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Photo: Mark Altenberg

Jessica Jones and family recently enjoyed a sunny Sunday afternoon at the Kensington Farmers' Market.

Farmers' Market Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Farmers' markets are as much about sustainable community as they are about sustainable agriculture. Consumers have lost touch with those who grow their food as much as the farmers have lost contact with the people who eat it. A farmers' market is the best place we know to reconnect with your food, the people who work hard to produce it, and your neighbors, all in one visit.

Our original market began in the parking lot of the Ace Hardware store in 2006 and was the brainchild of Judy Hardin – current owner of RabbitEars on Fairmont Avenue. And although she no longer works at the market, she can be seen every Sunday walking the aisles on Oak View Avenue buying loads of fresh organic greens for her rabbits and other creatures, big and small. From 2006 to 2008 the market was sponsored by KCC under their non-profit umbrella. It continued to expand and contract in the limited space of a parking lot, with its slight starboard tilt.

In May of 2008 the market found a new home, and a new farmer to sponsor it. We found ourselves on a full block of flat, open street at Oak View Avenue and Colusa. This new location allowed the market to offer better access to adjoining communities, and gave us room to invite more vendors to participate. Its current success is a perfect example of “If you build it they will come.”

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Kensington Hilltop Spring Carnival and Quilt Raffle

The 64th Annual Spring Carnival at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School is Saturday, May 7th, from 11am-3pm. As ever, there will be carnival games and prizes for all ages, including the Cake Walk, water balloon catapult, fortune telling, a putting green, fishing for prizes, rubber duck water race, and many more. The Dads' Club never disappoints with their grilled lunches, featuring their famous tri-tip sandwiches, sausages, hot dogs, and hamburgers. To satisfy the sweet tooth, there will be sno-cones and cotton candy as well. A highlight at the Carnival this year is the Rhea Wilson Plant Sale, bringing back a tradition of well-priced plants, seedlings, cuttings, and potted flowers just in time for summer and



Kensington Hilltop parents and closet Quilting Queens, Romy Douglass, Marie Streshinsky, and Rachelle Sherris-Watt prepare for the Spring Carnival Quilt Raffle.

Mothers' Day. The popular White Elephant Sale and Deals-on-Wheels Bike Sale will also be in full swing. The Gardens of Kensington Quilt will be raffled, along with gift certificates to local businesses.

The Quilt Raffle is a long-standing tradition (29th year) and a major fundraiser for the school's

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Don't Forget:
Kensington Nursery School's Annual Science Fun Fair
Saturday, May 14th, 10am-2pm

Junior scientists age 2–7 experience the joy of discovery at Kensington Nursery School's annual Science Fun Fair. Explore 15+ hands-on science stations, including space world, volcanoes, magnets, ocean in a bottle, nature world, water play, and more. Admission is \$3 per person (under 2 free). Lunch available.
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June Editorial Deadline.....May 10

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Refuse Rate Redux

Dear Outlook Editor,

My first thought when I heard that Bay View Refuse wanted a rate increase was, “What a bunch of baloney!” Then, the more I thought about it, I ended up being sympathetic to BVR. As a retired general contractor, I am all too familiar with bids, contracts, and fixed prices. They are unrealistic for contractors and for refuse companies. A major cost item for BVR is gasoline. How could Bay View have known that fuel prices would escalate by over 25% in a period of months? Who’s “right” and who’s “wrong” here? Well, I don’t know the answer to that, but I do know that BVR gives us very good service. I know that Kensington is the only community around where customers do not have to place their cans for the convenience of the trash company. I do not want to see Bay View go and be at the mercy at some anonymous, mega trash collection company. My recommendation: negotiate a settlement with BVR.

Bob Frankfurt

Food Sovereignty

Lifting Local Food Production restrictions. Bee keeping, chicken raising: Currently these activities are restricted or prohibited in Kensington and other parts of Contra Costa County. These restrictions have damaged the ability of local citizens to aid pollination of productive plants, such as cold tolerant avocados by the using of bees, which are necessary to produce fruit in these highly desirable plants.

In the case of chickens it just makes no sense to not be able to have egg producing hens – six would be an adequate number to enable sensible production of food without interfering with neighbors. The common complaint regarding chickens is the early morning crowing of roosters, which are not necessary for egg production – and is merely a red herring, which is promoted by large-scale poultry

product entrepreneurs to get uninformed nimby-types on board to prohibit home production of chickens. Four to six hens are not unclean and they produce a very rich fertilizer for other food plants and garden flowers. We can buy this fertilizer at Home Depot and spread it on our lawn and mix it into our vegetable and flower beds, but current industry serving prohibitions on chickens are forcing us to buy it at greatly inflated prices from Suisun City, in Solano County. This year, the prices of garden supplies have been jacked up by 19 1/2 % – from \$7.49 at Kensington Ace Hardware to \$8.95 for a 2 cubic foot bag of planting mix.

It is time to we citizens stand up to agribiz lobbyists and lift these restrictions and get our locally elected representatives such as Supervisor John Gioia to promote the needs of our local citizens by refusing to yield to the demands of the agribusiness conglomerates and their private profit machines and allow us to raise chickens and keep bees.

Michael Jordan

Excavation Explanation?

Dear Editor;

I am writing to complain about the *Outlook’s* silence regarding activities at #257 Arlington Ave. The highly visible excavation there has been a mystery to many, with tales of claims, counter claims, foundation damage, harassment, code violations, influence peddling, a land grab, and more.

For the Outlook to serve as our community newspaper, it needs to cover the news, even when that news is difficult. The press enjoys broad protections in the USA, when it reports fairly and accurately. I urge the KCC and Outlook to pursue Journalism (*sic*) per the New York Times motto: “Without Fear or Favor.” Report all the news, please.

Bryce Nesbitt
Ardmore Road

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

KCC - May 2nd
Kensington Community Council
7:30pm • 525-0292 • 1st Mondays

FKL - May 3rd
Friends of the Kensington
Library, 7pm at the Library, 61
Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

KPSC - May 9th
Kensington Public Safety Council
EQ & Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

KFPD - May 11th
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - May 12th
Police Protection and
Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - May 23rd
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC - May 31st
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tuesdays 7pm.

Editor:

I hope that Kensington residents will do what they can to track and contain “sudden oak death” the disease that is ravaging coastal California’s evergreen oaks. The fungus-like water mold that carries the disease now is established in East Bay Regional Parks from El Sobrante to Oakland, and has been confirmed in North Berkeley.

Most readers will see this too late to participate in the sudden-oak-death survey scheduled April 30 – May 1. If there’s still time, there’s info at www.fivecreeks.org, or sign up at www.sodblitz.Eventzilla.net. More Kensington surveyors needed!

If you have an i-phone, you can help with the survey described at www.oakmapper.org. For free training in how to protect specific trees, go to nature.berkeley.edu/garbelotto/english/sodtreatmenttraining.php. For general information on sudden oak death, including prevention, go to www.suddenoakdeath.org.

Loss of our coastal oaks would mean much more than loss of beauty – or property values. Danger from fire and falling limbs of trees will increase. Many birds and wild animals depend on oaks; their food and shelter would be affected, as would our watersheds and water cycle. Please help slow this plague’s spread.

Susan Schwartz, President
Friends of Five Creeks

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Ave., the Kensington Community Council’s After School Enrichment Program (KASEP) spring classes are underway and continue through June 3rd. KCC office hours are Monday-Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm. We can be reached at 510-525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com. Check out the new video of KASEP Programs produced by Dona Turner Videos, smile while you watch our KASEP kids in action: AboutKensington.com website, under “Children’s Services.”



Help from a Friend: Carpentry Teamwork!

RECREATIONAL
CLASSES FOR ADULTS

HOOP POWER
Weekly Morning Hoop Dance Class

Tuesday Mornings, 8:45 – 9:45am
Drop-ins Welcome! \$12 per class or \$40 per month. Kensington Community Center/Youth Hut

Fun and fitness, movement and meditation are all found in hoop-dance. We will start with basic waist hooping, moving on to more intermediate moves both on and off the body, all while discovering your own dance in a hoola-hoop and the soothing, meditative aspects of hooping.

No hoop experience necessary. This is a beginning class. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Hoops provided for class and will be available for purchase.

Kaye Anderson is the founder and lead hooper of Hoop Power. She is also a clinical social worker who has been working with children, teens, and families for over 15 years.

Questions: kayelcsw@hotmail.com or 919-2783. Registration: 525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com.

USER-FRIENDLY PILATES
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Wednesdays, May 11-June 29, 7:30-8:30pm, 8-class series • Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington (Youth Hut) • \$102 residents/\$103 non-residents. \$15 drop-in (1st class only)-mats provided.

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Pre-registration is encouraged. Please sign-up early to guarantee a space. To register, drop by KCC Office (M-F 10-4), or send checks payable to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington 94707. Ernie will be at the studio 10 minutes before the class. Feel free to come early if you have any specific questions.

Ernie Adams is a Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Movement Educator, with an extensive background as a professional dancer. He has over 17 years experience collaborating with physical therapists to treat orthopedic, neurological, dance and sports related injuries. Private sessions are also available. For more information, or to make an appointment, please contact Ernie at 619-9223, adams@bodyinaction.com, or www.bodyinaction.com.

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REGISTRATION

KASEP Class and Summer Day Camp Registration: Please call the office at 525-0292.

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for information. **Court Fees:** Residents – \$2 for a 45-min. singles reservation. Nonresident: \$5.

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

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



Sewing Creations
Hand sewing their purses

Annual Photo 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 the picture will be taken at the Recreation Center, Sunday May 15th, at 3:30pm. Contact Karen Whittemore, parent contact at karenwhittemore@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday May 15th

Photos (Except HS Seniors): Marty Westby

ADULT/CHILD HOOP WORKSHOP!

Come out and learn to hoop with your child/nephew/niece/grandchild/little brother or sister! Join Kaye for a 1½-hour hoop dance workshop for kids (ages 6 and up) and their grown-ups.

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Sunday, May 15th 10-11:30am
Kensington Community Park
\$30 per adult/child pair
(If you sign up with more than 1 child, it’s \$10 per extra child). Foster parents/children free.

Reserve your spots today! Contact Kaye at kayelcsw@hotmail.com or register directly through the Kensington Community Council at 525-0292.

SUMMER DAY CAMP

(KCC) Summer Camp is for children entering first grade through sixth grades in fall 2011. The camp runs from June 13th through August 19, 2011, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. Extended daycare 8-9am and 5-6pm is available for an additional fee.

The price for one week of camp is \$205 (except Week 4, July 5th- 9th, \$160.00). Our camp has a maximum of 62 children per week. We employ one director, eight counselors, a tennis instructor and “specialty consultants” who work with campers each week on special interest activities. Each week 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 interest activities include carpentry, art, golf, engineering and cooking.

Registration
On-going KCC Summer Day Camp Registration: Walk-ins welcome. Parents may register their children on a space-available basis. Camp schedule and registration forms are available on-line on the AboutKensington.com website, with a Camp Video under “Children Services.” For more information, call the KCC office at (510) 525-0292.

- *Special Activities Schedule:**
Week 1: June 13 – June 17
• Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
• Field Trip to The Jungle
Week 2: June 20 – June 24
• Dynamic Engineering with Lance Akiyama
• Field Trip to Lake Anza
Week 3: June 27 – July 1
• Art for Fun with Jeanne Rehrig.
• Field Trip Oakland Zoo
Week 4: July 5, 6, 7 & 8
(July 4th holiday)
• Golf with Alex Brown
• No field trip
Week 5: July 11 - July 15
• Gymnastics with Judy Baker
• Field Trip to Scandia
Week 6: July 18 - July 22
• Gymnastics with Judy Baker
• Field Trip to The Exploratorium
Week 7: July 25 – July 29
• Cooking with Vicky Brodt
• Field Trip to Water World
Week 8: August 1 - August 5
• Sports & Games with Kim Roots
• Field Trip to Lake Temescal
Week 9: August 8 - August 12
• Recycle sculpture with Jeanne Rehrig
• Field Trip to Pier 39 / Alcatraz/Aquarium
Week 10: August 15 - August 19
• Wearable Art with Marge Essel
• Field Trip to The Jungle



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Neighborhood Notes

New Work by Local Poet
Last month, Kensington resident, Jeanne Wagner's most recent book of poetry, *In the Body of Our Lives*, was published by the Bay Area's Sixteen Rivers Press. Jeanne's second full-length collection of poems "looks back on a Cold War-era childhood and its effect on the construction of a self. Refusing both sentimentality and censure, the poet shines an unflinching light on a home characterized by alienation, stringent Catholicism, shadowy alcoholism, and the inescapable attitudes and historic events of the 1950s." Wow! Jeanne will be reading from her new book at the Albany Library at 7pm on June 14th. For more information, contact the publisher at www.SixteenRivers.org.

It Was a Tall Oak Tree
"Something looks crazy out here," Lorraine Osmundson said to herself when she walked out onto the brick patio and into the garden behind her lovely Kingston Avenue home last month. Then she realized what it was – her beautiful 75-year old oak had blown down in the previous night's storm – you know, the one with the thunder, lightning, and drifting hail. At right, she posed for us in front of her old oak, as it was being transformed into a lifetime supply of firewood.

Hamsterama!
RabbitEARS owner, Judy Hardin, posed with Natalia Zamora and Pizza, the hamster, at last month's *Hamsterama* at RabbitEARS' new location on Fairmount, two doors down from FatApples. Judy's always got somethin' happenin' at RabbitEARS, where you can adopt a rabbit, hamster, or similar critter – you just can't buy one! Pet supplies? *Si!*

Local Qi Team Offers Weight Loss Acupuncture Program
Along with good nutrition, sleep, stress reduction and regular exercise, the Qi Team tells us that acupuncture can improve metabolic problems by regulating body chemistry, improving digestion and nutrient absorption, and balancing the nervous system... Some studies have shown that acupuncture helps facilitate weight loss in obese patients with low metabolism (the hypothalamus-pituitary-adrenal system) by stimulating and regulating the system so that it works more efficiently; and that it can also influence "emotional" eating by calming the nervous system and reducing cravings... Free talks about their program take place the second Wednesday of every month in Kensington. Info and reservations at www.WeightLossAcupuncture.co or 526-3636 extension 2.

Qi Team Acupuncturists, Sara North, Meg McDowell, and Carla Cassler, L.Ac.'s

Kensington Service Station Car Meet & Benefit May 7
Chevron station owner, Jason Simms is throwing a bash to celebrate his first anniversary as proud proprietor, on Saturday, May 7th. Fat Daddy's BBQ will provide food for sale, with receipts benefitting the Kensington Pathways Project, and there will be live 50's music by *Dream Lover* (featuring *Outlook* editor, Joel Koosed on sax). Got a cool car? Bring it! Festivities from 9am-3pm. Live music: Noon-2pm. Free! Kensington Service Station, 304 Arlington Avenue. For more info, or to reserve a spot for your car, call 525-4099. Sponsored by Kensington Service Station, Ace Hardware, and Sugar Cone Cafe. *Congrats on your first year, Jason!*

Dream Lover Plays from Noon-2pm on Sat., May 7th

Pensive Spring: A Portrait of Emily Dickinson, May 1st
This month, Kathryn Roszak's Danse Lumiere performs its acclaimed production of "Pensive Spring: A Portrait of Emily Dickinson" in which a singer, a dancer, and an actress each portray Dickinson in vignettes illuminating the poet's life. Soprano Kristin Clayton sings from a song-cycle of Dickinson's poems by composer Gordon Getty. Actress and Kensington Hilltop mom, Kathryn Roszak, dancer Hally Bellah-Guther, and pianist Kristin Pankonin are also featured. Refreshments will be served at a reception with the artists, following the performance. 2pm, Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Info: BerkeleyCityClub.com or 233-5550.

Kathryn Roszak in Pensive Spring - Sun., May 1st

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After a year and a half at the new location the vendors opted to hold an election to see if they would choose a new board and see if they wanted to choose a new manager to run the market. They did, and the Kensington Farmers' Market Association was replaced with the Kensington Community Market Board in November of 2010. The new board, spearheaded by Kensington residents Meryl Natchez,

*"How much fun is this?!!
See Roy – we don't have to go to the Ferry Building anymore."*

Overheard from a couple at the Kensington Farmers' Market, one Sunday last month.

Mark Altenberg, Kay Reed, and Johanna Ferman, included the return of Chris Hall as the market manager.

This newly elected board brought a fresh energy and direction to our market, and by early spring of this year we clearly rivaled many of the other successful farmers' markets here in the East Bay. The more successful the market becomes, the more great vendors want to be a part of it. In just one year we have gone from a market that had to actively recruit vendors, to one that is continually sought out by farmers and food purveyors (cur-

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PTA. Proceeds from the raffle are used to fund PTA and Dads' Club projects. These range from purchasing much needed school supplies and earthquake preparedness supplies for each of the 563 students (so relevant given recent events) to paying for outside speakers for school assemblies and funding activities such as Art Night and Movie Night, to name just a few.

"The Gardens of Kensington" quilt was crafted by Romy Douglass, Rachelle Sherris-Watt and Marie Plette Streshinsky. These committed "Quilting Moms" had such a moving experience making quilts for the school in the past that it motivated them to sign on again this year. The Gardens of Kensington quilt will be on display outside the Kensington Hilltop School office the first week of May.

Additional raffle prizes from local merchants include gift certificates from Urbanity Style Sharing, The Arlington, and Kensington Nail Spa, as well as jewelry from Anthropologie, Ann Taylor, and Successories. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for a book of 12. For more information on the raffle, or to purchase tickets, contact Anna Siria Ortiz at 262-9237. All proceeds benefit Kensington Hilltop School. For more information about the carnival, contact Rochelle Clewer at 356-4103 or Kim Keller at 849-4964.

– Kim Keller & Rochelle Clewer
Carnival Co-Chairs

Last Month's KCC Spring Festival

Thanks to event sponsors, Andronico's and Marvin Gardens, and contributor, Mechanics Bank. Food was generously donated by the following merchants and individuals: Virginia Bakery, Nations, SemiFreddies, Fat Apples, The Junket, Inn Kensington, Lisa Kirkby, The Arlington, Gary Goldstein - Espresso Subito, Andronicos, and Arlington Wine & Spirits.



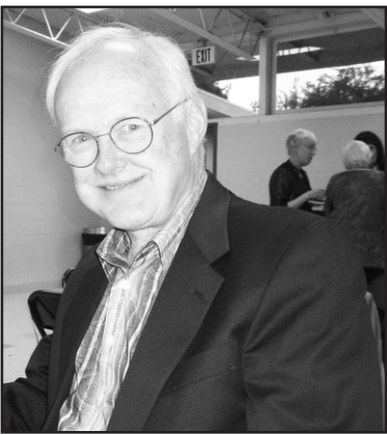
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John and Lois Hoagland, former KCC president and treasurer, respectively



Clif Taylor, auction contributor and former KCC board member



• Experience Matters •



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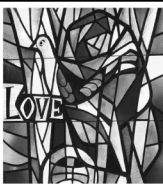
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RESOLUTION NO. 2011-008

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE KENSINGTON PARK ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12

The Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (hereafter referred to as the “Board of Directors”) does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors previously completed its proceedings in accordance with and pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 22500) (the “Act”) to establish the Kensington Park Assessment District (the “Assessment District”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Assessment District, and the preparation and filing of an Annual Report.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. Intention:** The Board of Directors hereby declares its intention to levy and collect assessments within the Assessment District to pay the costs of the Improvements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. The Board of Directors finds that the public’s best interest requires such action.
- 2. Improvements:** The improvements within the District include, but are not limited to: the operating, maintaining and servicing of all public landscaping improvements, consisting of landscaping and grass. Operating, maintaining and servicing include, but are not limited to: personnel, materials, electrical energy and water. Services provided include all necessary service, operations, administration and maintenance required to keep the improvements in a healthy, vigorous, and satisfactory condition.
- 3. Assessment District Boundaries:** The boundaries of the Assessment District are as shown by the assessment diagram filed in the offices of the Secretary, which map is made a part hereof by reference.
- 4. Annual Report:** Reference is made to the Annual Report prepared by NBS, on file with the Secretary, for a full and detailed description of the improvements, the boundaries of the Assessment District and the zones therein, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the Assessment District.
- 5. Notice of Public Hearing:** The Board of Directors hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments in accordance with Section 22629 of the Act. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Board of Directors. The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday May 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the meeting place of the Board of Directors located at 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA. The Board of Directors further orders the Secretary to publish notice of this resolution in accordance with Section 22626 of the Act.
- 6. Increase of Assessment:** The maximum assessment is not proposed to increase from the previous year above that previously approved by the property owners (as “increased assessment” is defined in Section 54954.6 of the Government Code).

From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From March 2011

- 2011-1372 – On 3/01/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 blk of Coventry Rd to a report of a vehicle theft.
- 2011-1386 – On 3/01/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 blk of Amherst Ave on the report of an identity theft.
- 2011-1433 – On 3/03/2011, Officer Medina responded to the 1500 blk of Oak View Ave on the report of a suspicious circumstance.
- 2011-1442 – On 3/04/2011, Officer Martinez towed a vehicle on the 100 blk of Colusa Ave because the driver had a suspended license.
- 2011-1469 – On 3/05/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Lafitte responded to the 600 blk of Canon Dr on an outside assist to Berkeley PD.
- 2011-1476 – On 3/05/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Lafitte responded to the 300 blk of Berkeley Park Blvd on the report of a downed power line.
- 2011-1485 – On 3/05/2011, Officer Medina and TAS Hui responded to the 200 blk of Arlington Ave on the report of a missing person.
- 2011-1487 – On 3/06/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Amherst Ave

See Police, Page 8...

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KENSINGTON CALENDAR

May 1 Kathryn Roszak’s Danse Lumiere performs “Pensive Spring: A Portrait of Emily Dickinson.” See *Neighborhood Notes* (Pg 4) for details.

May 1 The University of California Alumni Chorus performs the Fauré Requiem at 7:30pm, paired with “4 A Wreck,” Paul Ayres reinterpretation of the Fauré Requiem. Hertz Hall, UCB. \$20 or \$15 for seniors, & disabled UCB students, \$6. www.ucac.net/tickets

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Farmers’ Market, every Sunday, rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. Live music and live produce. 847-0801 or KensingtonFarmersMarket.org

May 2 “Castoffs” Knitting Group. All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 – Learn to play the bells at the Arlington Community Church every Monday at 7:45pm. 52 Arlington Ave. www.acc-ucc.org

May 3 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters meets at 1:15pm at 44 Beverly Road to discuss local issues. Guests are welcome. Please call 524-6071 to confirm.

May 4 Tour of Chung Mei Chinese Home, from 1935 to 1954, said to be the only such orphanage for Chinese boys in the country. Presented by The El Cerrito Historical Society and Windrush School. Walking tour with architectural historian, Jean Witzke and Phil Chan, a former ‘Chung Mei boy.’ 7pm. Free. Windrush School, 1800 Elm Street, El Cerrito. davidsw Weinstein@yahoo.com or 524-1737.

May 4, 11, 18, & 25 Community Dinner, family activities, dancing and singing. Dinner at 5:30pm; Spirit and the Arts program for children ages 8 & up with singing, dancing and theater arts, and Young People’s Choir for children ages 6-14, both at 6pm; Adult Choir rehearsal at 7pm. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue. 526-9146 or www.acc-ucc.org

May 5 Reading Garden Book Club for Kids in grades 1-3. The book club meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 4:00 pm. Free. 524-3043.

May 7 Preschool Storytime & Craft. The storytime & craft will take place one Saturday per month—please check the schedule for specific dates. No registration req’d. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 10:30am. Free.

May 7 Kensington Chevron Car Meet with live 50’s music by *Dream Lover*; and Fat Daddy’s BBQ, See *Neighborhood Notes* (Pg 4) for details.

May 7 The 64th Annual Spring Carnival at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School, 11am-3pm. (Details Pg 1)

May 7 Berkeley Garden Club Spring Plant Sale at 131 Ashbury, El Cerrito (between A and Brighton), 9am-2pm. Info: www.berkeleygardenclub.org

Town Meetings: Please see *Page 2*

May 7 “Party Like It’s 1961!” Dinner-Dance Fundraiser An Evening of Late 1950s-Early 1960s Live Music, Dinner, Dancing and Nostalgia at Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, 6-11pm. Celebrating 50 years in Kensington. Live music by Kensington’s *Macy Blackman and the Mighty Fines*. \$5-25 tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/167265 or at UUCB on Sundays (1 Adult: \$25, 2 Adults: \$45, Youth: \$10, Children: \$5) A portion of the proceeds will benefit Japan disaster relief.

May 7 & 8 Friends of the Kensington Library Annual Spring Book Sale. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Sat. 9am-4pm; Sun. 11-4. Well-stocked tables full of books, which have not been ‘picked over’ and are organized topically for easy viewing. Rare, 1st editions, signed books, and more at the “Special Selections” table. ‘Bag Sale’ Sunday, 2-4pm. 524-3043.

May 8 – Knitting at the Arlington Community Church at 11:30am the second Sunday of the month. 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146 or www.acc-ucc.org

May 9 Scrabble Club. All levels welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 3 pm. Free. 524-3043.

May 10 Live Reptile Show! Discover the mystery of reptiles in a fascinating educational program presented by the East Bay Vivarium. You will encounter many of these animals: snakes, tortoises, lizards (maybe even a 6 foot Monitor Lizard!), frogs, and probably tarantulas too! This program is appropriate for ages 3 and up and is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

May 12 Women’s Fellowship meets at 6:30pm for dinner at the Arlington Community Church. At 7:15pm, Rev. Penny Phillips, speaks on experiences sponsoring a boy at the Tibetan Children’s Village in Dharmasala, India, and observations on native Buddhist and Christian issues. 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146 or www.acc-ucc.org

May 12 Author Richie Unterberger will discuss his latest book, “Won’t Get Fooled Again: The Who from Lifehouse to Quadrophenia,” including rare audiovisual clips of The Who from the early 1970’s and their rock opera, “Tommy.” 7pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. 526-7512.

May 14 Wildfire Talk California Fire Service’s Ready-Set-Go program provides info on fire preparedness to stay safe, including: emergency supplies, when to stay and when to go, fuel (vegetation) management, home modifications, when to evacuate, and what routes to use. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., 2pm. Free.

May 14th: KIC-led Path Cleanup and trimming at Marchant/Coventry Path. 10am - noon, lower end of Coventry.

May 15 Backyard Beekeepers of the Bay Area Book Signing and honey tasting with Kensington author, Judith Adamson, and Marshall’s Farm Honey. (Includes observation hive.) 10am-2pm, Kensington Farmer’s Market, Oak View @ Colusa Circle, Kensington. 356-4233

May 15 The Organ in Worship. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley presents Sandra Soderlund, former organist of UUCB, in a concert of musical favorites including Bach, Mendelssohn, and American composers, and includes congregational singing. Champagne reception follows. Suggested Donation: \$20, benefits the UUCB organ re-leathering fund – no one turned away for lack of funds. 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, at 4pm. Wheelchair accessible; free parking. www.uucb.org or 525-0302.

May 15 High School Senior Photo. Each June, the *Outlook* publishes a picture of Kensington students who will be graduating from high school. This year’s photo will be taken at the Recreation Center, 59 Arlington Ave., at 3:30pm. Contact Karen at KarenWhittemore@yahoo.com.

May 16 Berkeley Repertory Theatre Docent Talk. A docent will discuss the current Anton Chekhov production “The Three Sisters” translated by Sara Ruhl. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 10 am. Free. 524-3043.

May 17 Berkeley Garden Club, “Growing Carnivorous Plants” by Peter D’Amato, owner of California Carnivores Nursery and author of “The Savage Garden” 2pm at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berk. berkeleygardenclub.org

May 19 Craft Corner for kids in grades 1-3. Come create a fun craft to take home with you. Craft Corner meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 3pm. Free. 524-3043.

May 19 & 26 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15am and 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

May 21 The CERT Boot Camp is designed to provide those participants who cannot commit the required 20 hours for full training. This non-certified, one-day training will introduce participants to CERT in all program areas in a condensed format. El Cerrito Public Safety Building, 10900 San Pablo Ave., 8am-5pm. 215-4450

May 21 Honey Bee Tea Party in the Perfumer’s Garden. Meet locals Judith Adamson, author of Backyard Beekeepers of the Bay Area, and beekeepers David Eichorn, gardener and craftsman; Pat Gibbons, floral designer; and Laurie Stern, perfumer, 1-5pm, Velvet & Sweet Pea’s Purrfumery, 727 Sea View Drive, El Cerrito. 528-8040

May 21 & 22 The Contra Costa Chorale performs Johannes Brahms’ Ein Deutsches Requiem. Saturday, at 7pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Sante Fe Avenue, El Cerrito, and Sunday, at 3pm at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 5714 Solano Avenue, Richmond. www.ccchorale.org, or 473-6240. \$12 students & seniors / \$15 general.

May 23 Book Club. Discussion of Moby Dickby Herman Melville. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

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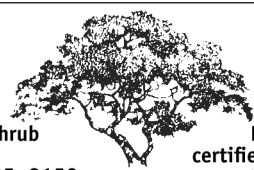


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- 2011-1509 – On 3/07/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 blk of Wil-lamette Ave on the report of residential fire alarm activation.
- 2011-1618 – On 3/12/2011, Officer Mar-tinez and Reserve Armanino responded to the unit blk of Arlington Ave on the report of an unresponsive subject in the park.
- 2011-1656 – On 3/14/2011, Officer Steg-man and Reserve Turner responded to the unit blk of Windsor Ave on a trespassing complaint.
- 2011-1667 – On 3/15/2011, Officer Steg-man responded to the unit blk of Highgate

Ave on report of a residential burglary.

- 2011-1699 – On 3/17/2011, Officer Mar-tinez responded to the 200 blk of Trinity Ave to a request for a civil standby.
- 2011-1806 – On 3/21/2011, Officer Steg-man and Reserve Turner responded to the unit blk of Arlington Dr on the report of a fallen tree.
- 2011-1821 – On 3/22/2011, Officer Steg-man responded to the 200 blk of Lake Dr on the report of annoying phone calls.
- 2011-1833 – On 3/23/2011, Officer Steg-man responded to a phone report of lost property on the 500 blk of Coventry Rd.



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It looks like we’ll have a great deal to celebrate on May 29th, our 5th anniversary – more than just another year of existence – when Oak View Avenue will be filled with a full lineup of vendors for summer, a huge raffle with over \$400 in goodies, a very special musical surprise, some outrageous strawberries and other fruits, cooking demos, face painting for young and old, and free Kensington Farmers’ Market bags to the first 200 shoppers. It’s a market, a community, and a place to connect with each other. See you then – and every Sunday 10-2! (Sign up for our weekly email announcements at www.kensingtonfarmersmarket.org.)

– Mark Altenberg, Kensington Community Market Board member, and Chris Hall, Kensington Farmers’ Market Manager

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