movement, and helps protect your body from injury. Pilates can help you discover how to feel more powerful, age more gracefully, and move with more rhythm and flow. These classes are mixed-level, appropriate for those with experience, and also for those who are just beginning.

CURRENT CLASS SERIES

- Level One
Get Stronger Without Getting Hurt
WEDNESDAYS, 7:30-8:30pm,
March 3-April 7 (Six Classes)
*\$72 Residents, \$73 Non-residents.
(\$15 drop-in) • Mats provided
*Special Discount: Take Level One & Two together for \$120 (\$10/class)

Level One is about becoming aware of deep supportive core muscles, learning how to release tight muscles, stretching and strengthening in a way that reduces the chance of injury.

- Level Two
Endurance – Increasing the Challenge
TUESDAYS, 7:30-8:30pm
March 2-April 6 (Six Classes)
*\$72 Residents, \$73 Non-residents.
(\$15 drop-in) • Mats provided
*Special Discount: Take Level One & Two together for \$120 (\$10/class)

Level Two is about building endurance and increasing power and control of movement. It is a little faster paced and more challenging than Level One, yet involves many of the same principles.

Ernie Adams is a Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Movement Educator, with an extensive background as a professional dancer. He presents a less stressful way of learning Pilates, and has sixteen years experience collaborating with physical therapists to treat orthopedic, neurological, dance and sports related injuries. If you want to get stronger in a way that reduces the chance of injury, give his classes a try. Private sessions are also available. adams@bodyinaction.com, or 510-619-9223. www.bodyinaction.com.

To register for the class, contact the KCC office at (510) 525-0292. 7-student min. Classes are held in the Kensington Recreation Bldg (‘E’), located in Kensington Park at 59 Arlington Avenue.

Yoga for Health
Tuesdays 9:15-10:30am

Harmonize your body, mind, and spirit. This class involves basic Yoga poses, correct body alignment, breathing techniques, and relaxation. Develop strength, flexibility, endurance, and grace. Therapeutic concerns such as wrist, knee, neck and back pain, and stress reduction will be addressed. No prior experience required – all ages welcome. Please bring a mat to the class.

Classes held in the Community Center.

Fees for residents: \$15 for drop-in; \$75 for a series of 6 classes. Nonresidents please add \$1 surcharge. To register, call the KCC office at (510) 525-0292.

Acrylic Painting
Wednesdays, 9:45am-1:30pm

Stan Cohen (533-3003) leads this informal but professional workshop for established and serious beginning adult artists. Mornings are devoted to developing painting, with assistance available. Afternoons are reserved for class critique. Enrollment is limited. Instructor approval required.

Fees: \$32/month (\$38 for non-residents) Held at the Community Center.

REGISTRATION

Class Registration: Please call the office at 525-0292. Some classes have enrollment limits; those registering will be notified if they can’t be accommodated.

Tennis Court Reservations: Reservations are for weekends and holidays only; the earliest is 9am. Call the KCC office at 525-0292 for tennis court reservation information. Tennis Court Fees: Residents – \$2 for a 45-min. singles reservation. Nonres: \$5.

Kensington Community Center Rental Information: Please call KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection & Community Services District) at 526-4141.

59 Arlington Avenue, Building E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707 kccrec@yahoo.com • (510) 525-0292

Annual Picture
of
High School Seniors
in
Kensington

Each June, the Outlook publishes a picture of Kensington students who will be graduating from high school. Please note that the picture will be taken in Kensington Park on Sunday, May 2, in the afternoon. Please contact the KCC office at 525-0292 if you’re a parent who can help with this event.

Save the Date – Sunday, May 2

Maybeck Estates Walking Tour Returns

In the subdivision named *Berkeley Highland Terrace*, the Bernard Maybeck family owned a large piece of property which they subdivided and where they began to sell individual lots after World War II. On this walk, the privately owned part of Purdue Avenue will be explored. An original and current homeowner, Bob Shaner, will narrate the walk and share personal experiences of building his own home and working with the Maybecks. Bob will be assisted by Paul Grunland, leader of several East Bay historical walks.

Save the Date – Saturday, May 22, 10am-Noon • \$10

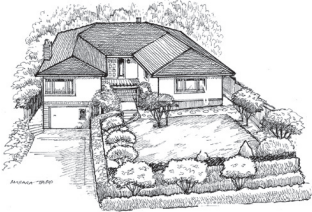
Thanks to Our Additional
Fall Fundraising Donors!

(Through February 10th)

Susan Tatsuno
Richard and Marjorie Murray

Thank you!

Successfully getting results even in the most complex
Real Estate Environments



69 Kingston Road, Kensington
Updated 3+BR/2+BA.
Updated on fabulous almost third of an acre!
Offered at \$799,000

Coming Soon:

64 Stratford Road, Kensington
New England charm. Extraordinary renovation
with views of the Bay! 4BR/2+BA. Lovely garden.
Offered at \$1,200,000

774 Spruce Street, Berkeley
Rich Mediterranean character. 3+BR/2BA
Bay views. Beautiful details throughout.
Offered at \$895,000

Pending:

452 Boynton Ave. Berkeley

32 Avon Road, Kensington

2628 Shasta Rd. Berkeley

There is a reason why you consistently see Grubb Company sold signs in
your neighborhood.


The Grubb Company has the:

- Highest Agent Productivity
- Highest Office Productivity
- Highest Average Sales Price

Considering selling? It would be a privilege to meet with you and discuss your
property. Appointment is confidential and market analysis complimentary.

The GRUBB Co.
REALTORS

RUTH FRASSETTO, CRS
Over twenty-seven years of experience you can count on.
510.652.2133/414
rfrassetto@grubbco.com
Visit GRUBBCO.COM for additional information



Neighborhood Notes

Christopher Castle Exhibit at Library

Christopher Castle is a multimedia environmental artist whose work derives from studies of ancient archaeological sites and artifacts in Europe and his native Britain. His recent work explores nature through mapping and drawing with soil samples. He also develops his visual explorations of landscapes and other natural forms and patterns in nature into musical scores! Sponsored by Friends of the Library. March through April at the Kensington Library. 524-3043



Reptile Night - A Quiz!

Boys used to get in a lot of trouble for putting a frog down a girl's back. Of course that was when you could still go down to your local pond and catch one! (*A frog, that is. If you ask us, girls are still just as hard to catch as they always were.*) Last month Friends of the Kensington Library presented Owen Maercks from the East Bay Vivarium, who introduced some wide-eyed local kids to a broad assortment of reptiles at the library – however the frog pictured here was *not* among them. How was that possible? (*Answer below.*)



Local Resident Provides 2 Free Corners With Each Circle Scarf

Last August, Kensington resident, Christyna Kozel, created a new fashion accessory called *Crishala* – a special patent-pending design of a *circle scarf*. Unlike the usual *loop* or *infinity scarf*, the silk chiffon *Crishala* has two “free” corners. (*Wait a minute – how many corners does a circle scarf usually have?*) Find out how they do it – or get one of your own: www.crishala.com.



Disaster Preparedness Group Special Mtg: Tues., March 8th

Last month the Kensington Public Safety Council met with some of the Directors of the Police- and Fire Districts, the Kensington/El Cerrito Fire Chief, CERT Coordinator, Chief of Police/GM, and concerned citizens (at right). At that meeting the group decided to initiate a more formal structure to this community organization, which was formed to help bring Kensington into a state of readiness, should a major event occur on the Hayward Fault. On March 8th, there will be an organizational meeting to decide whether this group should join forces with the Fire- and Police Districts, or remain an independent entity; it will likely elect directors. KPSC invites the participation of all Kensington residents at this critical meeting. In the event of a disaster, this group's work will be essential to the safety of our community. 6:30pm at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 501-8165 or www.kensingtoncalifornia.org/kpsc/home



KCC Summer Camp

One day last summer the kids and counselors came dressed as their favorite movie characters. Pictured at right is Toby Fisher as *Wall-E*. They also built a teepee as part of their environmental art activities. See *Page 3* for what's in store this year!




KCC Spring Festival

At right, architect, Bart Jones sampled some of the tasty items on the hors d'oeuvres table at the Spring Celebration back in 1997. The Kensington Community Council will hold its Spring Celebration this year on Saturday, March 13th, from 6:30-9:30pm at the Community Center. Tickets are \$25 in advance or at the door. For more information, call Esther at 525-0292. (*Photo: Clif Taylor*)



Kensington Spring Festival 1997

Answer to Quiz: Frogs, toads, newts, salamanders, and the like are amphibians (as opposed to reptiles), most of which live two lives – one in water with gills, and the other on land by growing lungs as they age. Crocodiles, snakes, lizards, and turtles are examples of reptiles (meaning, “to creep”) – a group of animals that breathe air, and have scales (or modified scales). The two groups are distantly related to each other. (We here at the Outlook may not be that entertaining, but at least we're educational!)



Arlington
Community Church

United Church of Christ
52 Arlington Ave. • 526-9146
Rev. Alfred Williams, Pastor
www.acc-ucc.org
No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Join Us for Lent and Easter

Arlington Community Church has a series of events planned for
Lent and Easter. Come worship with us during this season.

• SOUL ENRICHMENT-CHOOSE LIFE •

March 7 10:00 a.m.

Soil, (Soul), Enrichment

March 14 10:00 a.m.

A “Both/And” God

March 21 10:00 a.m.

Love Is a Spendthrift

Palm Sunday,
March 28 10:00 a.m.

A Different Kind of King

Holy Thursday,
April 1 7:00 p.m.

Last Supper Celebration

Good Friday,
April 2 12 noon-3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Meditation Time

Easter Sunday,
April 4 10:00 a.m.

Through the Eyes of Mary Magdalene

God is still speaking—at Arlington Community Church

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Neighborhood Notes

Who Ya Gonna Call?

In the event of a major disaster – and there are one or two predicted in our lifetimes – when the roads are blocked and the phones are down, do you know what you’re going to do? Utilizing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) curriculum, the Kensington/El Cerrito Fire Department is sponsoring a program designed to assist residents of Kensington and El Cerrito to be self-sufficient in the event of a disaster. Beginning March 4th, classes meet on Thursday nights from 6:30-9pm at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Attend individual classes or the entire series free of charge. Reserve at: www.ElCerritoKensingtonCERT.org or 215-4450.

Knucklehead the Clown Counts Fingers on Both Hands - Finds 10

Knucklehead the Clown shared magic tricks and created amazing balloons for kids age three and up, one Tuesday night last month at the Kensington Library.

Did You Know About This Recently Enacted Law?

Effective January 1st of this year, when passing an emergency vehicle on the side of the road, if you are able, you are legally obliged to move into the far lane. If you are not able to change lanes safely, then you must slow down to at least 20 mph *under* the posted speed limit. \$50-\$100 fine if you don’t! www.moveoveramerica.com. (Canada, and all but two states, have enacted similar laws).

Kensington’s Kids Take Their Places as World Citizens

In January, 42 students from Mr. Aiken’s and Ms. Henry’s fifth grade classes at Hilltop Elementary raised \$2,320.68 for Haiti. The students collected pledges from friends and family (and from their own pockets) for each step of their 5k (3+ miles) Walk-a-Thon to raise money for the *What If? Foundation*, which provides meals and educational opportunities in Haiti. (www.WhatIfFoundation.org) Kids of Kensington: The world thanks you for your good work – you *have* made a difference!

“Luscious high voltage–vintage Heifetz.”

Local audiences will have a unique opportunity to hear two major works for clarinet quintet at the Crowden Music Center on Sunday, March 7th at 7:30 pm, featuring the London Quintet – a string quartet with violinist Zina Schiff, plus clarinetist Larry London. Drawing on the model of Mozart’s clarinet quintet, Brahms, who had actually stopped writing music, began composing his quintet after hearing Richard Muhlfeld play the clarinet in 1891. (*That’s funny – my father stopped speaking to my mother after he heard me play the clarinet in 1959. – Ed.*) At the Crowden School, 1475 Rose St. Berkeley. \$15/\$10 seniors and children. Wheelchair accessible. More information at 409-2416 or www.crowden.org

Arlington Community Church Youth Choir

Wednesday nights at the Arlington Community Church, kids learn sight-reading, voice training, and the basics of music from choir director, Shanti Moorjani (not pictured). At right, four young music students learn their A-E-I-O-Oohs. And they sounded pretty good, too! (*Hey – no cheating! Miss Moorjani, she’s trying to sing my notes!*)

Thought About Converting?

Given opportunities presented by new tax legislation currently in effect, *J. Vitucci Financial Services, Inc.*, an independent Bay Area wealth management practice with offices in Kensington, has launched a platform to help clients in the decision-making process for *Roth IRA Conversion*. “The opportunity to convert traditional retirement assets to the Roth registration in 2010 is something that should be examined by everyone, says Managing Director, Jason Vitucci. We’ve developed a proprietary process for helping individuals through this decision. Everyone’s situation is unique, and the answer as to whether to convert is not a simple one. This is something that people need help sorting through now, however, as these new tax laws have created a way to plan for retirement that is a departure from traditional tax-deferral.” For help with your decision, contact J. Vitucci Financial Services at 526-2220 or www.jvituccifinancialservices.com.



Northridge Earthquake, January, 1994. 72 deaths and 114,000 structures damaged. Cost: \$25 billion. FEMA News Photo



Courtney Tamaki, Ashkan Vafai, and Ema Willis. Photo: Erhan Manyasli



Award-winning Zina Schiff performs as part of the London Quintet



• Experience Matters •

Millstein & ASSOCIATES

REAL ESTATE

- Alexandra Crisafulli
- Vivian Fendel
- Linda Gerson
- Jennifer Jonak
- Estelle Kent
- Linda Lipscomb
- Stuart Marson
- Lorraine Osmundson
- Gene Millstein

264 Arlington Avenue • Kensington, CA 94707

www.MillsteinAssociates.com

510.527.8822

You Are Invited To

Kensington Community Council’s

22nd Annual

Spring Celebration

Enjoy a delicious appetizer buffet, fine wines, soft drinks and a silent auction featuring art, collectibles and services.

The silent auction will close at 8:30 pm.

Child care is provided! Children 3–11 years old will have their own pizza and movie party at the recreation building, free of charge.

Saturday, March 13, 2010

6:30 – 9:30 pm

Kensington Community Center

59 Arlington Avenue

\$25 per adult

Payable to:

KCC Celebration, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707

Please reply by March 9th to Esther Hill at 525-0292.

Tickets will be held at the door.

Proceeds benefit KCC programs.

This event is underwritten by

Andronico’s Market,

Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Kensington,

and Mechanics Bank.

Spring Celebration

Yes! We would love to come to the Spring Celebration on Saturday, March 13th.

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$25 per adult for:

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of children attending the free pizza/movie party _____

Regretfully, we are not able to attend, but please accept this tax-deductible donation to KCC.*

Enclosed is a check in the amount of _____ payable to KCC Celebration.

*Tax I.D. 94-1491933

INTERVIEW

Introducing Ofcr Manny Ramos

We recently sat down for a little Q&A with Kensington Police Officer, Juan Manual Ramos, who was added to the force late last year. Manny, who is originally from San Jose, had this to say about his vocation:

KO: How did you decide to get into police work?

MR: I was in high school – it felt right. I went into the military and then ended up in the LAPD. In the military, I got activated for 9/11. From ‘99-‘01 I worked in telecommunications. Then it went belly up with the dot com bust – I always had police work in the back of my mind.

KO: How did you happen to decide on joining the Kensington Department?

MR: It’s a better place to work than Hayward. I’ve been in police work since 2003. I worked in LA from ‘03-‘06. Then I’ve been working in Hayward for the last three years.

KO: What surprised you most when you began your career in Hayward?

MR: I was surprised by the number of murders. When I got there in September, in only one of 23 divisions, they had had 40 murders already. By the end of the year, there were 100. There’s a lot of nighttime action that most people are not aware of because they’re not up at that time. I was also surprised by the way criminals look at you – like in *Training Day* w/Denzel Washington. Maybe it’s a territorial thing. Or for the simple fact they don’t like cops.

KO: What do you like about police work?

MR: I like it cause I can pick from A-Z for what I want to do – speeding, (drug) trafficking, anything that’s going on that’s not supposed to be going on. In between calls you have a variety of things you can look out for or look into. You never know what’s going to be happening or who you’re going to run into. There’s a lot of variety.

KO: What’s one of the most interesting incidents in which you’ve been involved as a police officer?

MR: In Los Angeles, I was patrolling a certain area between Wilshire and Rampart Division. There’s a lot of Salavadoran gang activity; a lot of armed robbery. We’re driving, in LA they’re used to having lunch trucks as a small grocery store on wheels. It’s dangerous on the streets and people don’t want to walk to the store.

Some guy runs out and he says someone’s robbing that lunch truck. We told two guys walking away to stop and they started running; all you see is a silver gun flying this way and a 357 magnum dropping that way. We caught them. It could’ve had a lot different outcome (if they hadn’t run).

KO: Any surprises in Kensington?

MR: No surprises in Kensington so far. I don’t think there will be. Although there are a lot of deer out here. I’m used to all different types of ethnic backgrounds, but I haven’t had that much experience dealing with deer. If a buck jumps out and attacks me, well, we’ll just have to see.

KMAC Update

The *Kensington Municipal Advisory Council* is a five-member board that collaborates with, and provides input and recommendations to, the County Department of Conservation and Development on matters related to Kensington land-use, planning, zoning, variance applications, code enforcement, and code changes.

Of recent interest was the visit of a County Planner to KMAC’s January 26th meeting to discuss proposed changes to the County’s Second Unit Ordinance. Currently, second units are allowed, subject to specific requirements (primarily added off-street parking). Under the current ordinance, provided all requirements are met (for setbacks, building height, unit and lot size, architectural compatibility, etc.), there is no opportunity for neighbors to express their concerns before the County issues a permit.

The proposed changes would allow for second units (including building expansions related to second units) that *do not* meet the current state requirements to be considered and decided through a public hearing process. This could put these applications in conflict with the *Kensington Ordinance*, which protects residents’ views, light, privacy and other aspects that contribute to our property values, as well as to the enjoyment of our homes.

The Kensington Ordinance was added to the County Code after four years’ work by citizens and strong support from Supervisor John Gioia, and requires any building expansion to consider impacts upon other residences before a permit may be issued.

A group of citizens attending the January 26th meeting expressed their concerns that the effectiveness of the Kensington Ordinance would be compromised unless it’s clearly spelled out in the County Code that the Kensington Ordinance has priority in the event of conflicts with the revised Second Unit Ordinance. The County Planner agreed to review the potential conflicts

and return to KMAC’s next meeting, February 23, for further discussions. *(Unfortunately past deadline for this issue. – Ed.)*

When asked about this proposed change, Supervisor Gioia explained that, normally cities and counties have planning and zoning authority over these types of issues. A few years ago, however, the state entered the fray and passed a law that said that cities and counties must approve second units that meet the requirements of state law. Gioia said the Kensington Ordinance never applied to those second units, as it was trumped by state law.

At a meeting in his office in early February, Gioia assured Kensington residents that any second unit that the county would consider, but is not forced to approve under state law, can and will be reviewed with an eye toward the Kensington Ordinance.

According to Gioia, when considering land use processes that fall within only one supervisor’s district, as this County Planning Department proposal does, the Board tends to defer to the supervisor in whose district it falls, and will generally support the supervisor’s recommendation. Supervisor Gioia has promised to recommend that the tenets of the Kensington Ordinance be considered prior to approval of second units that the County has the right to approve or deny (those not mandated to be approved by state law).

In other KMAC news, the County Board of Supervisors recently appointed Gordon Becker and Vanessa Cordova – both of whom had previously served in Alternate Member positions on the Council – to four-year terms on KMAC.

Ex-KMAC Board Member, Ray Barraza, contributed to this report. Ray retired from the board this month after eight years of dedicated service to Kensington. Thanks for all your good work, Ray!



June and Bob Linquist place their bids at KCC’s 1990 Spring Celebration Silent Auction. Displayed are a porcelain plate by donor Catharine Hiersoux, a ceramic plate by donor Anne Stewart, and a porcelain plate by Yuta Savage, donated by Mary Murchio. (Photo: Clif Taylor)

Thank you for a successful 2009!

Ridgeway Road, El Cerrito

Highgate Road, Kensington

Stanford Avenue, Kensington

Kenyon Avenue, Kensington

Elm Street, El Cerrito

Arlington Boulevard, Kensington

Edgehill Court, El Cerrito

Yale Avenue, Kensington

Vermont Avenue, Berkeley

Michigan Avenue, Berkeley

Carmel Avenue, El Cerrito

Simms Drive, Oakland

Terrace Drive, El Cerrito

Beloit Avenue, Kensington

Fairview Drive, El Cerrito

Devonshire Drive, El Cerrito

Don Carol Drive, El Cerrito

Clinton Avenue, Richmond

Oxford Street, Berkeley

San Carlos Drive, El Cerrito

Belrose Avenue, Berkeley

Santa Barbara Road, Berkeley

Everett Street, El Cerrito

Jessen Court, Kensington

Kentucky Avenue, Berkeley

Avon Road, Kensington

2010 is off to an exciting start! Although we cannot control economic cycles, we can work together to make the best possible residential real estate decisions. If you are considering buying or selling a home, call me. Together we can identify your best options.

Challenging times affect everyone, but those who make careful choices will survive. And even Thrive.

The GRUBB Co.

RUTH FRASSETTO, CRS

Over twenty-seven years of experience you can count on.

510.652.2133/414

rfrassetto@grubbco.com

Visit GRUBBCO.COM for additional information



KENSINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER
SPRING CELEBRATION
2010

County To Sweep Kensington Streets

From Supervisor John Gioia's Office:

For years we've had requests from the residents to sweep the streets in Kensington. We've been told residents have discussed this at neighborhood meetings and all agreed that sweeping would be beneficial. Their primary concern is sweeping leaves in the winter to prevent storm drains from being clogged and creating local flooding. Our staff reviewed the roads in the field and can sweep certain streets, but other streets are too steep for sweeping. At right is a map showing the streets that can be

swept and that have been added to the street sweeping program. We also notified residents by mail, informing them of the new program. We have since received several phone calls complaining about having to move cars for the street sweeper. We will not be installing street signs prohibiting parking, nor will there be any enforcement of parking. The bottom line is that the street sweepers will sweep whatever portions of the street they can, go around any parked cars that are not moved, and do the best they can. *(Good enough! – Ed.)*

Everything You Wanted to Know About the Public Safety Building But Were Afraid to Ask

Discussions about the terms of the recent renewal of the Police District's lease of space in the Public Safety Building has prompted some residents to wonder about the history of the building – and the landlord/tenant relationship between the two Districts. (The Fire District owns the building and leases out part of it to the Police District.)

We caught up with Fire District Administrator, Brenda Navellier, and asked her to tell us what she knew about the building. Here's what we found out:

The Kensington Public Safety Building, located at 217 Arlington Avenue, was constructed in 1970 by the Kensington Fire Protection District. The 5,790 s.f. facility currently houses both the community police department and fire departments.

Extensive renovation for seismic strengthening was completed in 1999 at a cost of approximately \$600,000. Total construction costs were paid by KFPD from its general fund. The KPPCSD agreed to pay \$127,000 of the costs - \$12,700 payable every year for ten years in lieu of rent during that period.

In 2005, KFPD renovated the living quarters and office space of the firefighters and administrator. Each firefighter now has his or her own bedroom. The 35-year old kitchen was modernized and better equipped to accommodate rotating shift usage. The administrator now has an office, rather than occupying a seat in the conference room. The total cost for the renovation, which included structural

strengthening over the apparatus bay, was approximately \$320,000.

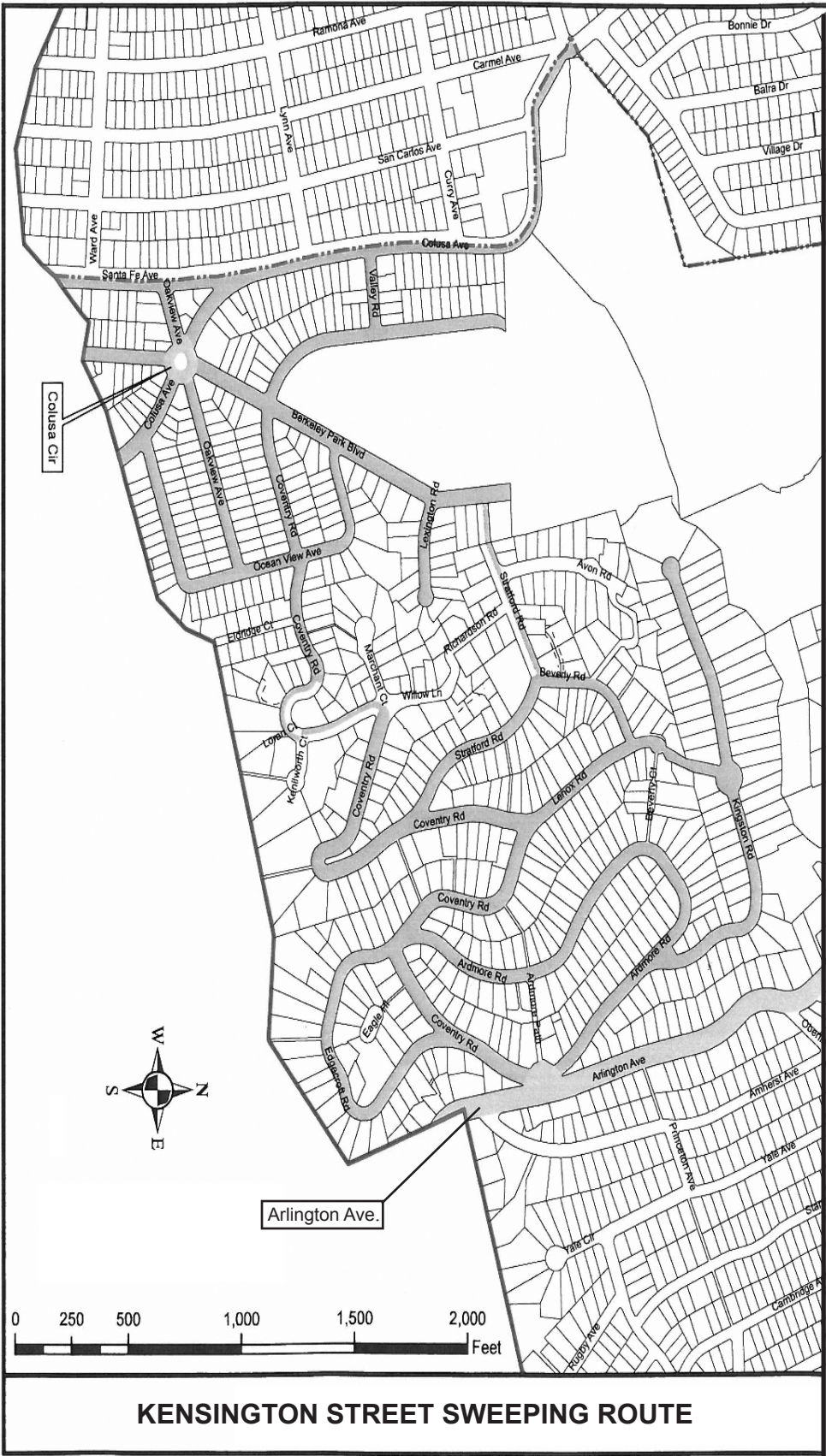
KFPD is currently proceeding with seismically shoring up the front of the building, correcting the parking area driveway to street grade, and upgrading the building siding and windows. The building requires several piers to be placed under its west side where it is pulling toward the street. The driveway grade is currently not conducive to police patrol car traffic and causes the cruisers to scrape the street as they enter and exit.

The 40-year old wood shingle siding will be replaced with fire-rated cement board shingles and many of the original windows will be replaced with dual pane. The estimated cost for these improvements is approximately \$350,000 and has been provided for in KFPD's FY 09-10 budget.

All of the improvements to the Public Safety Building have been paid from general funds. No bond indebtedness was incurred...and thanks for asking!

Thirstbusters Still Hungry

Last month in these pages we invited readers to check out local Kensington lad, Ryan Thomas, his Berkeley band boys – *Thirstbusters* – and their wildly popular *YouTube* video. Ryan has just informed us that the Disney Channel will be airing their video for the next 3 to 6 months! Coincidence? We don't think so! Go Ryan! Remember – we knew you when!



SEMIFREDDI'S

CAFÉ & BAKERY

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED

372 COLUSA AVE

KENSINGTON, CA 94707

(510) 596-9935

M-F: 7AM - 5:30PM WEEKENDS: 8AM - 4PM

VISIT US ON THE WEB @ WWW.SEMIFREDDIS.COM

OR AT OUR STORE IN BERKELEY, 3084 CLAREMONT AVE

BAKING WITH PRIDE SINCE 1984

NAN PHELPS

PHOTOGRAPHY

Learn from award winning local artists

LOVE YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA: MICHEAL MEJIA
Saturday, February 13th, 10am-2pm

CREATING with B&W FILM: KRISTIN SATZMAN
Saturday, March 13th, 10am-2pm

SIMPLE SUCCESS IN PORTRAITURE: NAN PHELPS
Saturday, April 17th, 10am-2pm

SF Photographer & High School cycling coach will put your hands on the controls to improve your digital experience.

Study B&W film techniques with a darkroom expert. Translate your vision into black and white. All film formats welcome.

Learn what you need to know to take the portraits you want, in studio or on location, from an artist with 30 years of experience.

Class size is limited to 8. Cost: \$95 per class.

REGISTER AT: NANPHELPS.COM, OR CALL 510.528.8845

398 Colusa Avenue (on Colusa Circle), Berkeley, CA



COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CELEBRATION
09



OLSON'S PAINTING
Lic. #706404

- Senior Discount Available
- Interior/Exterior
- Free Estimates
- Kensington Resident
- Pressure Washing
- Deck Refinishing/Treatment
- Fully Insured

(510) 521 - 3351



Kensington Farmers' Market

Open Sundays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Oak View Avenue at the Colusa Circle



Treat yourself to Royal class painting

Royal Painting & Decoration
EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR



- Thorough washing, scraping, sanding and prepping
- Top-of-the-line quality Benjamin Moore Paint
- Meticulous edging & detailing
- Insured & Bonded/Lic. #783841
- Recommended by satisfied homeowners & color consultants

FREE ESTIMATES
510.540.6578

KENSINGTON DEYLIVERY

• A New Community Service •

- A delivery service for community residents.
- Sponsored by community-based businesses.
- Customized same-day deliveries to your doorstep.
- Single and/or multiple orders for only \$7.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (510) 610-4638.

~Brought to you by John Dey & Night Housesitting~



Investment Advice
Investment Management

Marshall White, CFP
Certified Financial Planner

- Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds
- Retirement Planning
- Estate Planning
- Inflation Protection
- Environmentally Sound Investing
- College Planning
- Gift Programs
- Tax Planning

- Longtime Kensington resident •
- No commissions •
- Fee-only independent advice •
- Free initial consultation •

528 – 9484

Berkeley Opera Finds New Home in El Cerrito

New Artistic Director is Kensington's Mark Streshinsky

Big news in the local opera world is *Berkeley Opera's* move to El Cerrito, with Kensington's Mark Streshinsky signing on as its new Artistic Director. He will partner with Jonathan Khuner, Berkeley Opera's long-time Music Director.

The first production of the 2010 season, Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, opened February 20 in the brand new, state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center on the El Cerrito High School campus. Aaron Copeland's *The Tender Land* will open April 10, and an acclaimed one-night version of Wagner's Ring Cycle, *The Legend of the Ring*, begins July 31.

Streshinsky went to Kensington Hilltop School in the 1970s, then on to El Cerrito High School at a time when music was a vibrant part of the then-Richmond School District's program. After college at U.C. Santa Cruz, he spent 10 years in New York establishing himself as a director in opera.

Mark married soprano Marie Plette, who was singing at the Metropolitan Opera at the time. In 1999 they had a son, Evan, and Mark began directing opera productions in such cities as Dallas, Seattle, New York, Miami, St. Louis and Boston. The couple moved back to Kensington in time for Evan to start school; he's now a fifth grader.

"I'm excited about growing Berkeley Opera, making it one of the premiere small companies in the country," Streshinsky says.

"Bringing music back to my old school district, with its remarkable new theater, is a giant first step. We aim to delight all those opera buffs who are alive and well in our East Bay neighborhoods, and also to introduce this old art form to a lot of folks who haven't yet discovered it. And the price is right. A night at our opera can cost as little as \$25, and there isn't a bad seat in the house."

In the plans: A contest to find a name that reflects this expanded Berkeley Opera. For tickets, call 800-838-3006 or visit Berkeleyopera.org.

Mark is the son of Kensington residents, Shirley – and the late Ted – Streshinsky.



Coming April 17th: Earth Day, 2010

TRASH PATROL

YOUR LOCAL FAMILY-OWNED ALTERNATIVE FOR ALL YOUR HAULING NEEDS.

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • TRASH REMOVAL
OVERGROWN VEGETATION CLEARING • QUALITY WORK

(510) 367-5695
WWW.TRASHPATROL.COM

or dial **510 HAULING**
428-5464

KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

"NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX ORDINANCE"

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Kensington Community Center at 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, California, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District will consider the adoption of an ordinance which will, if adopted by the Board, and confirmed by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the voters of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District, impose an annual Supplemental Special Tax in an amount not to exceed \$200.00 per single family residential parcel, subject to CPI, with amounts for properties in other use categories indentified in the ordinance for continued Kensington Police Department coverage within the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the aforementioned Supplemental Special Tax will be imposed in addition to the Existing Special Tax that was approved by voters in 1994.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Ordinance will further provide for the method of collection of said Supplemental Special Tax and for reasonable costs for collection of such Supplemental Special Tax.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons desiring to address the Board regarding the proposed Ordinance should attend the hearing at the above place on the date and time indicated or if they wish to comment on the proposed Ordinance in writing, that they do so no later than 5:00 PM on March 11, 2010 to the District General Manager at the Kensington Public Safety Building at 217 Arlington Avenue.

217 Arlington Avenue • Kensington, California 94707-1401 • (510) 526-4141



JOHN DEY, Owner
13 Years Experience
Excellent References
JohnCDey@Gmail.com

DEY & NIGHT HOUSESITTING
Days: **610-4638** Evenings: **233-1848**

5th ANNUAL
Peace Child
~ SUMMER ARTS CAMP ~
August 2 – 6, 2010
Dancing • Acting • Art • Music • Puppets and Much More!



- One-Week Musical Theater Production based on the themes of Peace, Kindness, Community, Gratitude, and Forgiveness.
- Monday through Friday: 9–1 each day with a culminating show at 7 p.m. on Friday. Morning snack and lunch included.
- Artist Instructors:
 - ~ Lisa Klein (Visual Art and Puppets)
 - ~ Michael Mansfield (Acting and Dancing)
 - ~ Shanti Moorjani (Singing and Music)
- \$150 For the Week
- Children ages 8–14 are welcome

Applications and information available at the Church office.

Arlington Community Church
August 2 – 6, 2010 • 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Visit our website www.acc-ucc.org
or call us at 510-526-9146 for more information.



From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From January 2010

• 2010-151 On 1/10/10 at 1135 hrs., Officer Wilson took a petty-theft-from-an-unlocked-vehicle report from a resident on Amherst Ave.

• 2010-152 On 1/10/10 at 1159 hrs., Officer Ramos took four petty-theft-from-unlocked-vehicle reports from residents on Amherst Ave.

• 2010-191 On 1/13/10 at 1357 hrs., Officers Ramos, Stegman, Barrow, and Sgt. Khan assisted Oakland PD officers as they attempted to locate a homicide suspect being harbored at a house on Kingston Rd.

• 2010-263 On 1/17/10 at 0822 hrs., Officer Wilson took a vandalism report of a county road sign at Sunset Dr. and Franciscan Way.

• 2010-343 On 1/22/10 at 1053 hrs., Officer Ramos took a petty theft report on Marguerita Rd.

• 2010-378 On 1/24/10 at 1751 hrs., Sgt. Khan took an attempted residential burglary report on Ardmore Rd.

• 2010-380 On 1/25/10 at 0032 hrs., Officer Stegman took a stolen vehicle report on Franciscan Way.

• 2010-382 & 10-385 On 1/25/10 at 0640 & 0741 hrs., Officer Wilson took two auto burglary reports on Yale Ave.

• 2010-467 On 1/31/10 at 1717 hrs., Officer Ramos arrested a subject for a no bail warrant on Cowper Ave., near Kensington Ct. The subject was intoxicated and on “mushrooms.” He was combative and had to be restrained. *(I say they’re criminis! I say they’re Buttons! Criminis! Buttons!)*

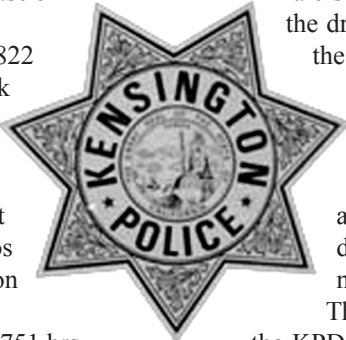
• 2010-0087 – On 1-6-2010, at 1000 hrs., a Kensington resident filed a restraining order against her significant other.

• 2010-0088 – On 1-6-2010, at 2308 hrs., Officer Medina responded to a report of domestic violence in the 200 block of Kenyon Avenue. A domestic dispute turned violent when the primary aggressor slapped the victim. The victim refused to press charges and agreed to leave the premises so things could calm.

• 2010-0120 – On 1-8-2010, at 1519 hrs., Officer Martinez responded to a report of a suspicious person at the Kensington Library. It was reported that an adult male who was recognized as being at the library in the past, was suspected of asking inappropriate questions to children at the library. Officer Martinez contacted the person who denied any misconduct or inappropriate behavior while contacting the children. His statement was confirmed after speaking with the children he was seen talking too. The person left the library without incident.

• 2010-0207 – On 1-14-2010, at 1754 hrs., Officer Martinez responded to a report of an out of control juvenile in the 00 block of Edwin Drive. The juvenile became upset because a parent would not write out an excuse for cutting class – which resulted in a suspension – so the juvenile took a hockey stick and shattered windows, broke lamps, broke pictures, and dented kitchen appliances. Several items and walls inside and outside the residence was spray painted with graffiti. The parent did not want to press charges against the juvenile. *(“Who says our little Jimmy is out of control?”)*

• 2010-0347 – On 1-22-2010, at 1548 hrs., Officer Ramos responded to a non-injury accident in the 00 block of Arlington Avenue. A juvenile Kensington resident



who was transporting friends and driving too fast for conditions ran off the roadway into the front yard of a residence. The residents expressed concern as they have two young children and they have witnessed 10 accidents in this area since they moved to Kensington, several of which terminated on their property.

• 2010-0431 – On 1-28-2010, at 1830 hrs., Officer Medina responded to a report of theft in the 00 block of Kingston Drive. A resident witnessed an adult male suspect load a generator from the driveway of the residence into the bed of a Ford truck. The resident confronted the suspect who removed the generator from the truck bed, got into the truck cab compartment and fled the scene. The resident obtained a license plate number of the suspect vehicle. This report was forwarded to the KPD detective for further investigation.

• 2010-0432 – On 1-28-2010, at 1713 hrs., Officer Martinez conducted a routine traffic stop on Colusa Ave. The driver of the vehicle, a Kensington resident from the 00 block of Kingston Rd., admitted to having a suspended license and a \$10,000 misdemeanor warrant from the Contra Costa Superior Court for possession of burglar tools. The warrant was not releasable so he was taken into custody, issued a traffic citation and transported to the County Jail in Martinez.

• 2010-0434 – On 1-28-2010, at 2142 hrs., Officer Medina responded to a report of theft from a vehicle in the 300 block of Colusa Avenue. An unknown suspect took \$900 worth of items from an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway. *(We say, why bother to lock your car when you don’t even have a thousand bucks worth of stuff in it?)*

• 2010-0438 – On 1-29-2010, at 0727 hrs., Officer Martinez responded to a report of theft from a vehicle in the 200 block of Yale Avenue. An unknown suspect smashed the rear window of the vehicle and stole several items.

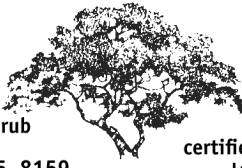
• 2010-0439 – On 1-29-2010, at 0842 hrs., Officer Martinez responded to a report of damage to a vehicle in the 00 block of Yale Circle. An unknown suspect smashed the rear passenger side window of a vehicle parked on the roadway.

• 2010-0440 – On 1-29-2010, at 0833 hrs., Officer Martinez responded to a report of damage to a vehicle in the 200 block of Amherst Avenue. An unknown suspect smashed the driver’s side window.

• 2010-0441 – On 1-29-2010, at 1434 hrs., Officer Martinez responded to a report of theft from a vehicle in the 00 block of Norwood Ave. An unknown suspect stole \$200 worth of items from an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway.

• 2010-0444 – On 1-29-2010, at 1830 hrs., Sgt. Hull took a report of a missing juvenile over the phone. A parent whose ten year old daughter attends Hilltop Elementary School phoned KPD to report her missing. The daughter was located inside The Neighborhood School with a teacher because the child’s grandmother was late.

• 2010-0451 – On 1-30-2010, at 1000 hrs., Officer Martinez responded to a report of vehicle theft from a driveway in the 100 block of York Avenue. An unknown suspect is still being sought.



Tree & Shrub Service
(510) 525-8159

Ken Kirsch
certified arborist
Lic. #667903

IRONWOOD ENGINEERING CO.
Civil and Structural Engineering • Licensed Engineers
Earthquake Strengthening • Drainage • Remodels
New Construction • Additions • Foundation Repairs
Retaining Walls • Inspections • Kensington Resident

524-8058

Nasty Tub or Shower?



Save over replacement

Before

After

We resurface your tub or shower pan, and tile. We make them look brand new again. If necessary, we fix any damage to tub and tile prior to resurfacing. Fiberglass or metal tubs and shower pans.

Call today!
(510) 283-8299
MrHousefixer.com

ARLINGTON AUTO SHOP

NEW LOCATION

806 San Pablo Avenue

Albany, CA 94706

(One block north of Solano Ave./Beverages and More)

SMOG CHECK SPECIAL
\$30.00 OFF

510-525-7095
We Provide Full Service
Tire Pressure, Top Off all the Fluid Levels and Check Wiper Blades

Labor Special 20% Off
on any repairs or service.



SHINING STAR

“Bebe has an **incredible** grasp of the residential real estate market – more than any agent I have ever known. She knows every house and understands exactly how to maximize the value of each one. We software professionals could learn a thing or two from her in **negotiation!** She is also an incredible human being and is **enormously professional** to work with. This is a human network as much as any other professional network.”

-- Mark J. Barrenechea,
CEO Silicon Graphics, Inc.

“She is the **best in the East Bay** and is very **savvy**, not only about the market but also in truly knowing what all the **possibilities** are. She is a huge source of **knowledge** and the experts she suggests to help for whatever needs or questions arise are always the best.”

-- Ann Taylor,
Seller of historic William Wurster designed home

“In interviewing the **East Bay’s top agents**, each one promised **international luxury exposure** for my estate, ‘unparalleled access to top, professional couples’, and ‘personal showings to qualified buyers’. However, as I followed up with personal references, and carefully reviewed the sold properties in my elite pricing category, one name stood out above all the rest: **BEBE McRAE.**”



-- Tony Rich, Corporate President

The Grubb Company congratulates

Bebe McRae

as the company’s #1 Agent!

510.652.2133/415 | bmcrae@grubbco.com
bebemcrae.com



For police NON-emergencies (**any non-life-threatening event or in-progress crime**): **Contact the dispatch center at 236-0474** and *not* the KPPCSD business line (526-4141). The KPPCSD business line is only monitored 6 hours a day during the week and should not be used to report police matters. **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: CALL 911**

KENSINGTON CALENDAR

Town Meetings

at the
Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington
(Unless otherwise noted)

KCC - March 1st
Kensington Community Council
7:30pm • 525-0292 • 1st Mondays

FKL - March 2nd
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm at the Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

KPSC - March 8th
Kensington Public Safety Council
EQ & Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays, 6:30pm. 501-8165

KARO/ECHO - March 8th
Amateur Radio Operators
Provides assistance to community emergency response teams in the case of natural disasters. Actively soliciting new members interested in operating amateur radios as a community service. 2nd Mondays of odd months. 7:30pm. 524-9815

KFPD - March 10th
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - March 11th
Police Protection and Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - March 22nd
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 558-1123

KMAC - March 30th
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tuesdays 7pm. 273-9926

KPOA
Property Owners Association
One annual general spring membership meeting; Board of Directors meets quarterly. 525-1709

Online Neighborhood Newsgroup
<http://groups.google.com/group/kensingtontips?hl=en>

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

March thru April Art Exhibit sponsored by Friends of the Library: Christopher Castle, multimedia environmental artist. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Call library for hours 524-3043 or email castle.art@sbcglobal.net

March 1 “Castoffs” Knitting Group.
All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 2 Power of Myth at the Movies.
Discussion of *Tsotsi* led by Richard Stromer. Please watch the movie in advance. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 7:30-9pm. \$5. 525-0302.

March 3 CERT Training: Terrorism Awareness. 6:30-9pm, Kensington Community Ctr, 59 Arlington Ave. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

March 3 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters will meet to discuss local issues at 1:15pm at 50 Avon Road. Guests are welcome. Please call 527-8683 to confirm.

March 3, 10, 17, 24 Young People’s Choir. Learn sight-reading, voice training, and the basics of music. Small fee. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave. 6:15-7pm. 526-9146

March 4 CERT Training: Disaster Medical Part 1. 6:30-9pm, El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

March 4, 11, 18 - Young People’s Dance Theatre. Ages 7-14 create dances and songs. Small fee. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Avenue. 6:15-7:30pm. 526-9146

March 6 Writer’s Workshop: Who in the World Do You Think You Are? Led by Beth Glick-Rieman. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 9:30am-4pm. \$40. Register at 225-5868.

March 7 Personal Theology Series: Dr. Victoria Lee: “Sacred Sexuality as the Life Force.” Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

March 7 London String Quartet with clarinetist Larry London. Brahms and Mozart. 7:30pm, Crowden School, 1475 Rose St. Berkeley. \$15/\$10 kids & snrs. 409-2416. W/chair accessible.

March 8 Kensington Public Safety Council Reorganizational Meeting; Election of officers. All residents are invited. Community Center, 6:30pm. More information: 501-8165

March 11 KPPCSD Meeting. Police tax increase: Presentation by NBS consultants and discussion. 7pm, Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 526-4141

March 11 CERT Training: Disaster Medical Part 2. 6:30-9pm, El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

March 11 El Cerrito Garden Club meets from 9:30am to Noon at the EC Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Joshua Muscat of the San Francisco Botanical Clinic will speak on “Local Medicinal Herbs and Your Health.” Visitors are invited to attend (\$3) at the door. 233-9365.

March 13 Creating with Black and White Film. Study B&W film techniques with Kristin Satzman, including exposure, composition, visualizing in B&W and more. Discover the beauty only film can create. All film formats welcome. 10-2pm, Nan Phelps Photography Studio 398 Colusa Ave. Register at 528-8845. www.NanPhelps.com

March 13 Kensington Community Council’s Spring Celebration. Food, drink, and silent auction for the adults; kids’ party with games, movies, and food for ages 3-11. \$25 at the door. 6:30-9:30pm at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Info: 525-0292

March 13 Free CPR Training. Sponsored by the Red Cross. 9am, 11am, and 1pm sessions available. West Contra Costa County Adult Education Center, 6028 Ralston Ave., Richmond. 1-888-4-HELP-BAY to reserve. www.RedCrossCPRSaturday.org

March 13 Rabbit Adoption Day. Meet *Pepsi* and *Doolittle*, *Momo*, *HotDog*, and *Shortcake*; learn from the experts about habitat, grooming and health, RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave. 1-4pm. 525-6155 or www.rabbitears.org

March 13 Dealing with Aggressive Bunnies. Learn simple techniques for training your aggressive, nervous, frightened, grumpy, thumping, boxing, biting or downright tyrannical rabbit without blood, sweat or tears! RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave. 2-3:30pm. 525-6155 or fixpets@yahoo.com

March 14 Personal Theology Series: Dr. Victoria Lee: Poems from Rumi, Mary Oliver, Billy Collins, and others. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

March 15 Asian Art Museum – “Shanghai: a Unique and Dynamic Metropolis.” Slide show and talk by (more-than-just-a-decent) docent, LauraBeth Nelson. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 16 Berkeley Garden Club presents: “Great Herbs for the Garden.” Rose Loveall-Sale, Co-owner of *Morning Sun Herb Farm*. 2pm at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Free. 526-1083 or www.BerkeleyGardenClub.org

March 16 Award-winning Magician and Comedian Timothy James and his sidekick, Rocky the Raccoon present magic and humor including “eye-popping sleight of hand, fast-paced audience interaction, & laugh-out-loud comedy.” Ages 3 and up. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 16 Persian New Year Festival. Jump over the bonfire to welcome spring. Persian food, music, dance. 6-10pm, Persian Center, 2029 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Free. 548-5335 or www.PersianCenter.org

March 18 CERT Training: Fire Suppression & Utility Control. 6:30-9pm, El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Free. 215-4450

March 18 & 25 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs, & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15 & 11:15. Free. 524-3043. (Skip 3/4 & 3/11)

March 20 Small Critters Adoption Day. Meet the guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits and more at RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave., 1-4pm. www.rabbitears.org

March 20 MENC Fundraiser for Music In Our Schools with James Wallace, flutist/composer & student soloist. 12-3pm at The Arlington, 269 Arlington Ave. 525-3900. www.menc.org or www.jameswallace.net

The Dan Lynch Company

Waterproofing • Decks • Doors
Windows • Repairs • Remodels
510-524-4044
www.LynchandDaughter.com
License #867877



The Paint Company

• Residential/Commercial • Interior/Exterior
• Local References • Waterproofing
• Carpentry • All Work Guaranteed

527-2673

FREE ESTIMATES
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AVAILABLE
OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
STATE LIC. #515120 • FULLY INSURED
Email: thepaintco@home.com

D. A. FLOWERS & COMPANY, LLC

FINANCIAL PLANNING • INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Providing comprehensive personal financial planning and investment management to families & individuals.

We work in your best interest to offer objective, client-centered advice on a fee-only, non-commission basis.

Call for a free initial consultation

David A. Flowers, CFP®
Kensington Resident
(510) 868-2648

1808 6th Street, Berkeley, CA 94710
info@dafflowersandcompany.com

www.dafflowersandcompany.com

SPITZLEY CONSTRUCTION, INC.

We Do:

- Planning & Design
- Remodel & Additions
- Kitchens & Baths
- New Doors & Windows
- Decks
- Structural Work
- Driveways & Walkways

LIC. #430620

CALL US AT: 510-841-2185

OMNT PAINTING

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR

- Waterproofing (Elastomeric Coating)
- Professional Preparation
- Many Local References
- Fully Insured
- All Work Guaranteed
- Free Estimates

Lic. #703887

510-654-3339

CALENDAR

(Continued)

March 21 Personal Theology Series: Alice Clark: “Hindu Worship.” Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

March 22 Book Club. Discussion of *House of the Spirits* by Isabel Allende. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 23 Meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club features a noted speaker (TBA) on “Earthquake in Haiti: History, Society and Politics Collide.” The recent Haitian disaster was not just a geological accident, and the recovery from it must involve more than material aid. 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall, El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Avenue, EC. Light refreshments; pizza \$4/person. 527-5953 or panterazero@gmail.com

March 23 Passamezzo Moderno. Vivaldi, Purcell, Handel, & others. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 8 pm. \$25. HS students, free; post-HS students, \$10. Wheelchair accessible. Information: 525-5211 or www.berkeleychamberperform.org

March 24 EC Fire Dept. Battalion Chief, Michael Bond, speaks on “Safety Measures” at the Kensington Area Republican Women’s Club Meeting, 12pm; 12:30 lunch. Mira Vista Golf & Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. \$20. Reservations at 524-5689 by 3/19.

March 25 CERT Training: Search & Rescue. 6:30-9pm, El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

March 27 Sacred Sexuality Workshop for Couples and Singles. Led by Dr. Victoria Lee. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 10am-4pm. \$70 for 2/\$40 for 1. Register: 882-2330 or www.drictorialee.com

March 27, Cats and Kittens Adoption Day. Meet rescued cats from local shelters and back alleys, learn how to take care of feral cats in your neighborhood, and how you can help out at your local shelter. RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave., 1-4pm. 525-6155 • fixpets@yahoo.com

March 28 Personal Theology Series: Alice Clark: “Pathways to the Divine.” Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

March 28 Beds and Bones Campaign for U.S. Military War Dogs. Support the deployed K-9 working dog troops serving our country in the Middle East, their soldier handlers, and adoptions back home when the dogs retire, RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave., 1-4pm. 525-6155. www.rabbitears.org

March 28 Palm Sunday, A Different Kind of King. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave. 10am. 526-9146

April 1 CERT Training: CERT Organization. El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 6:30-9pm. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

April 1 Holy Thursday Last Supper Celebration, Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave. 7pm. 526-9146

April 2 Good Friday Meditation Time. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Noon-3pm. 526-9146

April 4 Easter Sunday, Through the Eyes of Mary Magdalene. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave. 10am. 526-9146

CALENDAR SUBMISSION

GUIDELINES

1. Deadline: 10th of the month preceding publication date (March 10th for the April issue).
2. Late submissions are always welcome, and will be published on a space-and-time/available basis.
3. We give priority to Kensington events, and publish events in surrounding communities on a space-available basis.
4. Email submission is preferred, if possible. You can make our lives easier if you send your item in our format. Date (but no day), event title, brief description, location, address, time, cost, phone and/or web site (sans “http://”). Online protocol now calls for only one space after periods, not two, as in the time of the typewriter. No ‘all caps’ please. No 510 area code needed – this is a neighborhood newspaper. You can see the sorts of abbreviations we typically use, at left and above.

Email:
Editor@KensingtonOutlook.com

Thanks!



2010 Relay For

Life of El Cerrito

After more than 6 years away, the American Cancer Society’s *Relay for Life of El Cerrito* will be returning July 2010. Volunteers are needed to lend their support in the planning process, organize and recruit teams, seek community help, organize logistics, find donations for refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment and much, much more!

Relay for Life is a fun-filled, life-changing event that gives everyone in communities around the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, to spread awareness, and fight back against the disease by raising money for research and patient services. The signature volunteer-driven cancer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society, *Relay* has spread to 21 countries worldwide and is held in local communities, campus universities, military bases, and cyberspace.

At Relay, teams camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relay is a 24-hour, overnight event.

The planning committee is having a meeting on Wednesday, March 3rd, starting at 6:30pm, which will be held at Marvin Gardens Real Estate, 7502 Fairmount Avenue, to look for committee members and individuals interested in starting teams. For more information, or to RSVP for the Wednesday meeting (or if you cannot attend but would still like to volunteer), please call Julie Oshiro at 541-8036 or e-mail elcerritorelay@gmail.com. Or visit www.relayforlife.org/elcerritoca.

UNITARIAN

UNIVERSALIST

CHURCH

OF BERKELEY

Revs. Barbara & Bill Hamilton-Holway,
Rev. Christopher Holton Jablonski

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Services at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Religious Education at 11 a.m.

525-0302

www.uucb.org

1 Lawson Road in Kensington
(follow signs from Arlington & Moeser)

DUBOIS

GARDENING

All phases of garden work
done from the ground up.
We specialize in the use of
organic techniques and hand tools.

- NEW GARDENS
- MAINTENANCE
- TREE & SHRUB PRUNING
- FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION

(510) 685-5126 • (510) 236-5617

Free Estimates • Lic. #019992

General Manager

Jan. 2010 Report

Police Tax

Following the January 7th Special Meeting of the Board, in which the Board voted to move forward with hiring NBS to place a supplemental police tax on the June ballot, NBS has been hired, and it is proceeding with the ballot process. At the February 11th KPPCSD Board meeting, the resolution moving forward with the supplemental police tax was approved.

COPS Funding

On January 27th, I learned that every city currently participating in the COPS Grant Program could possibly receive the minimum \$100,000. If the funding becomes available, we should receive our grant allocation near the end of this fiscal year.

SB 90

In the December 2009 issue of SDCA *Special District* magazine, there was an article indicating that SB 90 *State Mandate Cost Program-Brown Act Reform* has been recently restored. This will provide every special district in the state the opportunity for reimbursement for the time and costs associated with preparing regular meeting agendas in accordance with the Brown Act. What this could mean to us is that we may apply for reimbursement for the meetings held during the last four fiscal years, and could be eligible for up to \$25,000. We are preparing the documents needed to apply for reimbursement.

Kensington Park Restroom

We are continuing to move forward with the park restroom project. We have applied for the Land Use Permit from the County and are beginning to prepare our documents to begin the bid process. A Preliminary Building and Site Plan has been prepared and was presented to the Board for review at the February 11th meeting.

Community Center

At the January 14th KPPCSD meeting, KCC presented its proposal to the Board for the remodel of the Community Center. Discussions and plans are ongoing with the KCC regarding the remodeling project, which is scheduled to begin this summer.

See Report, page 13...



WINDOW DECOR

& MORE

We bring a van full of decorating
ideas right to your door.

DRAPERIES • ROMAN SHADES • SILHOUETTES
DUETTES • BLINDS • BEDSPREADS

BARBARA ADDICOTT
848-9968

NO CHARGE FOR CONSULTATION

BEDS AND BONES

FOR

U.S. WAR DOGS

A Special Salute to our
K-9 troops serving the country
in the Middle East.

Sunday, March 28 • 2-4 p.m.

RabbitEARS

377 Colusa Ave. • Kensington
510.525.6155

All donations will help deployed U.S. Military Working Dog Handlers, their active duty Working Dogs, local law enforcement K-9 Units throughout the country, and adoption efforts for retired Dogs of War.

SUSAN BAKKER, EA

INCOME TAX PREPARATION
• BOOKKEEPING SERVICES •

400 COLUSA AVENUE
EL CERRITO, CA 94530

527 - 4137

Michael Kozel

Dipl.-Ing.(architecture)

remodeling - expanding - new home

510-333-6616

www.designsupplement.com

michael@designsupplement.com



Spectacular Service

Housekeeping

We provide excellent
housecleaning service with the
greatest attention to detail.
10 years of experience,
excellent recommendations.
Let us create free time for you...

FREE
ESTIMATE

Ask for Olivia

510.228.5704

Lic. No. 3004781

Classified Advertising

A HOME REPAIR EXPERT. Fences, decks, carpentry, tile work, doors and locks, glass and windows, small electrical/plumbing jobs, odd jobs. Local references. Call Rick at 761-7168

A LONG-TIME KENSINGTON RESIDENT, I'm a retired software engineer, able to solve your computer problems, de-mystify your computer and the Internet. Very reasonable rates, at your site or mine. 527-3069

AARON REPAIRS: Basic plumbing & electric, fences, walls & paint. 672-1679

ALL THINGS MAC: Apple Certified Trouble Shooter for hire. New computer? Odd errors? Print problems? Upgrades, repair, training, wireless, iPods. We come to you. Ruth/Helga: 510-526-1209

AURORA PAINTING & DECORATING. Interior, exterior, waterproof coatings, wood restoration, color consultation. License #721226. Kensington references. 655-9267 for free estimate.

BABY-SITTING SERVICE for all ages. Kate Gorman, a 24 year-old long-term resident of Kensington, has 10 years of baby-sitting experience and can provide local references. Please contact Kate (510) 333-7513 or email KateEGorman@gmail.com

BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII. Relax at Vacation Beach House on South Kohala Coast. Lovely 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, ocean/mountain views, owned by Kensington residents. 527-2009 www.halelea.com

BRIDGE PAINTING paints houses! Top quality, int/ext, A-1 prep. for lasting finish, Sr. discount, fully ins., Lic. 639300, free est., see display ad inside. 232-3340.

CERTIFIED MESSAGE THERAPIST – Massage decreases cortisol, the stress hormone that can tighten muscles causing tension headaches. Massage relaxes you so you can sleep more easily. 25 years exp. Gift certificates. Joan Provencher 525-2750

COMPUTER COURAGE, founded in Kensington. We work with you in your home or office to help you solve computer problems, speed up your PC, purchase/set up new computers, set up backup, security, antivirus, and more. PC and Mac supported. 10 years experience. (510)525-2226 or adam@computercourage.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES - PICK UP/DROP OFF. German tutor; housecleaning; ironing; shopping, etc. Kensington references. Tina (510) 652-3136

FRIDAYS ONLY - SPECIAL \$5.00 BOUQUETS at D'Jour Floral & The perfect way to start a weekend. Full-service florist offering a unique blend of cards, gift items, clothing and collectibles. Located at 7512 Fairmount Ave., across from FatApples. 525-7232

FURNITURE: Repairs Refinishing Retrofit Build. Sensible, lasting workmanship by 3rd generation fine furniture maker, Huttonio Brooks. Kensington. 559-8549. www.huttonio.com

GLUTEN FREE CLASSES for everyone: How & Why? Ann 528-6267 or TheGlutenExpert.com for info

HANDYMAN – Household repairs, painting, light hauling, etc. No job too small. Lic#731968, bonded. Local references. Call 233-7020.

HANDYMAN BRUCE – Painting; fence/decks; small yard work & hauling; roofing; locks; glass, etc. 684-2235.

HARDWOOD FLOORS – cork floors, wood countertops professionally sanded & refinished or sealed & waxed. Vinyl and tile stripped, sealed and waxed. Carpets professionally deep cleaned using the “Roto-Vac” method. Knowledgeable, enthusiastic, single-handed perfectionist with 35 yrs of local experience. License #69082. SWIRSDING’S FLOOR SERVICE 548-7766.

HIGH QUALITY GARDENING: Skilled Maintenance; Design and Installations, Clean-ups, Pruning, Irrigation, Ecologically minded since 1995 in East Bay, Green's Gardens 510-593-3496

JB TOWNSEND PAINTING Would you like to transform your home from dull to dramatic? For a complete interior or exterior makeover please call for a free in-home consultation. 510-502-3626 Lic#927916

KENSINGTON TAX CLINIC. Evan Appelman, Enrolled Agent. Individual & small business, trusts, representation. Personalized service at reasonable rates. E-File, house calls. 526-8449

MASTER CARPENTER. 30 years experience in home remodeling and renovation: stairs, doors, windows, cabinets, bookcases, trim, drywall, decks, fencing. Framing through finish. Large or small jobs. Local resident George Spilsbury, 525-4051.

MYRON OLSON PAINTING – Interior/Exterior; Pressure Washing, Deck Refinishing/Treatment, Senior Discount, Free Estimates. Lic#706404/Fully Insured. 510-521-3351

OVERNIGHT & EXTENDED PET CARE in Kensington. Dog-loving couple takes dogs as “one of the family” in safe, spacious Ken. home. Long time residents, dog handlers. John/Martha 527-1347

THE PAINT COMPANY. Highest quality work inside and out. Estimates and consultation are free. Many satisfied local references. Fully insured. License #515120. Call us today at 527-2673.

PET SITTING & DOG WALKS - Safe Hands Pet Care, the trusted name for great pet care. Bonded, Insured, Licensed. We make pets smile!!! (510) 528-7870 WWW.SAFEHANDSPETCARE.COM

PETER THE PAINTER - 20 yrs. of great Kensington references! Painted to last. Free est. Free color consult. Call Peter 575-3913.

PIANO STUDY – Sight Reading at the piano opens door to music for boy and girls, teens and adults. northberkeleypianoschool@yahoo.com. Credentialed Instructors. 510-524-1808; 510-524-2699

PROFESSIONAL EDITOR. Memoirs, family history, fiction, articles, dissertations, newsletters. Words Into Print. Kate Gilpin. 236-8544

RENE’S HAULING. Fast and friendly trash removal for your home, yard, attic, basement or business. Just dial 510-HAULING (428-5464) or 510-367-5695

SPRING IS IN THE AIR – Easter bouquets and new spring outfits available at D'Jour Floral & Boutique. We offer a unique blend of flowers, cards, gift items, clothing and collectibles. Located at 7512 Fairmount Ave., across from FatApples. 525-7232

SUNSET WINDOWS & GUTTER CLEANING and repairs. Jim (510) 393-8929

TAX PREPARATION Joan Provencher, Enrolled Agent. Individual & business returns. Reasonable Rates. 525-2750

TREJO PAINTING AND DECORATING Reconditioning and Restoring since 1985 Surface Prep Specialists. Interiors-Exteriors License #744255 Insured and Bonded Free Estimates 510-697-0938

TWO STRONG WOMEN HAUL AWAY SVC. Pick up, clean out, dump run, deliver, donate most anything, anytime. Leslie at 510-235-0122. Email: two_strongwomen@yahoo.com.

WINDOW CLEANING: Homes or commercial. Free estimate. References available. Call Cathie at 510-524-9185.

HOW TO PLACE
AN AD IN THE OUTLOOK

Advertising.....510-526-3241
advertising@KensingtonOutlook.com

Classified ad rates are \$6 a line (45 spaces or characters), with a 2-line minimum. Online ad forms are available after the back issues listings at: www.KensingtonOutlook.com

Please email to the above email address, or send advertising to: *Kensington Outlook*, c/o 18 Kingston Rd., Kensington, CA 94707. (Other mail to: 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.)

April Advertising Deadline...March 8

Thanks – We appreciate your support!



The Professional Tree Care Company

Caring for trees since 1978.

Our services range from consultation through all aspects of tree health care and removal. We have a 100% recycle policy for all materials generated by our activities. Certified arborists, licensed/insured. www.professionaltreecare.com

510-549-3954 or 888-335-TREE

Tax Planning, Wills and Trusts, Probates & Estate Administration



Reasonable Rates

Elvira J. Orly, Esq.

Kensington Native & Former Professor at UC Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)

510.384.5606



Since 1988

CARTELLI PAINTING & WATERPROOFING CO.

Residential and commercial painting
Exterior and interior painting
Dry rot and termite damage repair
Stucco and siding repairs
Many local references. Insured.

Call **510-912-6287** for a free estimate
cartellipaint@yahoo.com
www.cartellipainting.com • State Lic. 549784



Kensington Nail Spa

Professional Nail Care • Facials & Waxing

Receive a 20% discount during March to celebrate our 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Tues-Fri 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m. • Sat-Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
~ Closed Mondays ~

510.526.1608

273 Arlington Ave. • Kensington, CA 94707



D'JOUR FLORAL & BOUTIQUE

Full-service florist offering a unique blend of Cards, Gift Items, Clothing and Collectibles.

CELEBRATE SPRING

Preorder your Easter Bouquets by March 25th and receive a 10% discount!

7512 Fairmount Ave. • El Cerrito, CA 94530
• GATEWAY TO KENSINGTON •
Phone: 510-525-7232 • Fax: 510-525-7285 • Toll Free: 877-747-7232

Local Delivery Available • Credit Cards Accepted



KENSINGTON ROOFING

- LIGHTWEIGHT STEEL TILES
- LIGHTWEIGHT SPANISH TILES
- COMPOSITION SHINGLES
- FLAT ROOF MATERIALS

- LIFETIME GUARANTEES AVAILABLE
- LICENSED, BONDED & INSURED
- KENSINGTON RESIDENT DISCOUNTS
- FREE ESTIMATES



524-2925



L&M HANDYMAN Services

Need Home Repairs ?

We repair: Wall damage, Roofs, Tile, Hardwood floors, Water damage, Plumbing, Retaining walls, Windows and doors, Dry rot, Water intrusion, Decks and Fences, Interior and exterior stairs, Wet basements, Cracked plaster walls, Rotted doors and windows, Carpentry, Concrete work, Masonry, Painting, etc.

Call today! (510) 283-8299 MrHousefixer.com

New Listing in Kensington

Sun-bathed home with astounding views. Updated kitchen with a beautiful breakfast room. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room with fireplace, and garden-level bonus spaces waiting for imaginative uses. Over 2,000 sq ft of living space.



244 Colgate Avenue

289 Arlington Avenue ♦ Kensington



CELIA CONCUS

CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL SPECIALIST

510.527.0211



MARVIN GARDENS
REAL ESTATE

KENSINGTON OUTLOOK
59 ARLINGTON AVENUE
KENSINGTON, CA 94707-1037

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit No 1058
BERKELEY, CA

... Report from Page 11

Annex

On January 20th, I met with the architect who has worked on the preliminary plans for the Annex remodel. We examined the repairs and improvements that will be necessary in order to bring the Annex up to code for use as a public meeting facility. The findings from that meeting were presented to the KPPCSD Board on 2/11.

Solid Waste

Our *Free electronics Recycling Day* took place on Saturday, Jan. 16th in the Community Center parking lot. Judging from the amount of electronic waste that was collected, it appeared to have been a very successful event.

Emergency Preparedness

We now have the agenda and minutes of the Public Safety Council posted on the KPPCSD website. All Kensington residents are invited to attend a critical meeting of the Kensington Public Safety Council on Monday, Feb. 8th at the Community Center. The direction and organization of the group will be revamped.

Traffic

The UC Berkeley Traffic Safety Institute is currently conducting a free traffic survey for our community, with special attention given to the traffic light at Arlington and Kensington Park Rd. The study is expected to be available to the public this month.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping began in Kensington in January and will be provided at no cost by the Contra Costa County Public Works Dept. on the first Friday of every month (*see map, Page 7*). Residents are being asked to help by moving their vehicles, garbage, and recycling cans from the street, clearing large debris and obstructions from the gutters, trimming back vegetation along the curb and sidewalk, and refraining from piling leaves or green waste in the roadway.

– Submitted by Greg Harman, Kensington General Manager and Chief of Police.

Part-time • Full-time • K'garten Afterschool
KENSINGTON NURSERY SCHOOL
—A parent co-op since 1940—
Creative, Nurturing, Developmental Program for Children 2.9 thru 5 yrs. old.
Open 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Year Round
524-7963
52 Arlington Ave., Kensington • Lic. #070200431
WWW.KNS-CA.ORG

LICENSE #721226
AURORA
PAINTING & DECORATING
Serving Bay Area Customers for 20 Years
INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR
WATERPROOF COATINGS
WOOD RESTORATION
COLOR CONSULTATION
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
SENIOR DISCOUNT
BONDED • INSURED
KENSINGTON REFERENCES
CALL TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
510-655-9267
www.aurora-painting.com

BRIDGE PAINTING
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
Interior • Exterior
 **Careful Preparation for a Lasting Finish!**
CALL TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
232-3340
Insured PL & PD • State Lic. #639300

PROFILE

UC Berkeley Standout Wins \$10K Scholarship

Inspiration comes in many forms. For Berkeley resident, Mashalle Olomi, 17, the combination of living as an Afghan in a post-9/11 America while simultaneously studying the Civil Rights Movement in school sparked a strong passion for social justice and equality. She is currently pursuing this passion as a freshman at UC Berkeley, focusing on political science and Middle Eastern studies. The first in her family to go to college, she hopes to dedicate her life to promoting acceptance and tolerance as a civil rights lawyer and, eventually, a state senator.

Such an inspired and driven young woman is hard to come by, especially considering that two years ago, Mashalle was diagnosed with Crohn's disease, a debilitating, chronic gastrointestinal illness. The disease has led to many academically-disruptive hospitalizations – though you'd never guess it from her 4.06 GPA at the (college-preparatory) Preuss School UCSD. In fact, her refusal to let the disease hold her back earned her a \$10,000 scholarship from biopharmaceutical company UCB, awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional drive and determination to live beyond the boundaries of Crohn's disease.

Additional details about the UCB Crohn's Scholarship Program and this year's winners are at <http://multivu.prnewswire.com/mnr/ucb/39858/>.

Applications for the 2010 Scholarship Program are now available and can be accessed on www.CrohnsAndMe.com, an interactive Web site designed to empower people living with Crohn's disease to live fully and to be proactive in their care. You can also visit the *Crohn's & Me* Facebook page for more information.