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KCC Everyday Art Class: Students show their portfolios.  
See Class Schedule, Page 3. Photo: Instructor, Carolyn Holm.

## Lights, Kensington, – Action!

On March 20th, the second community meeting on Kensington streetlights, moderated by Supervisor John Gioia, and including officials from the County Public Works Department and PG&E, was held at the Community Center.

According to Supervisor Gioia, the main issues identified in the previous meeting, held last November, were:

1. Too much light: over-lighting of private property and into private homes; 2. Aesthetics: the galvanized steel poles are

not as aesthetically pleasing as the original centerbore wood poles; 3. The brightness of the newly installed lights is glaring and obstructs evening views; and 4. The new galvanized steel poles obstruct views of the Bay. (The height of the new poles was identified as a factor in all of these problems.)

Gioia said that the intent of the March meeting was to report where the process stands in identifying several options for a solution to the lighting needs of Kensington – to adequately

address the need for sufficient lighting for traffic safety, the private enjoyment of residents' homes without intrusive night lighting from the street, and minimal intrusion into day and night views.

Supervisor Gioia provided some background on the lighting in Kensington: "We do have general zoning ordinances that include the importance of views," he said. "The County owns the poles in Kensington. (In Berkeley, the poles are owned by the City of Berkeley.) They were purchased originally by the County – not by Kensington residents.

"The lights are maintained by PGE. The centerbore poles are about 30-40 years old and were the standard at the time – not specific to Kensington.

"Based on PG&E estimates they were 26-28 feet high, with plastic, 'Town and Country' fixtures (yellowed from age and sunlight) enclosing 250-watt high pressure sodium lights, hanging about 2 feet lower." (One resident demurred, saying that "[he] measured many of the poles [the previous day], and they're [all] about 4 feet shorter than that.")

According to Gioia, 47 of the 63 centerbore wood poles were replaced by 28-ft steel galvanized poles with 6-ft arms and

*see Lights, Page 4...*

## KCC Movie Night – Bon Appetit!

To kick off summer in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council is showing one of Pixar's best-loved films – *Ratatouille*!

Last year's summer movie nights were a big success, and KCC is continuing the tradition next month on Saturday, June 8th, on the large lawn by KCC's Building E. The popularity of last year's movie nights dictated that KCC relocate the event up the hill to the larger field.

Thanks to generous help from Pixar Studios and the two local sponsors, Kensington's Mechanics Bank and Marvin Gardens

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Letters to the Editor

Cell Tower Health Risks

Editor:

April's Outlook quoted Joe Carlson's view that the health risk of handsets was greater than that of cell towers and that we would be safer having more, smaller, installations. I would like to respond with four considerations:

- The International Agency of Research on Cancer designates stationary installations as more dangerous than handsets because the radiofrequency emissions are constant.
- The health risk of handsets is proportional to the frequency of use.
- Because of "co-locating," cell phone companies can expand their installations and other companies can join their locations without approval. PG&E was inspecting the poles near my house saying that once AT&T moves in, Sprint, Verizon, and T-Mobile will take over the neighboring poles. A compromise would be like asking for a bucket of tsunamis.
- The EM Radiation Policy Institute (EMRPI) found that hundreds of industry-operated antennas were in gross violation of FCC regulations, some in excess of 600%. Small does not equal safe.

Four AT&T "suits" were poking around last week. I invited them into my house to see the proximity of the proposed tower to my kitchen. "We decline," they said, quite haughtily. We cannot assume these companies will be contained, play fair, or be respectful of our concerns. There can be no compromise.

Sheila Kogan

Implementing Change

(Dear Editor):

I have read and enjoyed the Kensington Outlook for many years and find it the best way to keep up on what is going on in our village. In numerous recent issues a few individuals have repeatedly expressed their opinion about what is wrong in this community. After reading a continual stream of critical and negative articles, I can't help but believe that their primary objective isn't to make Kensington a better place to live, but rather to draw attention to themselves. I wonder if these individuals serve on any committees to constructively suggest and implement change or participate in community activities? I don't know what motivates these individuals, but I do believe that actions and participation speak louder and with much more credibility than rank criticism. I hope to see Kensington continue to change and improve, but I am tired of reading what has become a seemingly endless, negative and self-serving diatribe that does little to either initiate or implement positive change.

Respectfully,  
Dan O'Brien

You Heard it Here, First:

There is nothing in the Kensington Police Department Policy Manual that prevents officers from painting their toenails.

Mountains, Molehills, Silk Purses, and Sows' Ears

Sir,

Your capacity to distort the truth continues to amaze me. You claim that the attempt by Tony Lloyd to impose rules for the citizens of Kensington with regard to how they express themselves was in response to a Ph.D. demanding to be addressed as "Dr." Asserting that as the reason that, (it chokes me to say it,) President Tony Lloyd of the KPPSD promulgated the rule that people be addressed by their proper titles. I am that Ph.D. and you have reported falsely, again. In fact when Lloyd addressed me as "Mr. Schwartzburd" he knew very well that he was expressing disrespect as well as violating proper usage. I confronted him not demanding to be addressed as "Dr." which is only one of the alternatives I offered him to him, alternatives including my first name. And is it not another act of hypocrisy that he pronounced a rule at the next Board meeting restricting what he himself had done and that I had confronted him on. And then Joel, you tried to turn his sow's ear into a silk purse.

Am I making a mountain out of a molehill? Nope, I'm not. Pronouncing rules and making decisions that officials have no right to make along with deceptive practices are hallmarks among the pantheon of mismanagement and what I think are misdeeds regularly engaged in by the majority of the Board of Directors, the principal employee of the District and you.

Leonard Schwartzburd

More From Anna Shane

Dear Editor,

Following two of my recent letters you wrote that I was wrong about certain facts. Here is some documentation.

Last November I wrote Chuck Toombs was uncomfortable with the way zero tolerance was passed, and in that issue he claimed he'd always been comfortable with it. He wrote on July 31, 2012: "I was not comfortable with the limited discussion of the zero tolerance policy."

In April I wrote Chuck didn't know underground lines are under county authority, and in that issue he claimed to have known that. In a *Patch* article dated November 8, 2012 he stated "We need to have a discussion with our community on their appetite for such public expenses as renovations to our community buildings... (and) under grounding power lines in town."

While you were correct in noting the police chief is legally under the authority of each Board member, I wrote that "practically" he supervises himself. On September 11, 2012 I received a letter from Tony Lloyd regarding the 'zero tolerance' policy, and he wrote to me "there are no plans that I am aware of to override (Police Chief Harman's) authority in this matter." Moreover, it's not reasonable to think unpaid Board members who have their own jobs could practically supervise the police department.

Again I think homeowners have ample evidence that we would be better served by an independent General Manager who could intervene to resolve disputes before we are sued, and institute normal procedures and normal rules for our employees.

Anna Shane

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"Everybody wants to save the earth; nobody wants to help Mom do the dishes."

— P. J. O'Rourke



## Cell Tower Update

According to Will Nelson, Principal Planner with the Community Development Div. of the Dept. of Conservation and Development (“the Planning Department”), the county has asked AT&T to submit alternative designs, locations, and/or technology to mitigate the issues raised by the community in regard to the proposed installation of cellular equipment in Kensington. “Once AT&T responds,” Nelson said, “the Department will have a better sense of the project that is on the table.”

Following submission of such an updated application will be an environmental review. Controversial projects are usually then sent directly to the Planning Commission, which would preside over a public hearing.

One of a number of concerns expressed by residents was that, were these equipment locations to be approved, that a precedent might be set that would allow other cellular carriers to either piggyback on AT&T’s locations or install their own poles and equipment near AT&T’s.

Nelson said, “I don’t know if another company could put their equipment on the same poles, but they could always submit applications to install on other poles. While other cellular companies could reasonably argue for similar accommodations to those granted AT&T, planners would determine whether or not other proposals were compliant with the County General Plan and zoning ordinance. (Cumulative

impacts would also come into play in the environmental review process.)

“It could be precedent setting, but is not necessarily so. Every application is different. Just because one was approved, it doesn’t mean another will be approved,” Nelson said.

On another front, resident and retired electrical engineer, Jim Johnson (who designed power systems that support various types of equipment installations, including those for cell towers and antennas), pointed out that warning signs are required to be posted on every pole supporting the proposed cellular equipment. “While the science is inconclusive about any impact on people on the ground,” according to Johnson, “warning signs are put on the poles to alert working lineman about radio waves to which they may be exposed.”

Former Kensington resident, Bryce Nesbitt, whose background, according to the *El Cerrito Patch*, includes work on a very early car phone – a predecessor to cellular phones – opined in a letter to *The Patch*, “...questions about health are definitely legitimate. However it is important to make a distinction between handsets and towers...Cellular handsets are constantly transmitting signals, even when nobody is talking...The phones search for and communicate with the nearest towers. Radio



This sign would be posted on all poles containing the proposed cellular equipment, so that linemen would be notified of the increased radiation exposure.

See Cell Towers, Page 13...

## Disaster Preparedness: Pets & Wildlife

In March, the Kensington Public Safety Council presented a Pet Disaster Preparedness Workshop at the Community Center.

Speakers included Noel Cross, Humane Education Manager for Contra Costa County Animal Shelter, freelance wildlife specialist, Winnie Kelly, and Dr. Beth Phimister, the new owner of the Kensington Veterinary Hospital.

According to Noel Cross, one of the unfunded (Bush) mandates is that every community must have in place a rescue plan for animals as part of their emergency response plan – the mandate’s motto being, “No animal left behind.”

In accordance with that mandate, the County Animal Response Team (CART) – like CERT, except for animals – offers classes in “sheltering,” and needs volunteers, in cases of disaster, to house lost pets until their owners can locate them and/or provide a home for them.

Cross advises residents to “Prepare for the small disasters, rather than the large ones,” and to be prepared to evacuate, if necessary, WITH your pet. “We train citizens to have a plan of action,” she said.

Cross further recommended pet owners take a photo of themselves with their pet, along with one of the pet alone, making sure to include its identifying marks. Concomitant with that plan might be store those photos in an off-site repository, should these records need to be available when one’s home is not – as might be the case in a disaster.

The second presenter at the workshop, Winnie Kelly, a freelance wildlife specialist working in Richmond, encouraged attendees to be prepared to rescue wildlife – and not just in the case of disaster. Espe-

cially in spring, many wild animals need help. According to Kelly, no emergency vet in Contra Costa or Alameda County will see a wild animal, and most animal control agencies are closed after hours. Wildlife depends on individual rescuers getting animals to private wildlife hospitals, which are funded by donations.


When a wild injured animal is in distress, it needs a warm, dark, quiet, and safe space to hide until it reaches help. A cardboard cat carrier will often do quite well, with a white towel placed on the bottom to reveal any telltale blood, urine, or diarrhea to the wildlife vets, after the animal is transferred. An additional dark towel over the top of the box is also good, Kelly added.

If you have to handle a wild mammal to get it out of traffic or to confine it, use caution and wear gloves. She reminded the audience that rabies is virtually 100% fatal, and that it is present in as many as one in ten sick or injured bats in California (rarer in healthy bats). Other animals that may carry rabies – though in California it is rare – include skunks, foxes, raccoons, and feral cats; birds and reptiles cannot carry it.


If you need advice about a wild animal emergency after hours, you can contact the afterhours hotline of WildCare – one of the several wildlife hospitals in this area funded by private donations – at (415) 300-6359. If you need someone to come and assist you, contact your local animal control agency, or give Winnie Kelly a call at (510) 757-9507.

The East Bay Humane Society says,

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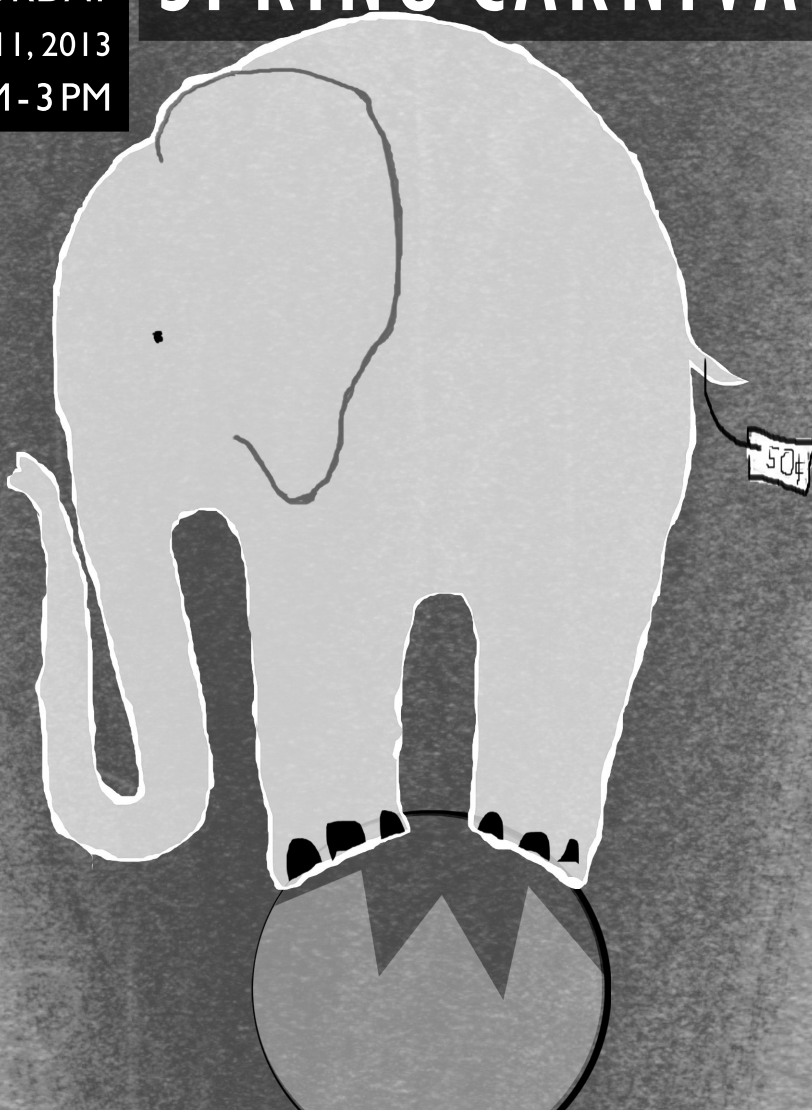


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...Lights, from Page 1

250-watt HPS lights, before the issue with the new poles and lights was brought to his attention. In the commercial area, the lights are 100 to 150-ft apart; in residential areas they are 175 to 200-ft apart.

Since the November community meeting, instead of installing shields on all the lights, as had been suggested, PGE has offered to install LED lights that focus light directly on the roadway and eliminate the glare of the high pressure sodium (HPS) lights. (LED lights come three different wattages – 20, 40, and 60 watts. Examples can currently be seen at: 147 and 150 Arlington Ave. [poles #390 and 391 – 20 watts each]; 209 and 210 Arlington [poles #402 and 403 – 40 watts]; and pole #412 at 285 Arlington [60 watts].) Complicating matters is the fact that many residents have found the high-pressure sodium lights preferable to the LED lights.

Toward the end of the meeting, Gioia presented four options that have been identified so far:

1. Galvanized steel poles with LED's: PRO: Provide adequate lighting of the roadway w/out glare, responds to height and view issues, are a "green," lower energy alternative, and are funding neutral; CON: is not a decorative light
2. 32-ft decorative poles with one or two arms and 200 to 250-watt HPS fixture(s): PRO: Provide adequate street lighting and may meet the aesthetic desires of the community; CON: Possible glare and over lighting issues, pole height may result in obstruction of views, higher energy use than LED's, and concomitant funding issues. The county would need to work with PG&E and interested parties to explore a new rate schedule for decorative LED streetlights.
3. Short, decorative poles – there are two stock lights available that are not custom; they come with 150-watt HPS fixture in acorn (14-ft pole) or teardrop (16-ft pole) glass housings: PRO: They're decorative; in the commercial area, it's possible they could provide enough lighting. CONS: Provide inadequate lighting at some locations, which would require installation of additional poles; Higher energy use than LED; Funding issues. The county would

...Letters, from Page 2

Dear Editor:

In the March edition of the *Outlook* you informed us we may locate monthly legal expenses of the KPPCSD Board, that in sum amount to hundreds of thousands a year, on-line. I don't have a computer.

While I understand you aren't allowed to give details about all our ongoing lawsuits, I think older residents like me, without easy mobility or computer access, would like these figures reported in the *Outlook*. I would like to know how many outstanding cases there are currently for personnel grievances, how many have already been settled, and what we've paid so far, or won, for each case. I'd also like to know how much we've spent so far on the Bay

need to work with PG&E and interested parties to explore a new rate schedule for decorative LED streetlights.

4. Streetlights purchased from PG&E by the county or KPPCSD: PG&E has 2 basic rate schedules that apply to streetlights –

- LS-1: PG&E owns and maintains the streetlights and provides the energy;
- LS-2: County owns and maintains the streetlights, and PG&E provides the energy.

The streetlights in Kensington are under the LS-1 rate schedule. If the Kensington community is not satisfied with the available options from PG&E, the County may pursue purchase of the Kensington community streetlights and provide further options/customization under the LS-2 rate schedule. This process would require an inventory of streetlights, determination of their condition, and a "complete appraisal;" An offer for purchase, coordinated with the California PUC; establishment of a negotiated price or obtainment of a court order for immediate possession; Timeline: up to 3 to 4 years to negotiate.

Supervisor Gioia also mentioned a possibility of creating an assessment district in Kensington to address funding issues related to any of the above possibilities.

Kensington resident, Andrew Reed suggested the possibility of a galvanized color pole with an LED head, and wondered if such a color pole was available to PG&E. PG&E promised to look into it.

Finally, Supervisor Gioia proposed putting together a small ad-hoc group of residents, including representatives from all the community boards, to provide the county with additional feedback to the options presented. A 12-member group has been assembled and it hopes to have its first meeting this month. Several options will be discussed, including having some decorative streetlights around the Arlington stores, where the lights are closer together, with the existing (new) steel poles on other sections – all LED.

Photos of pole and fixture options, including an example of the original streetlights, are available on page 3 of the *Kensington Streetlight Issues* document at <http://tinyurl.com/c4q9lqd>.

View suit, and what the result might be if we win the case against Bay View, and if we lose it. (I have been told that if we win, that will drive them into bankruptcy and leave us with no service, is that true? Does the Board have another company ready to step in if Bay View declares bankruptcy?)

We've been promised transparency and I believe the Board president should provide us with monthly reports on these on-going expenses, broken down by what each one is for. I am a homeowner and a taxpayer and I think I have a right to this information.

My complaint has always been about the lack of transparency in our local government. I think it's time for the Board to deliver on their promises.

Thank you,  
*Jane Roberts*



**KCC Summer Day Camp - A Place for Lifelong Friendships**



# K E N S I N G T O N

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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- Week 3: June 24-28**  
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+ Field Trip: *Adventure Playground*
- Week 4: July 1-5**  
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- Week 5: July 8-12**  
Fun with Drumming w/Scott  
+ Field Trip: *Lake Anza*
- Week 6: July 15-19**  
Gymnastics with Judy Baker - Olympic Week + Field Trip: *New Exploratorium*
- Week 7: July 22-26**  
Gymnastics with Judy Baker  
+ *Miniature Golf at Scandia*
- Week 8: July 29-Aug. 2**  
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- Week 9: August 5-9**  
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- Week 10: August 12-16**  
Cooking with Vicky Brodt  
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Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances.

\*NOTE: Wk. 1 (June 10th), Wk. 2 (June 17th) and Wk. 10 (Aug. 12th) are filling up fast - limited availability.

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#### Stan Cohen Retires from KCC's Acrylic Artist's Paint Studio

After 20 years of painting with and leading the Wednesday Painters at the Kensington Community Center, Stan Cohen retired this month, at age 88, due to increasing health issues. Stan began his career in the Oakland Public Schools, teaching art in several schools beginning in 1949. In 1957 he was appointed Director of Art for the Oakland Unified School District, supervising the curriculum and working with teachers throughout the large school system. He retired in 1983 to paint full-time, to exhibit and sell his work.

During the time he painted in Kensington, Stan began a series of "Memory" paintings in which he recalled with great detail, important events from his long and full life. Currently these number over 60 canvases! "The value

of working in the Wednesday Group", Stan said, "was the positive energy in the room. With 6 or 7 other artists working away at their easels, some humming or talking quietly, the creative spirit was very strong. At the lunchtime critique, a supportive sharing often resolved difficult technical questions. Much of this shared knowledge is unavailable to painters in isolation."

He expressed a hope that the Wednesday Painting Studio would continue to attract self-motivated, advanced painters to a wonderful place to grow and create.

Stan resides in Oakland, in the home he and wife, Naomi, designed in 1950. He welcomes mail & e-mail, (phone calls may be a problem as Pulmonary Fibrosis limits his breathing.) Please feel free to send email to Stan at: [stancohen3386@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stancohen3386@sbcglobal.net).

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### ONLINE REGISTRATION IS HERE!

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We are happy to announce KCC Summer Camp On-Line Registration is here! Online registration accepts only credit cards. If paying by check or cash, you will need to come to the KCC Office to pay. To access online registration, go to [www.AboutKensington.com](http://www.AboutKensington.com), Kid Services; or at [www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.org](http://www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.org), which will also take you to KCC Summer Day Camp Registration.

[www.AboutKensington.com](http://www.AboutKensington.com), Kid Services  
[www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.org](http://www.KensingtonCommunityCouncil.org)

### REGISTRATION

**KCC/KASEP Office:** 59 Arlington Ave., Bldg E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. E-mail: [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com). 525-0292. M-F, 10am-4pm.

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

**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.

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS JOIN US!

Sunday, May 5th, 3pm pizza social and 3:30pm group photo. This is a Kensington tradition! The *Outlook* publishes a picture of Kensington students who are graduating from high school. If you live

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Market Snapshot - March 1- Present

• 4 Available Listings • Average List Price: \$432 per sq. ft. • Average days on the market: 14

• 7 Pending • Average List Price: High: \$509 per sq. ft. Low: \$267 per sq. ft.

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Neighborhood Notes

### First AED Placed for Public Access in the County

In March, emergency responders joined Supervisor John Gioia in Kensington to mark the placement of the first automated external defibrillator (AED) intended for public use in Contra Costa County. American Medical Response (AMR) donated the lifesaving device to the Kensington Chevron station. In February, Contra Costa Health Services urged AED owners to designate the devices as available for public access to increase the likelihood one will be used during a cardiac arrest. Thanks to this designation, the Kensington Chevron station will have the AED available, during normal business hours, when there is a 911 call for a cardiac arrest taking place within the Kensington business district. According to the American Heart Association, a person who suffers cardiac arrest has a greatly improved chance of survival when an AED is used right away. (A person's chance of surviving cardiac arrest diminishes by 10% with each passing minute without care. Survival from sudden cardiac arrest is increased with early CPR or a publicly accessible AED.) Speakers at the ceremony included District One Supervisor John Gioia, AMR Director of Operations Leslie Mueller, El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Chief Lance Maples and Kensington Chevron station owner Jason Simms. To find out more about AEDs, visit <http://cchealth.org/ems/aed.php>.



Supervisor John Gioia, American Medical Response County General Mgr. Leslie Mueller, Fire Chief Lance Maples, Chevron Station Owner Jason Simms, Fire Captain and CPR Coordinator Thomas McCullagh, American Medical Response Community Outreach Coordinator Iris Villegas, and KFPD Board Member Helmut Blaschczyk

### Lynn Wolter Joins KPPCSD District Staff

COP/GM, Greg Harman has had to wear a third hat since the departure of the last administrative assistant, not only representing the District and the police department at KPPCSD meetings, but also taking minutes! As such, he was happy to announce last month that longtime Kensington resident (and past KPPCSD Board president), Lynn Wolter has agreed to accept the District Administrative Assistant position. She began working with Andrea DiNapoli on April 3rd. According to KPPCSD President, Tony Lloyd, the position was "...offered meeting all of the HR requirements to back fill behind the former incumbent in that job. This position has been vacant for over six months and is a result of the former employee's...resignation. All candidates and applicants (over 80) for the job submitted resumes and the job finalist had (her) qualifications reviewed by members of the KPPCSD Board. The appointment to fill the position was made with the full approval and authority of the board." To recruit someone of Lynn's caliber for this position is an incredible benefit to the community. Her years of experience on many fronts promise to prove invaluable. *Welcome (back), Lynn!*



### Hilltop Spring Carnival & Quilt Raffle May 11th

As many in our little village know, every year (since 1982!) 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 and the major fundraiser for the school's PTA. This year's labor of love, "The Sunshine Over Kensington Quilt," was created by Emi Sherman, Cathy Wagner, and Alicia Mendoza. This group of friends decided to make a colorful and energetic quilt that would embody the energy found at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. They used beautiful 100% cotton fabrics and batting in gorgeous, vibrant colors. It will be on display at the Kensington Library the first week of May. Emi has made several quilts over the years and actually learned to sew in her aunt's shop in Italy. Cathy and Alicia – although no longer Hilltop parents – offered their time and talent in crafting the quilt again this year, as well – talk about commitment to our school! The creative process typically starts at the very beginning of the school year in order to finish the quilt in time for the spring carnival. Proceeds from the quilt raffle are used to fund school-specific projects, ranging from purchasing or replacing much needed school and earthquake preparedness supplies for each of the 565 students, to paying for outside speakers for school assemblies, and funding activities such as Art Night and movie nights. Additional raffle prizes include a KINDLE Fire, jewelry, and gift certificates from local merchants. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. For tickets or more information, contact Anna Siria Ortiz at 647-8587.



### Coming: Aging as a Spiritual Practice

*Aging as Spiritual Practice* events begin in June at the Arlington Community Church. Join Zen Buddhist priest, teacher, and author, Lewis Richmond for conversation and a light lunch (\$5). Call for more information: 526-9146.





# Neighborhood Notes

## Adam Bersin Film Opens in Bay Area May 10th

Lillie Braudy checked in with this about her son, Adam Bersin’s Colorado-based movie production company, Bersin Pictures. BP is the executive producer in *Kiss of the Damned*, directed by Xan Cassavettes, daughter of John Cassavettes and Gena Rowlands. (Rowlands was here in Kensington filming a scene for another movie, last year at Judy Hardin’s *RabbitEars* on Fairmount.) Catch Adam’s new flick at Shattuck Cinemas, this month! *Time for a Kensington Film Festival!*

## FKL’s Book Sale & Dollhouse Raffle May 11 & 12

Don’t miss this year’s big 2-day book sale at the Kensington Community Center. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library, it raises funds for the library to purchase magazine & newspaper subscriptions and special books, and for some special adult and children’s programs. Raffle tickets for the dollhouse pictured here are being sold at the Kensington Library, and will also be sold at the Kensington Farmers’ Market on May 5th. Tickets are \$1 each. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the book sale on May 12. George Sideris of Mountain View lovingly assembled the dollhouse from a kit purchased through the generosity of Amy Pieri. Proceeds go to support the library. *Details, pg 10.*



## Around Town...

Below, clockwise from top left: Fun with shadows before the film at one of last summer’s **Movie Nights** – coming again June 8th to the lawn near Bldg. E... Father, son, and hotrod at the first **Kensington Car Meet** – this year on Sat., May 4th at the Kensington Chevron station...**Daffodils in bloom** on Colusa Circle, courtesy of the industrious folks at the Kensington Improvement Club, and captured by Jaima Roberts...The Easter Bunny and friends at the **Arlington Park Easter Egg Hunt**, sponsored by the EC-Kensington Fire Dept....**The new KPPCSD Board**, (R-L), Chuck Toombs, Linda Lipscomb, Pres. Tony Lloyd, and new board members, Patricia Gillette and Len Welsh...Supe. John Gioia moderated the **community meeting on streetlights**, last month (*pg 1*)...New Kensington Vet. Hospital owner, Dr. Beth Phimister and friend, Barley, at the March Pet Disaster Preparedness presentation at the Community Center (*pg 3*).



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The Friends of the Kensington Library Spring Book Sale will be held Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 12, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center (*aka Youth Hut*) at 59 Arlington Ave., in Kensington. You will find well-stocked tables organized topically for easy viewing. Rare, first editions, signed books, and more can be found at the “Special Selections Table.” Join us for the ‘Bag Sale’ on Sunday, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.! (510) 524-3043

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...Then and Now, from Page 8

reburied by the county, preventing runoff into neighbors’ yards and flooding on Kenyon, at the foot of the path. The KPPCSD Board has directed GM Greg Harman to acquire the Highland/Kenyon Path from the county. The meeting to discuss the transfer process has yet to take place.

...Pets, from Page 3

“If you have found a wild animal who appears to need assistance, do not pick up or attempt to care for the animal by yourself. Wild animals can be unpredictable and the general public should not feed or handle them.”)

More information is available at [www.berkeleyhumane.org/resources/wildlife](http://www.berkeleyhumane.org/resources/wildlife), or Wildcare at [www.wildcarebayarea.org/site/PageServer](http://www.wildcarebayarea.org/site/PageServer); or (415) 453-1000.

Possibly even more relevant for most attendees were Dr. Phimister’s suggestions for disaster preparedness for their pets.

Not every pet owner knows that shelters for people usually don’t take pets, so, in case of disaster, you may need someone to care for your pet if you can’t stay in your home.

Beth also encouraged pet owners to keep their pet microchip contact information updated and the phone number for Poison Control close at hand.

Her disaster supply list for pets includes these items: Leashes, harnesses, carriers, food, water, bowls, medications, copies of medical records, pet first aid kit, litter and box, poop bags, bed, toys, and treats.

Suggestions for a first aid kit for pets: A muzzle (if using gauze for a muzzle, approach the animal from behind and secure the gauze behind the pet’s neck); non-stick bandage, adhesive tape, saline and cleansing solution, forceps, hydrogen peroxide (call a vet before inducing vomiting), eye ointment, digital rectal thermometer, and a syringe/turkey baster for flushing a wound.

Confine an injured pet to a small area. (Wrap the pet in blanket, if appropriate). These foods are poison for dogs: gum, raisins, onions, and chocolate.

More information at [info@kensington-vethospital.com](mailto:info@kensington-vethospital.com) or 528-0797. Dr. Phimister also recommends [VeterinaryPet.com](http://VeterinaryPet.com) as a source of good information.

*Be safe, be prepared, and keep that onion-raisin-chocolate gum away from the dog!*

“Live to the point of tears.” – Albert Camus

From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From March 2013

2013-1063 – On 3-3-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 600 block of Beloit Ave. for a reported physical altercation between motorists. Neither wanted police involvement. (*Hey, mind yer own business – we’re fightin’ here!*)

2013-1094 – On 3-5-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Berkeley Park Blvd. for a reported burglary.

2013-1109 – On 3-6-2013, Sergeant Barrow responded to the 00 block of Highgate Rd. for a reported non-injury vehicle collision.

2013-1185 – On 3-10-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Sunset Dr. for a reported theft.

2013-1192 – On 3-10-2013, Sergeant Barrow made a warrant arrest in the 200 block of Arlington Ave.

2013-1202 – On 3-11-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 100 block of Lawson Dr. for a reported burglary.

2013-1222 – On 3-12-2013, Officers Wilson and Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Arlington Ave. for a reported vandalism.

2013-1329 – On 3-18-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Coventry Rd. for a reported stolen vehicle.

2013-1336 – On 3-18-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Amherst Ave. for a reported non-injury vehicle collision.

2013-1332 – On 3-18-2013, Officer Wilkens and Det.Stegman responded to the 00 block of Rincon Rd. for a reported vehicle burglary.

2013-1436 – On 3-25-2013, Officer Ramos responded to the 00 block of Edwin Dr. for a reported theft from an unlocked vehicle.

2013-1525 – On 3-31-2013, Officer Wilkens and Sergeant Barrow responded to the 00 block of Franciscan Way for a reported stolen vehicle.

2013-1031 – On 03/01/2013, Sergeant Hui met with the victim at KPD on a report of an identity theft.

2013-1138 – On 03/07/2013, Corporal Stegman responded to the 600 block of Parkside Ct. and arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant.

2013-1145 – On 03/08/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. on a report of a vandalism.

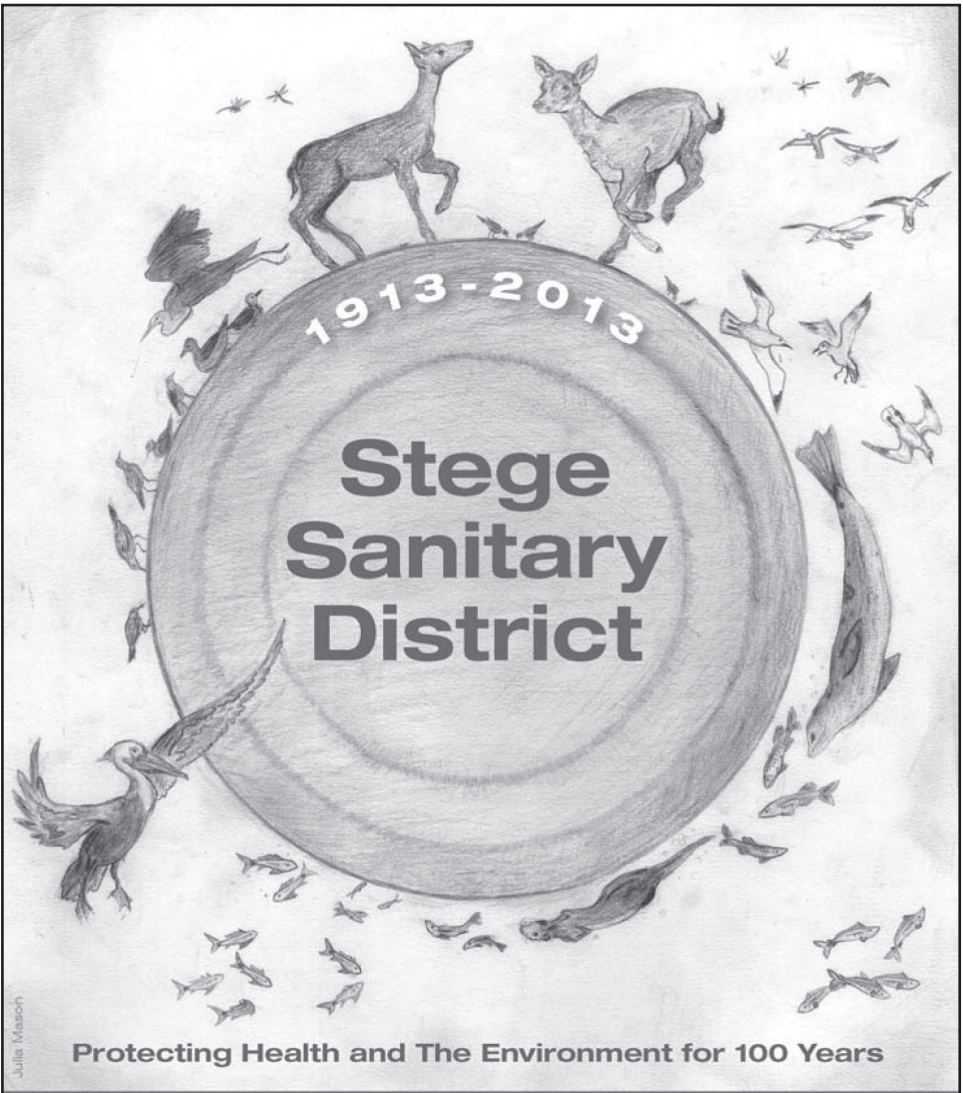
2013-1150 – On 03/08/2013, Sergeant Hui responded to the unit block of Highgate Rd. on a report of a petty theft.

2013-1286 – On 03/15/2013, Officer Turner responded to the 200 block of Willamette Ave. on a report of a residential burglary.

2013-1504 – On 03/30/2013, Officer Turner initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Arlington Ave. at Westminster Ave. and arrested the driver for driving under the influence of alcohol.

2013-1506 – On 03/30/2013, Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Kerr Ave. on a report of a burglary.

Entire report available at: [www.KensingtonCalifornia.org/police-department/police-monthly-reports](http://www.KensingtonCalifornia.org/police-department/police-monthly-reports)



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# Kensington Kalendar

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Yoga at Arlington Community Church,** 52 Arlington Ave. All ages. 4:45-6pm. Drop-ins welcome, small fee. 381-0997.

**May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Potluck Community Dinner and Spirit and the Arts** program at Arlington Community Church. Potluck for everyone, families welcome at 5:30 pm. Adult study from 6-7 pm. 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 per semester for the materials. 52 Arlington Ave. Info: 526-9146

**May2 Women’s Fellowship** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave.; 6:30pm. Bring a dish to share. Info: 526-9146.

**May 2, 23, & 30 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 3-5 The Dreams of Women Retreat** led by Rev. Cat Cox. Sliding scale fee. Register at [revcat@revcat.net](mailto:revcat@revcat.net) or 707-853-0009. Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**May 4 Super Hero Masks.** Saturday craft for preschoolers. Listen to a special story and make a superhero mask to celebrate free comic book day. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 11:30am. Free. 524-3043.

**May 4 Self-Development Recipes** led by Cordell Sloan. 9:30am-4:30pm. Suggested fee \$40. Register via email to: [cordellsloan@hotmail.com](mailto:cordellsloan@hotmail.com), or at 655-1444. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org).

**May 4 3rd Annual Kensington Car Meet.** 9am-4pm at the Chevron station, 304 Arlington Avenue, downtown Kensington. Live music by The Blues Daddies, food, raffle, and...well, cars.

**May 4 Books & Blocks.** Hear a story, build with Legos, Duplos, Quatros, and more. Ages 2 and up. This program is funded by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library. 11am. Free. 526-7512.

**May 4 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta,** 6–10pm. Catered dinner, entertainment, silent auction. \$20 in advance at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/366585](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/366585). Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

**May 4 “Freeing the Heart and Mind: Introduction to the Buddhist Path.”** Ewam Choden Tibetan Buddhist Center presents H.H. Sakya Trizin, the 41st throne holder of the Sakya order of Tibetan Buddhism. speaking on, “Freeing the Heart and Mind: Introduction to the Buddhist Path” at 7pm. Arlington Community Church at 52 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. \$20 donation requested. [www.ewamchoden.org](http://www.ewamchoden.org)

**May 4 & 5 Cinco de Mayo at Playland-Not-at-the-Beach.** Pay one price and play all day: \$15/\$10 Snrs & kids under 14. 10am-5pm. 10979 San Pablo Ave., EC. [playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://playland-not-at-the-beach.org)



Friends of the Kensington Library  
Spring Book Sale, Sat., 5/11 and  
Sun., 5/12, at the Community Center



Bob Frankfurt, Walter and Gretchen Gillfillan, and 5 others not pictured, filled 22 green waste bags from the Stratford Path clean-up, last month. A total of 42 bags of green waste have been recently collected from this path, alone. Help spiff up Upper Ardmore Path on May 25, from 10am-noon, and enjoy Gretchen’s famous cookies as your reward!

**May 5 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta,** 12–2 pm. Food, silent auction and plant sale, piñata and paper crafts. Free; registration encouraged at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/366593](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/366593). Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

**May 5 Kensington High School Senior Picture Day.** Social at 3pm and photo at 3:30pm. Meet at KCC Office.

**May 6 “Castoffs” Knitting Group.** All levels welcome and some help provided. This group normally meets on the first Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 6, 8, 10 Kensington Jazzercise** – close to home workout. On-going M-W-F, 8:15-9:15am. Come for a free trial – bring a mat and water. Questions? Call Kevin at 486-2728.

**May 7 The kABC, The Kensington Afternoon Book Club.** For ages 11-14. Contact the library for the title of the book to read. First Tuesdays of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 1 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 7: The Power of Myth at the Movies: Little Buddha** (1993) – View this movie before class, then attend the discussion led by Richard Stromer from 7:30-9pm. \$8. Register at [marthahelming@earthlink.net](mailto:marthahelming@earthlink.net). Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

**May 7, 14, 21 & 28 Stories & Songs.** Songs, lullabies and stories. Perfect for families to cuddle together and get ready for bedtime. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 7, 9 Body Sculpting** – a 60-minute strength training and flexibility class. On-going T-Th. email Catherine to register: [jazrcat@comcast.net](mailto:jazrcat@comcast.net)

**May 9 Make Your Own Book.** Come design and create a simple blank book for use as a photo album, comic book, journal, scrapbook, etc. For elementary school kids. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 3pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 9 El Cerrito Garden Club meets:** Tours of select members’ homes. Members only at this meeting. 233-9365

**May 10 Second Friday Concert Series** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., in partnership with BACH (Bay Area Classical Harmonies). 8pm. Info: 526-9146.

**May 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, & 19 Driving Miss Daisy** by Alfred Uhry. Fri’s & Sat’s at 8pm, Sun’s at 2pm. Presented by Pine Hill Theater at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. \$20 at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

*“When dealing with the insane, it is best to pretend to be sane.”*  
– Herman Hesse

**May 11 66th Annual Hilltop Spring Carnival and Quilt Raffle.** White elephant sale, plant sale, and used bike sale; grilled lunches and other refreshments available. Kensington Hilltop Elementary, 11am-3pm. Free.

**May 11 Berkeley Garden Club’s Annual Spring Plant Sale,** 1-3 pm at 117 Ashbury Ave., EC. Includes many plants grown by members, garden tools, pots, and garden ornaments. Excellent prices for specialty succulents, natives, annuals and perennials. This sale is part of the annual EC Citywide Garage Sale. Info at [www.berkeleygardenclub.org](http://www.berkeleygardenclub.org)

**May 11 Afternoon of Rejuvenation/Relaxation** with Suzanne Lingo. 2-5:30pm. Suggested fee \$20. Register at 525-1881. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

**May 11 & 12 Mother’s Day Weekend at Playland-Not-at-the-Beach.** Mothers \$2 off. [playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://playland-not-at-the-beach.org)

## Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center  
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

**KCC - May 6th**  
**Kensington Community Council**  
1st Mondays 7:30pm. 525-0292

**FKL - May 7th**  
**Friends of the Kensington Library,** 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

**KFPD - May 8th**  
**Fire Protection District**  
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

**KPPCSD - May 9th**  
**Police Protection and Community Services District**  
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

**KPSC - May 13th**  
**Kensington Public Safety Council**  
Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness  
2nd Mondays 6pm. 501-8165

**KARO/ECHO - May 13th**  
**Amateur Radio Operators**  
2nd Mondays of odd months  
7:30pm. 524-9815

**KIC - May 20th (tentative)**  
**Kensington Improvement Club**  
7:30pm. 527-3062

**KMAC (Tentative) - May 28th**  
**Municipal Advisory Council**  
Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s ofc. to confirm: 374-3231, ext. 5)

**KPOA**  
**Property Owners Association**  
Meets quarterly. 559-8232

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

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# Kensington Kalendar

**May 11 & 12 Friends of the Kensington Library Book Sale & Dollhouse Raffle.** Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Sat. 9am-4pm; Sun. 11am-4pm, plus Bag Sale, 2-4pm. Info: 524-3043.

**May 12 Knitting** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 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 12 Personal Theology Seminar:** Barbara Bye, "From the Great Mother to our own Mothers in Prose and Poetry and Expressive Mudras and Gestures." Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

**May 13 Berkeley Repertory Theatre Docent Talk.** A docent will discuss the current production: *Pericles, Prince of Tyre*. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 14 & 30 Playland After Dark presents Grown-up Game Night.** An East Bay date night for the grown-ups presents pinball, arcade games, unique and odd exhibits, plus board games, minus the kids. 6pm-10pm. \$10 adults & seniors (no children or babies). Info: [www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org)

**May 16 Men's Fellowship** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave.; 6:30 pm. Info 526-9146.

**May 16 Earthquake Retrofitting of Residential Structures** – a talk by seismic retrofit expert, Howard Cook, presented by the Kensington Public Safety Council. 7-9pm, Kensington Community Ctr., 59 Arlington Ave. Free.

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*Playland-Not-at-the-Beach is a museum with over 30 pinball machines set on free play, penny arcade games, a carousel carnival, miniature circus, magic shows, and interactive displays honoring America's bygone amusements. See their events throughout May, including Mothers' Day weekend.*

**May 17 & 19 The Contra Costa Chorus** presents the west coast premiere of the Mozart Requiem for soloists, chorus, and 4-hand piano accompaniment, plus Haydn's *Insanae et vanae curae*; and a sing-along featuring Mozart's *Ave verum corpus*. Fri., 5/17 at 7:30pm, Korean Christian Reformed Church, 1534 Everett St., EC. Sun., 5/19, at 5pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe Ave., EC. \$15/\$12 Studs/Snrs/Disabled. Kids under 12, free. [ccchorale.org](http://ccchorale.org)

**May 18 Firefighters at the Library.** Fire safety stories and tour of a fire truck, with KFPD reps. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 11:30am. Free.

**May 18 Rabbit Rescue.** Learn what it's like to be a rabbit, and meet two rescue bunnies from the House Rabbit Society in Richmond. Ages 3 and up. 11am. Free. 526-7512

**May 18 Kensington Nursery School Hands-On Science Fair** for kids age 2-7. 10am-2pm. Adm. \$3. Food for sale. 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. [www.kns-ca.org/fair](http://www.kns-ca.org/fair)

**May 18 Stege Sanitary District Centennial Celebration Open House.** Live music, refreshments, tours, equipment display, historic photos, commemorative artwork by local students. 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito. 1-4pm. [www.stegesd.org](http://www.stegesd.org) or 524-4668

**May 18 & 19 Celebrating Everyday American Heroes.** For Armed Forces Day, all of America's heroes – peace officers and first responders, teachers, nurses, and military spouses & families get \$2 off admission and 100 free prize tickets w/ID or business card. [www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org)

**May 19 Personal Theology Seminar:** Evaluation and Planning Day. What do you want us to explore in the future? Who do you want us to invite? Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

**May 20 Book Club.** Discussion of *The Underdogs: A Novel of the Mexican Revolution*. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

**May 21 Berkeley Garden Club Mtg. & Lecture.** Includes plant exchange and Anne Leyhe on, "The Latest in Garden Books." Albany Community Ctr., 1249 Marin Ave., 12:30-3pm. Public welcome. [www.berkeleygardenclub.org](http://www.berkeleygardenclub.org).

**May 22 Karaoke** with Doug Wilson at The Arlington, 6pm. Free.

**May 24 RePlay For Life – a Relay For Life Fundraiser.** Help raise money to make magic and memories possible for those touched by cancer. 4-10pm. [playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://playland-not-at-the-beach.org)

**May 24 Bridge** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Potluck at 6pm. Information at 526-9146.

**May 25 Upper Ardmere Path Cleanup,** 10am-2pm. Bring rakes, clippers, brooms, loppers, dust pans. Green waste bags – and cookies – provided.

**May 25 – 27 Playland's Fifth Birthday.** Special contests on the games, and other surprises. (Open 5/27, 10am-5pm.) [playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://playland-not-at-the-beach.org)

**May 29 Community Night** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Potluck for everyone, families welcome at 6pm. Children's musical, *Our Sound of Music*. Free. Info 526-9146

**May 31 Community Night** at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 7pm Movie: *Sound of Music* singalong. Dress as your favorite character. Snacks and prizes. All ages. Free. 526-9146



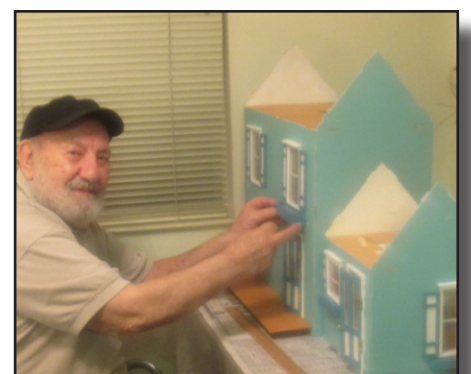
*The Blues Daddies, with lead singer, (KPPCSD President) Tony Lloyd, play at the Kensington Car Meet on Saturday, May 4th at the Kensington Chevron Station.*



*"The Sunshine Over Kensington Quilt," created by Emi Sherman, Cathy Wagner, and Alicia Mendoza, will be raffled at the Hilltop Spring Carnival, Saturday, May 11th.*



*This year's senior photo will be taken on Sunday, May 5th at 3pm. Pictured: Last year's graduating seniors.*



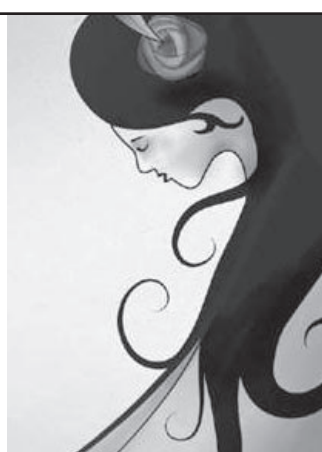
*George Sideris (shown working on last year's project) built the dollhouse for this year's raffle to benefit the Kensington Library. See May 11 & 12th.*

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erable bruising and reported the incident to Kensington Police.

As posted in the Park, dogs are required to be on leash under County Ordinance 416-4.402. Police Chief Greg Harman is asking that dog owners obey this ordinance to avoid such incidents, and the potentially serious consequences that can follow from them – especially for seniors. Kensington residents are all invited to be responsible dog owners, and obey the Leash Law.

416-4.402 - Animals at large.

(a) No person owning, possessing, harboring, or controlling any animal shall allow

such animal to be at large. (b) As used in this section, “at large” means an animal which either: (1) In the case of dogs, is not under effective restraint by a leash; or (2) In the case of animals other than dogs or cats, is not in the immediate presence and under the effective control of such person; or (3) Is tethered or leashed on any street, or other public place, not set aside for such tethering or leashing for a period of longer than fifteen minutes, or in such a way as to block a public walkway or thoroughfare; or (4) Is pastured, tethered, tied, or otherwise present on private property or in any public building without the consent of the owner or occupant; or (5) Is in any place or position with the capacity to injure persons or property; or (6) Fights, bites, or causes harm to any other animal or person, unless

such animal or person has entered the private property owned by, or in the possession of, the person owning or controlling the offending animal without permission when such property is properly fenced and posted as to the presence of the offending animal; or (7) Is not on the private property owned by, or in the possession of, the person owning or controlling the animal and is not wearing a required license tag; or (8) Is left at any place without provision for its care.

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...*Movie Night*, from Page 1

Real Estate, KCC will be showing the family favorite, *Ratatouille* on an outdoor screen. The film will start at 8:30pm, but KCC is encouraging families to come at 7:30 with a picnic dinner (or purchase hot dogs, chips and drinks at the park) and join neighbors and friends. Bring everything you will need, especially jackets, blankets, and beach chairs for comfort in the evening air. The movie is free to everyone who wishes to come, but in the spirit of a fundraiser, the hope is that people will be generous with their donations.

This year KCC will be selling hotdog dinners, popcorn, and bottled water, and glow bracelets for the kids. There will be a raffle announced at the movie night, as well. Prizes will include a free week at KCC Summer Day Camp and Pixar memorabilia. Raffle tickets will be sold at the KCC office from May 26th through the night of the event; they can be purchased, 5 tickets for \$5 or 12 tickets for \$10. For more information, call Marty at the Kensington Community Council office at 525-0292.

Mark your calendar for an evening of movie fun, Saturday, June 8th, at Bldg. E!

...*Cell Towers*, from Page 3

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