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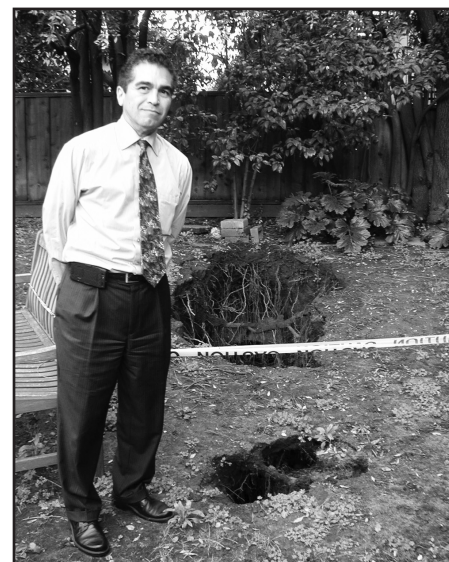
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## Sinkhole in Santa Fe Ave. Backyard

pile. According to Lori, they could see the top of a corrugated metal pipe under the debris, and what appeared to be a break on its north side due to erosion of the metal pipe. The top of a concrete ring was visible upstream, from which the metal pipe had detached and fallen

Having located maps and documents relating to construction of the culvert stretching back to 1931, Michael and Lori have been in contact government agencies to determine the best remedy for the problem – and who is going to pay for the repairs.



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* Cragmont Ave	Berkeley	3/2	\$650,000	1
Grizzly Peak	Berkeley	2/1.5	\$600,000	3
* Terrace Drive	El Cerrito	5/2	\$668,000	2

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Directors Attempt to  
Intimidate KCC Board

At the April 2nd meeting of the Kensington Community Council, Director Mari Metcalf and Director Cathie Kosel asked to address the non-profit Board about concerns they had regarding the article in the April *Outlook*, which reported on the KPPCSD meeting held on March 8, 2012.  
  
Both Ms. Kosel and Ms. Metcalf argued that the article contained “gross lies,” focusing particularly on the statement that both Ms. Kosel and Ms. Metcalf left the meeting room when three officers were being congratulated by Chief Harman for their hard work, and recognized for their well-earned promotions.  
  
It should be noted that Director Kosel, at the March meeting of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District, requested that the approved promotions of the three police officers be delayed pending answers to questions she raised at the meeting, implying that she was surprised by the promotions and that it had never been discussed by the KPPCSD Board. This was in direct contradiction of the facts that, despite all of her concerns, which she outlined, had been addressed in a meeting of the KPPCSD in January, when the final M.O.U. contract details with the Police Officers Union were approved by a 5 - 0 vote of the Directors. This MOU included the promotions.  
  
I was sitting in the front row during the March meeting and saw that Directors Kosel and Metcalf got up and left the meeting room when the officers were being presented. It was obvious to most of those in attendance that these two Directors were showing their disrespect and embarrassing the officers in front of their family and friends who were there to celebrate their accomplishments with them.  
  
Returning to the April KCC meeting, both the Directors demanded retractions from the *Outlook* editor, Joel Koosed. Additionally, Director Metcalf stood and read a particularly inflammatory and slanderous statement. In it she accused the editor of printing ongoing lies about her, citing the latest *Outlook* article as an example. She demanded, additionally, that the Editor never again use her name in the *Outlook*, which might be difficult, given that she is a public servant.  
  
She went on to state, in two instances, that all of the KCC Board members were individually and personally liable for these (alleged) distortions. She was clearly attempting to intimidate the Board with intimations of possible litigation in another effort by Directors Metcalf and Kosel to control the information that is reported to the community about the KPPCSD Board meetings.  
  
I personally find this type of conduct by two of our elected officials unacceptable.  
  
The *Outlook* reports the facts in a balanced, objective manner and will not succumb to censorship.  
  
I trust that the majority of the township recognizes the value of the *Outlook*, its role in communicating the District business, and the direct impact on the people of Kensington that will result from its actions.

Bruce Morrow, KCC Board member

*Note: Any citizen who wishes to review the March meeting may get a DVD copy from the Police Department.*

Lots of Questions –  
No Answers

Dear Editor:  
  
The KPPCSD agency, more than any other, serves as the de facto city government for Kensington. It not only oversees the police department, but also approves contracts for the parks and recreation program and garbage service. Subcommittees address issues surrounding traffic, paths, recycling, and much more involving the local community. The District General Manager/Chief of Police works under the oversight of a five-member board elected by the Kensington community. KPPCSD is funded primarily via two special police tax assessments (currently approximately \$500/parcel) and property taxes.  
  
The oversight function of this agency is particularly important because structurally there are no checks and balances on the office of GM/COP that essentially supervises itself. The agency is not set up in the standard checks and balances form that most democratic institutions require.  
  
I take the oversight function seriously. I ask a lot of questions. I am afraid my questions irritate some of Mr. Harman’s supporters. It is here that the distorted and biased *Outlook* intersects with our community. As I am sure you have noticed, the *Outlook* has published defamatory “hit pieces” to attack both Director Mari Metcalf and myself and to support without question the GM/COP. But my questions still go unanswered.  
  
My questions about the chaos and lack of systems in payroll, receivables, payables, and reimbursement identified by our accountants go unanswered, and Chief Harman has proposed no new systems.  
  
My question about the source for the data Chief Harman cited when he claimed to have reduced crime in Kensington by 50% last year and 62% over 4 years has gone unanswered for over 3 months. Why did I ask for the source? Because Harman’s data is at odds with FBI data which shows virtually no change in crime statistics.  
  
And why is it that during Mr. Harman's tenure we have lost 15 employees? We only have 10 full time employees.  
  
What is the rationale for promoting officers so that we now have 5 officers supervising 4 patrolmen? What is the review process for promotion and identification of the need for additional supervisory positions? Is there a job description for these positions? Were these jobs posted internally and externally? Why were these new positions created? Were there other internal or external candidates? Because all other officers can probably sue us if it is not an open and competitive process, I am concerned about the liability of the board if anyone was passed over arbitrarily. Are these probationary positions and, if so, for how long? California POST (Police Officer Standards & Training)

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# K E N S I N G T O N C O M M U N I T Y E D U C A T I O N

## KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Kensington Community Council's After-School Enrichment Program (KASEP) offers 56 different classes for children, kindergarten – sixth grades. Spring Session started Monday, March 19th and continues through to Friday, June 1st.

KCC office hours are Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm. We can be reached at [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com), or by calling 525-0292.

## KCC SUMMER DAY CAMP 2012

Summer Day Camp reservations are on a first come first serve, space available basis. Good News: there are a limited number of spaces left in each of the summer camp weeks! Plan now and call 525-0292 to lock-in your week.

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Avenue in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering 1st through 6th grades in the Fall 2012. The camp runs from June 11th through August 17, 2012, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00pm. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. Cost is \$225 per week/per camper. 5% Sibling discount. Extended care 8:00 – 9:00am and 5:00 – 6:00pm is available for an additional fee.

Each week campers enjoy a field trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area such as Angel Island, Scandia, Oakland Zoo and the Bladium in Alameda. Kim Roots, our KASEP tennis instructor, continues to teach campers tennis 3 days a week. Different hand-on crafts such as carpentry, jewelry making, cooking and engineering are afternoon workshops taught by talented specialty teachers.

KCC Summer Camp Registration forms can be downloaded from the website [www.AboutKensington.com](http://www.AboutKensington.com)

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Marianne and Walter Frey  
Larry and Ann Sullivan  
Paul Grunland

## KCC Summer Camp ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

**Week 1** June 11– June 15  
Carpentry with Sandy  
The Jungle

**Week 2** June 18 – June 22  
Print Making with Allyson  
Oakland Zoo

**Week 3** June 25 – June 29  
Engineering w/Lance Akiyama  
Adventure Playground/  
Fishing Berkeley Pier

**Week 4** July 2 – July 6  
Golf with Aida Wong  
*Camp Closed on 4th /Short Week \$190*

**Week 5** July 9 – July 13  
Gymnastics with Judy Baker  
Lake Anza/Little Animal Farm

**Week 6** July 16 - July 20  
Cooking with Vicky Brodt  
Bladium-Alameda: Soccer/  
Rock Climbing

**Week 7** July 23 – July 27  
Hip Hop and Break Dancing  
Scandia-Miniature golf

**Week 8** July 30 – August 3  
Sports & Games with Kim Roots  
Lake Temescal/Sugar Cone Cafe Ice  
Cream

**Week 9** August 6 – August 10  
Jewelry Making for Everyone w/Shelly  
Angel Island Picnic and Exploration

**Week 10** August 13 – August 17  
Cooking with Vicky Brodt  
Bladium-Alameda: Rock Climbing/  
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*(Changes in the schedule may be made  
for unexpected circumstances)*

## ADULT RECREATION CLASSES

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*Stan Cohen's Wednesday Artists*

## CLASS REGISTRATION

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

**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. Non-resident: \$5.**

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

**Family Movie Night in the Park**  
**FREE Community Event!**  
**Saturday, June 10th at 7:30pm**  
**Save the Date!**

Bring your family, picnic basket, and blanket to sit on the lawn outside the Community Center. KCC will set up a huge inflatable movie screen and play a family-friendly film for FREE. The movie will start just after sunset. For more information, call 525-0292.

## Graduating High School Seniors

*Keep the tradition alive!* Calling all high school seniors. Each year, *The Outlook* publishes a picture of students who live in Kensington or who attended Hilltop Elementary School. Join us for the annual picture event.

**Sunday • May 6th • 3pm • Recreation Building**

**Thanks Continue to Our KCC Annual Fund Drive Contributors!**

*Thank you KASEP teachers for a great year of classes, creativity, and commitment to our children in Kensington. You all do such an incredible job!*



*Vicky Brodt's Cooking Class –  
How to peel an apple.*



*Everyday Art – Kids Paint  
From a Live Chicken Model*



*Summer Camp Last Year  
Olympic Week, Team Competitions;  
a Week Full of Games*



*Class Trash to Treasure – Kids decorated  
their handmade paper mache` eggs  
and baskets*



*Carpentry with Sandy – Carpentry Week at  
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Market Update



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- 3 Available Listings •Average List Price: \$363. per. sq. ft.
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Neighborhood Notes

FKL Annual Spring Book Sale

On Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, Friends of the Kensington Library will hold their annual Spring Book Sale in the Community Center at 59 Arlington Ave, Kensington, up the road by the library. The hours on Saturday are 9am-4pm and Sunday, 11-4. According to organizers, you'll find well-stocked tables full of books, which have not been 'picked over' and are organized topically for easy viewing. You can find rare 1st editions, signed books, and more at the "Special Selections Table."...FKL representatives tell us that this year something new and beautiful will be displayed – your last chance to view – and purchase raffle tickets for – the lovely doll house that has been displayed at the library for the past two months. The drawing will be held on Sunday, the 13th – the last day of the book sale. Please note that 100% of the raffle donations will be used for Library programs and activities...You may also want to join them for the 'Bag Sale' Sunday, from 2-4pm. More information at 524-3043.



March's KFD-sponsored CPR Workshop at the Arlington Community Church. (No dummies were harmed – or reanimated – in the course of this workshop.)

A Soldier and His Dog

Last month, Pauline Iliff and her husband, Roger, hosted a large crowd at their beautiful Kensington home to hear Mike Dowling speak about his book *Sergeant Rex*. Mike graduated from El Cerrito High School and is a former Marine who wrote a story about his military dog, Rex, and their time together in Iraq in the infamous Triangle of Death, where they began their hazardous tour of duty. Pauline and Roger have known Mike since he was a little boy, as Roger is the family physician. Mike grew up training dogs for the blind but never imagined that his love of dogs would lead to K9 combat duty. Mike's book sold out at Barnes & Noble in El Cerrito when it first appeared, and he is now volunteering his time with two wounded veterans programs. Mike told an inspiring, harrowing story about a soldier and his dog, and told it well. *White wine on the deck and a sensational dessert buffet added to the festivities!*



Share Your World with an International Teenager

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic year home-stay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. This is the last chance for these young ambassadors to fulfill their life-long dreams, and their placement deadlines are rapidly approaching...According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) President, John Doty, the students are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools...P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E. at 866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students, as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students, and schools.



There was a full house at April's KCC meeting to hear KPPCSD Director Cathie Kosel protest the Outlook's recent coverage of her very public exit from police officer commendation ceremonies – and Director Mari Metcalf threaten legal action against the Editor and the Board of Directors if her name were to continue to be mentioned in the Outlook. (Oops!)

ECAA Members At Invitational Exhibit

Solano Grill, Albany – Sixteen invited artists will show more than 30 artworks at the El Cerrito Art Association Invitational Exhibit at Solano Grill, 1133 Solano Ave., April 28 – June 1. Artists' Reception Sunday, May 6 from 4-6pm. Show: M-F 11:30am-2:30pm and M-Sun 5:30-9pm. Info: 526-6241 or [www.elcerritoart.org](http://www.elcerritoart.org)



Kensington Gothic  
Ann Harlow and Fred Wehking showed up for last month's Ardmere Path Cleanup



# Neighborhood Notes

**The 65th Annual Spring Carnival at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School** is Saturday, May 12th, from 11am-3pm. As ever, there will be carnival games and prizes for all ages, including some new booths and highlights: a super-sized rubber duck water race, Derby car races, and root beer floats. In addition, there will be the Cake Walk, water balloon catapult, fortune telling, a sponge toss, fishing for prizes, and much 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. The second annual Rhea Wilson Plant Sale brings back a tradition of well-priced plants, cuttings, and potted flowers just in time for summer and Mothers’ Day. The popular White Elephant Sale and Deals-on-Wheels Bike Sale will also be in full swing. The Kensington Pinwheel Quilt will be raffled along with gift certificates to favorite local businesses. All proceeds benefit Kensington Hilltop School. For more information, contact Rochelle Clewer at [rock\\_yank@yahoo.com](mailto:rock_yank@yahoo.com) or Kim Keller at [k\\_keller@comcast.net](mailto:k_keller@comcast.net).



Larry Lefebvre of Kensington Fine Foods (whose business will remain), with new owners of Young’s Market, Bob & Miki Kim and their family, Inez and Jay. Best wishes to previous owners, Nazame and Khalid Sultan, who are retiring after 11 years.

**Raffle Turns 30 This Year – Friends Say it Looks Younger**  
Since 1982, parent volunteers from Kensington Hilltop have worked tirelessly to create some of the most beautiful quilts the Bay Area has ever seen. Every year, busy parents donate hundreds of hours over several months crafting a one-of-a-kind handmade quilt for the Kensington Hilltop Spring Carnival’s annual Quilt Raffle – a much-loved tradition in Kensington and the major fundraiser for the school’s PTA... This year’s labor of love, *The Kensington Pinwheel Quilt*, was created by Emi Sherman, Cathy Wagner, Raija Rickansrud, and Alicia Mendoza. This energetic group opted for a festive, Carnival-themed pattern with playful shapes, movement, and vibrant colors to commemorate the quilting festival’s 30th year. According to Alicia, “We thoroughly enjoyed designing and creating the quilt for its journey to a new home – the home of a very lucky raffle ticket-holder! We hope that the raffle for the quilt will generate a healthy sum for Hilltop!” Proceeds from the quilt raffle are used to fund PTA and Dad’s Club projects, which range from purchasing much-needed school and earthquake preparedness supplies for each of their 563 students (so relevant given recent events) to paying for outside school assembly speakers and funding activities such as Art Night and Movie Night. Additional raffle prizes from local merchants include gift certificates from *Urbanity Style Sharing*, *The Arlington*, and *Kensington Nail Spa*, as well as handbags, scarves, and jewelry items from *Successories*. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for a book of 12. To purchase tickets, contact Anna Siria Ortiz at 647-8587. The Kensington Pinwheel Quilt will be on display at the Kensington Library in late April, and outside the Kensington Hilltop School office the first week of May.



Kensington Hilltop’s own Quilting Queens, Raija Rickansrud, Alicia Mendoza, Cathy Wagner, and Emi Sherman, proudly hold their handiwork – The Kensington Pinwheel Quilt, which will be raffled off at the Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 12.

**Kensington Parents Call for Critical School Funding**  
Parents throughout Kensington are working to support Measure K in the June 5th election, which would renew the current West Contra Costa Unified School District parcel tax that funds critical school programs, such as class size reduction. PTA President Felicia Robertson said, “I’m voting yes on Measure K because our district is already running on a bare-bones budget.” Parent Carolyn Day Flowers said, “If the parcel tax funding disappears, our district will be forced to make even further cuts (and lay off) even more of our early-tenured yet energetic and talented teachers.” Kensington Elementary is now the largest feeder into Portola Middle School and also has a significant presence at El Cerrito High School. Principal Judy Sanders said, “Measure K will provide the continued funding needed to keep K-2 classes smaller and ensure ongoing funding for libraries, counselors, and athletics. This funding is specific to programs and can’t be taken away by the state. I hope we can count on continued support from our community.” Those over 65 will be exempt from the tax. Principal Sanders and KPPCSD President Chuck Toombs are among the many community leaders endorsing Measure K. [www.protectwestcountyschools.com](http://www.protectwestcountyschools.com).



The JayByrds (Reid Cooper, John Byrd, & Bobby Castro) were backed by Midnight Sun (Tamara Ray & Nick Katsoukis) one Friday night in March at The Arlington

**Put the Movies on Your Calendar!**  
The Kensington Community Council will hold the first annual family movie night in Kensington the evening of Saturday, June 9th. Bring a picnic and the family for the first, KCC family movie night fundraiser at the Community Center. The movie will start at dusk. *Mark your calendars and save the date!*

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02**

**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 2012/13**

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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. 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 10, 2012 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).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District on Thursday, the 12th day of April, 2012, by the following vote to wit:**

<b>AYES: 4</b>	<b>NOES: 0</b>	<b>ABSENT: 1</b>
<b>Aye    Chuck Toombs, President</b>		
<b>Aye    Linda Lipscomb, Vice President</b>		
<b>Aye    Tony Lloyd, Director</b>		
<b>Aye    Cathie Kosel, Director</b>		
<b>Absent    Mari Metcalf, Director</b>		

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District at the regular meeting of said Board held on Thursday, the 12th day of April, 2012.

*Gregory E. Harman*  
District General Manager



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requires that sergeants have an Advanced Certificate; we have 3 sergeants and only two of our officers have this designation. Additionally, it is customary to have help from outside the department to evaluate candidates so the process can be as objective as possible. Was this done?

Why don't we have any female officers? Is the board comfortable with the liability associated with this deficiency?

The funding measures for KPPCSD were sold to the community on the basis that we needed 11 officers to adequately provide patrol and safety to our community. We have never had 11 officers, currently we have just 9, and the first funding measure was passed in 1994.

I am, obviously, uncomfortable with the performance and the lack of accountability of this agency.

And, by the way, regarding last month's headline, it should have read:

*Nobody Walked Out. Community Not Shocked. Editor Made a Big Mistake. Director Still Waiting for Answers.*

Sincerely,  
*Cathie Kosel, Director KPPCSD*

Kensington 'Arab Spring'

Letter to the Editor

Disappointing, but entirely predictable, was the letter from Vida Dorroh et al in February's *Outlook*. The letter was a slight to countless residents who have donated time, labor, and funds to pursue the opening up and/or upkeep of our community's paths. Time and energy by participating on the Kensington Path Ad-Hoc Committee, or building steps, notably Path #9 (Stanford to Yale), or keeping other paths clear. Seeing the possibility of all that work go up in flames at the Jan 12, 2012 KPPCSD Board meeting, was sufficient for several attendees to vocally challenge certain reticent Board members, who were unwilling to show leadership and ignored critical data available from experts in the room. Data necessary to make an informed decision has been known for a long time, and the Board made aware of it.

There is a lot of talent in Kensington, and K-groups in general tend not to reach out and embrace it, perhaps believing they have cornered the market on knowledge. There will always be those prepared to accept the status quo, and demand civility at any cost, but finally, Kensington's own "Arab Spring" movement was having none of it. If the Board was shamed into agreeing a vote on an initiative from one gutsy member, then the outcries were worth it. A standing ovation for the favorable 5-0 vote attests, I think, to the fact the letter-writers came down on the wrong side of public opinion. In retrospect, they seem rather churlish. And, let's not forget the majority of path supporters didn't even attend. The trouble is I have found so many Kensington residents who have given up attending K-group meetings due to their dysfunctional nature, lack of leadership, and unwillingness of Board members to listen (residents' own words, not mine).

Spending two hours at weekends building steps, we have been so encouraged by the many people now using the path and who have expressed their gratitude for us opening up a wonderful Kensington resource. Several use the path to go to the Farmers' Market on Sunday, nearly all sign up to volunteer or donate money. I encourage residents and Boards' members to try out the steps, and, like the vol-

unteers and path users, bet they will feel inspired and proud.

*Nick Day*

March KPPCSD Meeting

Dear Editor,

After reading your account of the March KPPCSD meeting (3 *Officers Promoted – 2 Directors Walk Out – 1 Shocked Community*), I must admit to being shocked, but not in the way you obviously hoped. I was at that meeting, and saw Directors Metcalf and Kosel leave the room; they then came back in the room through the back, obviously to watch the proceedings from the rear and to allow the officers to have the stage to themselves. My thought at the time was that they went outside and to the rear of the audience to avoid disturbing the folks sitting along the wall on that side of the room. I was sitting over near the District staff table where the editor of the *Outlook* usually sits, so had a clear view of the room. Perhaps the reporter that evening should have been at the staff table or at least made fewer assumptions.

I'm not sure which is more distressing: the breathtakingly wide gulf between your article and the actual events described or the tabloid-esque manner in which the false tale is told, with its obvious intent to make the two Directors in question appear to be "against" the officers being celebrated. The reporter might have taken the opportunity to actually speak to the two Directors. We all might have benefited from what he would have learned. A suggestion: if the *Outlook* wishes to have itself taken seriously, perhaps a bit more allegiance to obtaining the facts should be prioritized.

*Barbara Dilts*

Freedom of the Press Under Assault

To the Editor:

I attended the April 2 Board meeting of Kensington Community Council, the publisher of this newspaper. At that meeting, KPPCSD directors Cathie Kosel and Mari Metcalf addressed the KCC Board of Directors (all of whom are unpaid volunteers of the nonprofit organization). Their statements amounted to an effort to censor and suppress the *Outlook's* reporting of their conduct at the March 8 meeting of the KPPCSD Board. Their apparent strategy was to make thinly-veiled threats of litigation to hold KCC's directors personally liable for money damages for the "injury" supposedly inflicted on these elected public officials by reporting of their official conduct during a KPPCSD board meeting.

This is not the first time Directors Kosel and Metcalf have tried to suppress criticism by intimidating and bullying those who would hold up their conduct to public view. For example, while I was attempting to read a statement, describing matters of public record, during the public comment period of the March 8 KPPCSD meeting, a right guaranteed to members of the public by the Brown Act, Directors Kosel and Metcalf started to shout me down, ignoring the chair's call for order, so that the facts I was reciting could not be heard. (Anyone who wishes to verify this for him- or herself can obtain a copy of the video recording of that meeting from the District.)

Director Kosel's expressed lament at the KCC meeting that "(T)here does not seem to be a tradition of dialogue in our town. Differences of opinion are 'resolved' by 'Tea Party'-ish tactics. Civil debate is

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# Crime Statistics Recalculated

In the February, 2012 edition, *The Outlook* reported that, at the KPPCSD’s January 12th meeting, Police Chief Greg Harman, awarded Kensington’s police officers a *Unit Commendation* for their success in

reducing property crimes in Kensington. Based on statistics provided by the Kensington Police Department, the article stated that “The number of property crimes declined in each of the past three years,

and the overall decline between 2008 and 2011 was an impressive 62%.” As it turns out, as brought to everyone’s attention by KPPCSD Director, Cathie Kosel, that figure was *overstated* in the police report.

The reduction in crime was 36%, not 62%. Below, Chief Harman restates the statistics and explains how the error occurred.

## From the Desk of Police Chief/General Manager, Greg Harman

On April 5, 2012 at 8:44 AM, the following e-mail was sent to me.

*Dear Mr. Harman,*

*As a Director of KPPCSD, I have been asking for several weeks now for the database that you used to arrive at the 50% reduction in crime for this year and 62% over 4 years. Those figures are what you reported in your COP written report, and it is the data you cited when you publicly commended all officers for a job well done.*

*You have ignored my requests.*

*Now, as a citizen of Kensington, I am making a request for that database under the California Public Records Act. Please forward that information to me within the prescribed time period.*

*Thank you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Cathie Kosel*

It is true, Director Kosel had requested this information several weeks ago – in fact, I believe (she) asked for it the first time at the February 9th, KPPCSD Board meeting. In order to properly respond, I have had to complete an audit of our crime statistic process.

First, I would like to provide a bit of history on recent events leading to this request.

In 2010, the Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) began a Municipal Service Review (MSR) of all law enforcement agencies in the County. When the initial draft of that review was sent out, clearance rates for each agency were first published. Several police chiefs reviewed the data and believed that the clearance rates published were incorrect. Kensington’s clearance rates were first reported as 44% for violent crime and 2% for property crimes. At the time I requested our Detective Keith Barrow and our Police Services Aide Andrea DiNapoli to audit our clearance rates for the years 2007-2009 to determine what the correct clearance rates were. Six other agencies also audited their own clearance rates to determine if the MSR was correctly documenting the clearance rates. Our audit found that our clearance rate for violent crimes was actually 65% and our clearance rate for property crimes was 17%, both rates now the highest in the County. We reported our findings to LAFCO and the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the new rates were published next to the originally reported rates in the final MSR published in September 2011.

This was the first indication that we had that our statistical crime data was not matching up with the DOJ data.

All agency response times to Priority 1 calls for service were also reported in the MSR, and the first draft of the report had Kensington response times tied for first with the City of Clayton, with a response time of 1:30 minutes. However, after the draft report was published, several of the chiefs questioned why the size of the city that a police agency was covering was not factored into response time calculations. LAFCO had their consultant factor geographic area into the response times and Kensington’s adjusted response time became 2:45 minutes. This changed Kensington’s response time from first to fourth best in the County.

Part of the Police Monthly Report includes the various crimes that were committed in the District the previous month. This is reported by the detective who handles follow-up investigations on cases taken. At the end of 2011, I did a quick review of the crimes committed in the District and believed that they were lower than the previous years’ totals. I then asked our Police Services Aide, Andrea DiNapoli, if she had compiled the crime statistics for 2011 yet, and she responded that she had not. She did provide me with an excel spreadsheet for the Year End Crime Statistics for the years 1993 through 2009.

Subsequently, I received a Uniformed Crime Report from DOJ dated 04/14/2011 for the year 2010, which I placed in a folder. I used the data from this report for the 2010 crime data in the January 2012 Police Monthly Report.

I added the previous 11 months of crime statistics to the total for December 2011 and determined that there were 74 crimes committed in 2011. I compared those numbers (74) to the number of crimes identified from my January 2012 Police Monthly Report (130) and noted the 46% reduction in reported crime between 2010 and 2011. Then using the data I received from Andrea, I charted out the number of crimes reported in 2008 and 2009 for comparison in my report. Based on the average number of reported crimes between 2008 and 2010, (162), I wrote that “We have basically cut property crimes in half this year from the previous

three years.”

Based on this information, I awarded all the members of the department a Unit Commendation at the January 12, 2012 KPPCSD Board meeting.

At the February 9, 2012 KPPCSD Board meeting, Director Kosel made her first request for the “Data used to base the commendations on.” The next day I spoke with Andrea and informed her of Director Kosel’s request and stated that I needed to have the year-end crime statistics completed for 2010 and 2011.

On March 5, 2012, Andrea provided me with the excel spreadsheet with the crime statistics for the years between 1993 to 2011. I then compared the crime data I used in my memo with that data I received from Andrea’s excel spreadsheet and noted several discrepancies. I asked Andrea how there could be discrepancies between data received from DOJ and our data. She stated she did not know.

Checking further, I noted that in my report, I had noted 64 auto thefts in 2008 and in the DOJ report there were only 20, and that I had inadvertently transposed the total petty theft, grand theft, and auto theft number of 64 for the auto theft number of 20. I also noted that I had transposed the total burglary crimes of 55 with those of auto burglary (21).

Unfortunately, I was consistent with this clerical error, transposing total auto thefts in 2009 (10), with the total number of petty thefts, grand thefts, and auto thefts (47).

This mistake reduced the total number of reported crimes in 2008 from 195 to 120, and in 2009 from 162 to 98. These new totals matched the data we had received from DOJ and that was reported on Andrea’s spreadsheet. However, comparing the data from Andrea’s spreadsheet to the data received directly from DOJ for 2010 and then comparing the data from Andrea’s spreadsheet to the data received from DOJ for 2011, dated 02/06/2012, the numbers from DOJ did not match the numbers from Andrea’s spreadsheet.

In early March, I asked the entire staff to research the problem to determine why this was occurring.

On March 16, 2012, I met with Andrea, and Sergeants Hull, Hui, and Barrow to determine why our data was not matching DOJ’s and how we would prevent this from happening in the future. Andrea informed us that when she took over the crime statistical data recording from Sergeant Khan in 2010, she was instructed to recover crime data from the Kensington Police Department Daily Log. When I asked how this data was reported to DOJ, she indicated that she did not know. We then went through her entire process of recovering crime data and used the 2011 homicide – which was not reported in either Andrea’s spreadsheet or the DOJ report – for an example.

We determined that DOJ was obtaining the crime data directly from data entered into our police reports by our officers via Richmond Records and the ARIES Crime reporting software, and not by any entries being made by Andrea. In the case of DOJ not identifying the homicide in 2011: This occurred because, on the initial entry made by the officer the day the body was recovered, the officer entered “deceased” and not “victim” in the required field and, even though the type of case was later changed by the detective from “unresponsive subject” to “homicide” in a secondary required field once the coroner’s report was received, the database only registered an error message and did not record the homicide.

In order to keep this from occurring in the future, we now have an internal auditing system which requires the sergeants to verify that all data fields have been properly entered by the officers and which requires a sign-off on case jackets before the case jackets are given to the detective for secondary verification. Once all cases have been verified as having been properly recorded, they are placed in the District’s files by Andrea.

Total crime statistics for the years 2008- 2011, as initially reported and as corrected, are shown below.

	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>Reported</b>	195	162	130	74
<b>Actual by DOJ</b>	120	98	114	73

The Kensington Police Department personnel reduced crime by 36% between the years 2010 and 2011. Although not the 50% year-over-year reduction in crime that I cited in my earlier report and in the unit commendation, this reduction is still significant and the personnel of the department are deserving of special recognition.

With the internal auditing system we now have in place, I expect our crime reporting data will be accurate from this point forward.



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not encouraged. Questions are quashed;” appears hypocritical in light of her interruption of my remarks, as well as those of her fellow director, Linda Lipscomb, and her throwing on the floor(!) documents I had submitted for review by the Board – all at the March 8th KPPCSD meeting.

As elected public officials, Directors Kosel and Metcalf are just as much subject to scrutiny and criticism as any other public official. *The Outlook* performs a valuable community service by reporting the events at KPPCSD meetings, and should not be intimidated by their blustering attempts to shut down the First Amendment in Kensington.

*Vida Dorroh*

**Cheap Shots in the Mail?**

Dear Editor,

The basic reputation of the *Outlook*, in terms of truthfulness and objectivity, and its value to Kensingtonians is in question. We don’t appreciate your using our forum, our paid subscriptions and our community advertisers’ money to bring us cheap shots in the mail with creative gossip about our neighbors:

The basic facts of your story on the KPPCSD meeting, where you purport that two Directors left the meeting in protest, were false. Two Directors did not leave the ceremony or the room, with all you suggested that would impugn.

This outrageous sniping, with recurrent and obviously political attempts at defamation of the two Directors victimized in the article, has become a cynical habit in recent *Outlooks*. Leaving aside the problems inherent in publishing anything with such a loose relationship to the truth, the

non-story in question moves us to suggest that the *Outlook* has lost focus. Aren’t there real issues facing the community where your energy and our money would be better spent? Please bring them. Till then the publication is in danger of losing its relevance and usefulness.

Sincerely,  
*M. Campbell, Concerned Neighbor*  
*Cindy Kimball, Former Director and President of the KPPCSD Board*

**Rupert Murdoch Takes Over Outlook?**

Dear Editor,

Did Rupert Murdoch take over the *Outlook* when I wasn’t looking? This is the only logical explanation I can think of concerning last issue’s sensational headline (*3 Officers Promoted – 2 Directors Walk Out – 1 Shocked Community*). I did not attend the meeting, but after reading the article, a few minutes of phone calling established what several attendees of the meeting have already verified – that Directors Kosel and Metcalf didn’t walk out, they merely went to the back of the room via the side doors. This begs the question: how did such a sloppy, insulting story get published? Did the editor even bother to question Directors Kosel and Metcalf to get their side of the story? Either he was too lazy to fact check his story, or he was a mere patsy (a willing patsy, perhaps?), used by political enemies to spread falsehoods. Neither explanation bodes well for our community. All of us – especially our volunteer public servants – deserve better.

*Eyleen Nadolny*

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# From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From March 2012

- 2012-1584 – On 3/3/2012, Sergeant Hui responded to the 1500 block of Valley Dr. on a report of a petty theft.
- 2012-1625 – On 3/4/2012, Master Sergeant Hull responded to the 200 block of Yale Ave. on a report of a petty theft.
- 2012-1674 – On 3/6/2012, Officer Stegman arrested a subject on the 300 block of Oceanview Ave. for trespassing.
- 2012-2102 – On 3/26/2012, Officer Ramos met with a resident at KPD on a report of a petty theft.
- 2012-2103 – On 3/26/2012, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Lam Ct. on a report of an identity theft.
- 2012-1582 – On 3-3-2012, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Trinity Avenue for reported annoying phone calls.
- 2012-1823 – On 3-13-2012, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Yale Avenue for a reported out of control juvenile.
- 2012-1894 – On 3-17-2012, Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Lenox Drive for a reported vandalism –



- scratches on a resident’s vehicle.
- 2012-2042 – On 3-24-2012, Officer Turner responded to the 2600 block of Tamalpais Avenue in El Cerrito for a reported welfare check. El Cerrito Police had responded to an injury DUI crash on San Pablo Avenue and asked for assistance with a welfare check. The resident was scared and wanted the exterior of her home checked for suspicious persons in the area.
  - 2012-2148 – On 3-28-2012, Officer Martinez responded to the 300 block of Rugby Avenue for a reported residential burglary/home invasion. The suspect made entry through a pried rear window, took several items, and left the residence without being detected by the resident.
  - 2012-2153 – On 3-28-2012, Officer Turner and Sgt. Barrow responded to the 200 block of Arlington Avenue for a reported disturbance. They arrived and contacted two subjects on court-ordered probation for gun and drug charges. A search of the subjects and their vehicle was performed with negative results. The subjects left the area without incident.

## In Memory...



**Samuel Abraham**

September 23, 1923- March 16, 2012  
Kensington Resident

After 88-1/2 years of living, learning, and teaching, Samuel (AKA Sandy) Abraham passed away on March 16, 2012.

Son of Greek immigrants, Sandy was born in New York City and grew up with his brothers, Albert and Marvin. Family and education were prized by the Abrahams, and Sandy pursued both wholeheartedly all his life.

Sandy proudly served in WWII, participating in battle campaigns in New Guinea and the Southern Philippines, for which he received a Bronze Star for combat heroism. Upon returning home from the war, Sandy completed his B.S. in organic chemistry from the College of New York. In 1948, he moved to California to pursue his Ph.D. in comparative biochemistry from UC Berkeley, after which he became a member of the teaching staff in nutrition, physiology and biochemistry. In 1966, he was named Director of Research for Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Oakland, a position he enjoyed for almost two decades. Sandy authored over 190 scientific publications and made significant contributions to the advancement of science.

**Margaret Taylor**

October 11, 1913 - April 1, 2012  
Margaret Taylor, a long-time Berkeley teacher and resident of Kensington, and, more recently, Oakland, passed away peacefully, April 1st. She is survived by her children, Stuart and Alan Taylor and Robin Gwinner. She was married to her husband, Robson Taylor, who pre-deceased her, for almost 62 years. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 14th, at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley.

At UC Berkeley, he met the love of his life, Marjorie, now deceased, and the two married and built a home in Kensington, where they raised two daughters, Jan (Dixey) and Martha (Marti). Though his passion was science, an endeavor that took him around the globe, Sandy’s heart was centered in his home on the hill.

Sandy was known for his keen intellect, eidetic memory, and his frugality. He was a master at Bridge, Scrabble and bagel making, and enjoyed traveling, sailing, and family weekends in Timber Cove.

Sandy is survived by his daughters, Jan Faciane of New Orleans, LA, and Martha Hirsch of Boulder, CO, brothers Albert Abraham and Marvin Abraham, sister-in-law, Reeve Abraham, and sons-in-law Anthony Faciane and Michael Hirsch. His three granddaughters, Esther Faciane, Rachel and Katya Hirsch brought him great joy and pride. Sandy is also survived by a host of other relatives and devoted friends, including the Grassetti-Kruglikov family, Michael Rossi, and Lisa Hotchkiss.

A celebration of his life will be held June 23 at 1:30pm at the Children’s Hospital Oakland Research Institute, 5700 MLK, Jr. Way, Oakland. Memorial contributions can be made to Children’s Hospital Foundation Oakland.

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Speed Limits

Dear Outlook:

I am appalled at the strident and wordy attempt by Don Hitchcock to try and shift the blame for his reckless disregard for local speed limits onto the pedestrians and their dogs that are regularly endangered by his reckless driving. The unposted speed limit in unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County, which includes Kensington is 20 MPH>>> That is TWENTY MILES per HOUR. If he wants to race around like the teenager he once was then he should move to Nevada, Utah, or Wyoming. I for one will feel much safer knowing his arrogance and disregard of common courtesies and the commons and their representatives in the KPD are no longer a source of worry. Don't let that door hit you on the way out Don! (If you have been living here for 35 years you will undoubtedly sell your property at a profit)...

I would also add that the installation of speed limit signs on thoroughfares like the Westminster-Kenyon-Perdue-Oberlin-Grizzly Peak corridor to Orinda and beyond should be posted at once and strictly enforced. In addition, the stop sign at Kenyon and Westminster is regularly ignored in the early morning, as is the stop at the Arlington and Westminster. Since this occurs right in front of Director Kosel's house I would hope that she will use her influence to curb this egregious abuse and ask for more sergeants on patrol with radar guns. I agree with her that promotions have been rather dramatic and the prospect of having too many "chiefs" and not enough "indians" has struck a chord with me, a previously vocal critic of hers.

Oh and by the way whoever the skell is repeatedly destroying the bus stop sign for the 67 AC Transit bus at Kenyon and Trinity – a pox on you. Local residents are going to train their web cameras on the stop and find out who you are and you will be prosecuted for vandalism!

*Michael Jordan (resident since the Niners beat the Bengals 55-11 in the Super Bowl.)*

KPPCSD Board Members Derided as 'Crazy'?

To the Editor:

People who bring unwanted messages, ideas that challenge or question popular opinions and beliefs, are usually the subjects of scorn and derision.

A century ago suffrage activists met contempt as they, in contrast to accepted and self-evident belief, asserted women's equality and responsibility. Sixty years earlier, abolitionists were considered crazy for challenging custom and economic doctrine. The civil rights mop-up workers of the 20th century were still beaten, jailed, and killed for trying to end the evils of segregation among an almost homogeneous culture, which saw Bull Connors as a hero and Freedom Riders as a communist challenge to popular order.

Here in Kensington we find two governing board members derided as "disrespectable" and "crazy" for attempting to question the comfortable relationship of a segment of the village and its police force. As this has become the basis of an antagonistic partisan group identity, the issues brought up are dismissed and lost in the personal rejection of messengers because a cadre of folks want to feel comfortable with the status quo. To ignore the questions and attack the persons voicing them ignores reason and history: reason, by confusing real and relevant issues with personalities, and history, by behaving like people who have (in) hindsight been proven very wrong while they were so popular.

*Jim Hausken*

Support the Parcel Tax

Dear Editor,

As a Kensington parent of two children at El Cerrito High, I can't stress how important it is for our residents to continue to support the parcel tax.

*see Letters, Page 13...*

Circus Pub Changes Hands – and Accents

Graham Simpson, founder of the Circus Pub, and owner for the last 24 years, will be passing the torch to pub bartender, Scott McFadin, and his merry band of investors, as Graham heads home (as he still considers it) to England.

Graham assures Circus pub regulars and irregulars, alike, that he "put much time into deciding who would take care of my 'baby' and its customers in a fashion of which I would be proud."

Graham says that Scott says that Chicken Little says, "The only change you will notice will be the accents."



Former KPPCSD Director Bill Wright's band, Threat Level Orange, plays the Circus Pub on Saturday, May 19th at 8:30pm

Scott will be setting up a Kensington Circus Pub website where interested parties can view blog updates from Graham about his life on the canals of Merry Olde E.

*Bon voyage, Graham – and thanks for the brewskeries! Good luck to Scott & Co.!*

Bay View Recycling Services Back at Trough

Bay View Refuse and Recycling Services has requested the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District undertake a rate study, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, to be shared equally between Bay View and the District. The study would follow the process performed by HF&H Consultants in 2009, encompassing, but not limited to: (1) reviewing Bay View's actual costs incurred to provide solid waste-related services; (2) testing all expense categories to verify that expenses were reasonable and allowable; (3) verifying whether payments to related parties exceed the limits identified in the Agreement; (4) verifying whether Bay View has properly billed and collected rate revenues from its customers and accurately accounted for the sale of recyclable materials, which sales are used to offset rates; and (5) calculating the gap between projected expenses and projected revenues and

identify a rate adjustment that would mitigate the gap (if any).

When Bay View requested a rate increase last year, on the brink of KPPCSD appearing ready to deny such an increase, Bay View abruptly withdrew its request, and then, in accordance with the contract between the two parties, requested the agreement of KPPCSD for Bay View to assign the refuse hauling contract to another contractor.

Since then, Bay View has changed its mind, withdrawn the assignment of the contract, and apparently decided to keep the contract, itself.

A motion proposed by KPPCSD Director, Linda Lipscomb to direct the District's attorney to negotiate with Bay View's attorney to establish the terms under which a rate review would be pursued, was passed on a 3 to 1 vote.

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# KENSINGTON KALENDAR

**May 1 Beading for Teens.** Expert beader, Yolanda Seay, teaches teens how to make the “Double Wrap Bracelet.” For students in grades six through twelve. 4:30-6pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. Call the library to sign up or register online at [ccclib.org](http://ccclib.org). 526-7512. Sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Yoga** at the Arlington Community Church. All ages. 4:45-6pm. Bring balance to mind, body and spirit. Drop-ins welcome; small fee. 381-0997

**May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Potluck Community Dinner and Spirit and the Arts Program** at the Arlington Community Church. Potluck for everyone, families welcome 5:30pm. Spirit and the Arts Program for children from 6-9pm. Children’s Choir with Shanti Moorjani; dancing and acting with Rev. Dr. Michael Mansfield. \$50/materials. 526-9146

**May 5 Second Annual Car Meet** at Jason Simm’s Chevron Station 304 Arlington Ave. Music, Fat Daddy’s BBQ, activities for the kids, raffles, and more. 9am-4pm. Call for info, or to reserve a spot for your car. Free. 525-4099

**May 6 A Life in Opera: In the Shadow of the Stars**, a special event honoring West Edge Opera board member Sigmund Seigel, 12:30 - 4:3pm at The Marsh Arts Center in the Gaia Building, 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley. Features a screening of the Academy Award-winning documentary, *In the Shadow of the Stars*, followed by a live performance by Sigmund Seigel and some of his colleagues in the San Francisco Opera Chorus, who were featured in the film. Followed by a wine and hors d’oeuvres reception. Tickets from \$25-\$175 at [www.west-edgeopera.org](http://www.west-edgeopera.org) or call 841-1903.

**May 6 Graduating High School Senior Photo** at the Recreation Building, 3pm.

**May 6, 13, 20, 27 Kensington Farmers’ Market.** Live produce and live music every Sunday, 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. 847-0801 or [KensingtonFarmersMarket.org](http://KensingtonFarmersMarket.org)

**May 7 “Castoffs” Knitting Group.** All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 10 Women’s Fellowship** at the Arlington Community Church. 6pm. Join us for a potluck, wine and good conversation. 526-9146.

**May 10, 17, 24 and 31 Baby & Toddler Story Time.** Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

**May 12 Spring Garage Sale**, check out the large assortment of artwork, dishes, jewelry and other animal-themed collectibles as well as clothing, rugs and useful things that might interest people too. All proceeds fund our veterinary cause. RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 9am-3pm. 356-4233

**May 12 The 65th Annual Spring Carnival at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School**, 11am-3pm. Carnival games and prizes for all ages, including the Cake Walk, water balloon catapult, fortune telling, a sponge toss, fishing for prizes, and many more. Grilled lunches by the Dad’s Club, featuring their famous tri-tip sandwiches, sausages, hot dogs, and hamburgers. The second annual Rhea Wilson Plant Sale brings back a tradition of well-priced plants, cuttings, and potted flowers. White Elephant Sale and Deals-on-Wheels Bike Sale. The Kensington Pinwheel Quilt Raffle. All proceeds benefit Kensington Hilltop School. Rochelle Clewer [rock\\_yank@yahoo.com](mailto:rock_yank@yahoo.com) or Kim Keller [k\\_keller@com-cast.net](mailto:k_keller@com-cast.net).

**May 12 Pet Dental Informational Clinic.** What works, what doesn’t work, how to keep your dog’s teeth clean and cat’s breath fresh, when you need to see a vet, and what you can do between vet visits to avoid dental problems. 11am -1pm, RabbitEars, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

**May 12 & 13 FKL Annual Spring Book Sale** in the Community Center at 59 Arlington Ave., up the road by the library. Sat. 9-4 and Sun. 11- 4. See *Neighborhood Notes*, Pg 4, for details.

**May 14 Identity Theft Prevention Program.** Barbara Jue, an associate with LegalShield, will offer information and advice on how to prevent identity theft and how to deal with it if it should happen. She will also talk about children and computer use and cyber bullying. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 13 Knitting at the Arlington Community Church. 11:30am.** Knit shawls, hats, scarves and mittens for those in need. We pray over each item before giving it away. Info 526-9146.

**May 15 Berkeley Garden Club.** “Local Bee Keeping” by David Eichorn. 2 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. 526-1083 or [berkeleygardenchub.org](http://berkeleygardenchub.org)

**May 15 Free Legal Workshop: Alternatives to Foreclosure.** Short sale, loan modification, or foreclosure? Steven Mehlman, a local attorney, will offer an informational session to explain the pros and cons of each financial decision to help you make the right choice for your situation. Mehlman is a practicing attorney with over 30 years of experience. This workshop is sponsored by the Contra Costa County Bar Association. 6-8pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Avenue, EC. 526-7512.

**May 17 Men’s Fellowship at the Arlington Community Church.** 6pm. Dinner and good conversation. Info 526-9146

**May 19 KNS Science Fun Fair.** Junior scientists age 2–7 experience the joy of discovery at Kensington Nursery School’s annual Science Fun Fair. Explore 15+ hands-on stations: space world, volcanoes, magnets, tree frogs, nature world, water play, gold panning, and more. \$3 per person (under 2 free). Lunch available. 10am –2pm at 52 Arlington Ave. [kns-ca.org/fair](http://kns-ca.org/fair)

**May 19 Firefighters at the Library.** Join us for a special visit from the Kensington Fire Department, complete with story, fire safety information and fire truck tour! Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 1pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 19 Kensington Path Clearing.** 10am-Noon on the The Ardmore Path. Bring rakes and clippers to share, and your own gloves and water.

**May 21 Book Club.** Discussion of *Color of the Sea* by John Hamamura. 3rd Monday this month. (Normally 4th Monday.) Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 25 Bridge at the Arlington Community Church.** Potluck at 6pm. No experience necessary. All are welcome. Info: 526-9146.

**May 26 Clicker Training Class.** Train your pets to use a litter box, come when called, stop nipping, and basically every good behavior you want to see in your dog, cat, rabbit, hamster, bird, mouse, or guinea pig. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Kids under 9 need to be accompanied by adult. 2-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

**May 27 Kensington Farmers’ Market 6th Anniversary Celebration**, 10am-2pm Colusa Circle. Live produce and live music.

**May 30 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters** meets at 1:15pm. Guests are welcome. Please confirm at 527-1266 for mtg location.

**June 9 First Annual Family Movie Night.** The Kensington Community Council will hold the first annual family movie night in Kensington the evening of Saturday, June 9th. Bring a picnic and the family for the first, KCC family movie night fundraiser at the Community Center. The movie will start at dusk. *Mark your calendars and save the date!*

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Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center  
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

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

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

KFPD - May 9th  
Fire Protection District  
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - May 10th  
Police Protection and Community Services District  
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KPSC - May 14th  
Kensington Public Safety Council  
EQ & Disaster Preparedness  
2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

KARO/ECHO - May 14th  
Amateur Radio Operators  
2nd Mondays of odd months  
7:30pm. 524-9815

KMAC - May 29th  
Municipal Advisory Council  
Last Tuesdays 7pm.

KIC - June 25th (No May Mtg)  
Kensington Improvement Club  
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

KPOA  
Property Owners Association  
Meets quarterly. 559-8232

KFM  
Kensington Farmers’ Market  
Sundays, 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. 847-0801 or [KensingtonFarmersMarket.org](http://KensingtonFarmersMarket.org)

LAST CALL for your inclusion of Kensington Notables, in the Centennial update of *Kensington Past and Present*. Email your suggestions of categories and/or people to [kicpresident@gmail.com](mailto:kicpresident@gmail.com).

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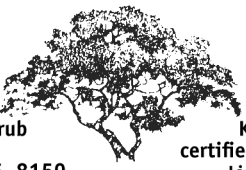






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If allowed to expire, all funding for school librarians, high school athletics and middle and high school counselors will be lost.

The district made national headlines when these cuts were made in 2003 before the parcel tax was first passed. Resistance to taxes and reduction in services is now commonplace; folks hardly react to cuts.

The district has been fiscally responsible and shown consistent progress – the percent of students who go to 2- or 4-year colleges has increased from 45 percent to 82 percent. With the state cutting so much of its statutory funding, our students need our continued support. Can't vote on June 5th? You can request your absentee ballot online at <https://absentee.contra-costa.org/index.asp> until May 29.

Karen Shebek

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