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# **October's Fall Festival & Parade**



Festival co-sponsor Marvin Gardens' Todd Hodson and friends precede representatives from Kensington Farmers' Market at last month's parade.

Sometimes you throw a party – or attend a party – and it all just really comes together. October's Fall Festival and Parade was just such a event – according to one participant, "simply being there made you feel wonderful to live in this community."

Perfect weather, great music, creative costumes, delicious food – the fun didn't stop. A fundraiser sponsored by the Kensington Community Council, with the best turnout in years, this year's event was the most successful since 1997.

The El Cerrito High Jazz Ensemble was in fine form with a large sax section blending seamlessly with bass, keys, and trumpet for some very mellow and professional sounds – far beyond what one

see Parade, Page 9...

# The Garden Party – Coming Saturday, November 12th

The Garden Party, Kensington Education Foundation's highly anticipated annual fundraiser, celebrates its 28th year, once again at the marvelous Mira Vista Country Club. There will be fabulous food, drinks, no-host cocktails, and desserts. Through November 9th, you can bid on many auction items at <a href="http://auctions.readysetauction.com/thegardenparty">http://auctions.readysetauction.com/thegardenparty</a>, then bid on additional items at the silent- and live auctions at the event itself.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **KCC Launches Annual Drive**

You are reading this newspaper because of your donations to the Kensington Community Council (KCC). But the KCC does much more than publish this paper - it provides many important services to our community. It operates the Kensington After-School Enrichment Program (KASEP), the Summer Day Camp, and offers Adult Education Classes.

KCC brings the community together in annual events such as the Fall Parade and Picnic, and the Spring Celebration. Our administrator, Marty Westby, works everyday to provide youth programs that are safe, fun and educational.

Our Summer Day Camp remains popular and solid, and our After-School Enrichment Program continues to provide a wide range of quality classes with excellent instructors to elementary school students.

We raise all our income through contributions from the community. To continue with all these important programs, we once again appeal for your help and generosity. We appreciate any contribution you feel you can make to support the Kensington Community Council's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in Kensington.

Please use the envelope included with this appeal to send us your donation today. (If your envelope is missing, donations can be mailed to Kensington Community Council, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707). Thank you!

Bruce Morrow, President Kensington Community Council

#### Codes, KMAC, and the County

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to KMAC member Gordon Becker's accusations against my wife in his letter to the editor. Mr. Becker

"I would ask that Ms. Cadogan see and act on its true nature: a bad actor acted and the appropriate response was not made. The day the bobcat started digging, the Cadogans should have been in touch with the building department's enforcement branch. If this did not produce results, the police should have been called and/ or a court case filed." Adding in his lessons learned conclusion, "be responsible for your own protection" and "don't bear false witness against your neighbor (or at least the KMAC)."

While I do appreciate Mr.. Becker's concern, he is absolutely wrong to state that an "appropriate response was not made." In fact, when the backhoe (not bobcat) appeared on the "bad actor's" property, the first person I contacted (via phone and email) was another neighbor, who happened to be none other than the Chairman of the KMAC! He and I conferred on the "appropriate" action to take and then the county code enforcement office was contacted. We also contacted the police multiple times. They told us that these issues should be handled by code enforcement. When we contacted code enforcement we were told that they "don't issue red tag notices," and (it is) their policy to try to work with the developer in cases like this. They also stated that they were doing all that they could do, while ironically adding: "We don't have police authority so we can't put him in handcuffs and haul him away."

So, we went to Supervisor Gioia. His office set up a meeting with the relevant county officials, who also claimed they were doing all that they could do. The outcome of that meeting was that this "bad actor" was indeed working outside the scope of what was allowable. Their solution; send it to the KMAC.

After a full year of working hard to get the authorities to act in the appropriate manner, we were finally successful in getting the case in front of the KMAC for the first time. The committee chairman opened the hearing on this application by addressing the attending public in order to explain that the KMAC would have to consider only the variance application before them and would not be able to consider any other circumstances. This resulted in the KMAC putting itself in the awkward position of asking questions to the applicant about his project as if it was something that was going to happen in the future, when in fact some committee members, if not all of them, were aware that the 7-foot deep excavation and construction of a wall on the property line had already occurred. In this regard, my wife is correct in stating that KMAC "acted as if it hadn't occurred." Mr.. Becker is wrong to accuse her of "bearing false witness."

Mr. Becker stated that the committee "suggested the applicant come back with additional materials." He leaves out that KMAC also advised the "bad actor" to revise his plans so that a variance (which requires notice of neighbors and enables them to contest) would not be required, an impossibility as the 7-foot excavation on the property line and construction of a wall had already been completed. The applicant took their advice and withdrew the variance request, which has enabled KMAC to wash their hands of the mess. Again, this despite the fact that the work which triggered the variance had already been carried out.

The reason this awful situation got so out of hand was not because of what my wife and I did NOT do but rather it has been the relevant authority's insistence that they were doing all that they could do, defending their jobs while passing the buck. In the meantime a "bad actor" was able to stage his play everyday on the Arlington, the busiest street in Kensington. This happened in full view of the community, including the KMAC members.

I hope that people reading Mr. Becker's letter do not come away with the feeling that what happened to us couldn't happen to them. We had the Chairman of the KMAC lodging an early inquiry to the county, for goodness sake!

Lastly, we filed a lawsuit over a year ago, thereby completing Mr. Becker's list of things he thinks we "should have" done.

Kevin Cadogan



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## K E N S I N G T O N

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION

#### **KIDS AFTER SCHOOL**

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Ave., the Kensington Community Council offers an After School Enrichment Program (KASEP). KCC office hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm. Contact us at 525-0292 or *kccrec@yahoo.com*.

The fall session of the Kensington Afterschool Enrichment Program began September 26th and will continue until December 16th. Winter registration will take place on Wednesday, December 7th. If you are interested in looking at our current classes, the fall brochure is posted at the www.aboutkensington.com website, under "Children Services."



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Stan Cohen's Wednesday Artists

#### **NEW ADULT CLASSES**

BEGINNING WATERCOLOR – Marge Essel, Instructor When: Thursday Evenings, 7-9pm Where: Recreation Building, Room A Cost: \$12.00 for Kensington residents per class (\$13.00 non-residents) paid in advance; \$14.00 drop-ins.

Beginning Watercolor will meet Thursdays from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, through November 16th.

Simplify the world you see and learn how to draw it - life is not a bunch of straight lines. Join me in learning techniques for successful design and composition. Students will work with watercolor and pastels. No prior experience necessary, just enthusiasm for creativity! Bring a sketchbook and pencil the first night. A materials list will be provided.

To register, send a check made out to KCC to 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707 or call 525-0292 for more info.



2ND ANNUAL WILD-CRAFTED WREATH MAKING EVENT Join us on Friday, December 2nd, from 6-8pm for a hands-on Wild-Crafted Wreath Making Workshop at the Kensington Community Center; hot apple cider and cookies served.

We will be using a diverse array of evergreen cuttings, as well as eucalyptus and succulents to create the wreaths. We'll have everything you need to create a unique, festive and long-lasting wreath to complement a front door or any room of your house. Wreaths will be bound with raffia ties and will be completely compostable.

Please bring pruning shears (if you have them), as well as, accents and ribbons to personalize your wreath (if you want).

Cost of \$40 includes all materials. You will be able to select evergreen boughs and boughs of contrasting foliage and accents from a diversity of those that we will provide.

Taught by two experienced floral and event designers, Catherine Johnson and Ondine Boulter. Please call or email Catherine at *csings2faye@yahoo.com*, (510) 367-7977 with questions.

To register, call the KCC office at 510-525-0292, or e-mail *kccrec@yahoo.com.*, or mail a check to KCC, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.

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KASEP Holiday Performance and Party Thursday, December 15th

Join us for performances by some of our KASEP classes, holiday sing along and exhibits of KASEP class work.

Community Center (Youth Hut)

5:00 – 6:00pm

#### **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. 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. Nonresident: \$5.

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



The Engineer Class Launched its Home-Made Rockets



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## Listing Update



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# Neighborhood Notes

#### **Handwritten Letter Day - Arlington Community Church**

On November 6th and 13th at 11:30am, ACC will hold a Handwritten Letter Day urging Congress to continue support for programs that address hunger here in the United States and around the world. The church will also provide sample letters, writing materials, and addresses for those who wish to write their own letters to send to their U.S. Congressional representative; the church will provide postage and mail the letters. Residents are also invited to drop off food and letters during office hours Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

from 2-5pm at the church, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington 94707. Donations of money may be sent to the directly to church. More information is available at 526-9146 or via email to acc.staff@sbcglobal.net.

#### Nan Phelps' Photo Exhibit

Spirits were high at the October opening of Nan Phelps' show, Personal Work. Shown here are Nan's daughter (and talented artist in her own right), Joelle Provost; former owner of Post Meridian, Robin Low; Nan's husband, O'Neil Provost; Nan Phelps; and Jenny Hoguall Lovett, designer and collaborator at Nan Phelps Photography. You can still view some of Nan's work at her Colusa Circle Studio, 398 Colusa Avenue.



Check out the new Colusa Circle Website and sign up for their newsletter, including Colusa merchant specials and discounts, at www.CousaCircle.com.

#### **Best Use for Buildings in Kensington Park?**

In light of the twelve years it took to complete the recent installation of the park restroom (from conception in the park master plan to first flush), it's not surprising that remodeling the Community Center has not been a slam-dunk. Subsequent to last year's substantial

offer by KCC to KPPCSD, legal owner of the Community Center, to remodel the building, the hiring of an architect, input from the community, the drawing of plans, and the negotiation of a new rental contract between the two community organizations, KPPCSD opted to engage the services of a consulting firm to do a comprehensive evaluation of the current state of – and ideal future uses for – the Community Center (Youth Hut), the Annex (now vacant), and Building E (KCC offices and classsrooms)... Last month, thirty Kensington residents attended the first of three meetings planned by consultants, Muller & Caulfield, to solicit ideas from the community on how residents would like to see the buildings repaired,



Inside The Annex – one of its two classrooms; It also houses an office and two restrooms.

upgraded, and used. Based on the input from this meeting and their own investigation, the consultants will return with an evalutation of the physical condition of the buildings, an assessment of the uses to which the buildings might be put, proposals for renovations or new construction, and an evaluation of potential revenue which might be expected from such investments. The next meeting is scheduled for 10am Saturday, December 3rd at the Community Center – a good use for the building, on which most everyone can agree!

Below: The Arlington Community Church presented "All Creatures Great and Small" last month at the Community Center, including blessings for the animals by the Rev. Dr. Tony Clark, D.V.M., M. Div., (top right), bunnies by Judy Hardin's RabbitEARS, tortoise by Gretchen Gilfillan, and kittens for adoption as far as the eye could see (not shown). Bottom right: Kate Miller and friend, with dogs, Maggie and Neo.









# Neighborhood Notes

#### **Senior Musical Instrument Players Group**

New players of all levels are welcome to join the Senior Musical Instrument Players Group playing spirited tunes from the 20's, 30's, 40's, WW II, plus folk, gospel, and more. Thursdays, noon-2pm at the Kensington Senior Center, inside the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Kensington. Interested parties are invited to contact Ivan at 524-9021 for additional information.



#### The Berkeley Unitarians and Architectural Innovation

Early Berkeley Unitarians, whose membership included the Maybecks, the Keelers, and fellow founders of the Hillside Club, held a progressive view of architecture. Their former church building on Bancroft Way in Berkeley, designed by A.C. Schweinfurth and completed in 1898, incorporated "startling architectural features," and has been characterized as a "powerhouse." In her lecture on Friday, November 18th at 7:30pm at the

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, Daniella Thompson will trace the history of the Unitarian community in Berkeley, introduce its cast of leading characters, and discuss the links between culture and nature embodied in its church buildings...This is UUCB's Triple Anniversary Year, celebrating 120 years since its founding as the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, 50 years at the Kensington location, and 50 years since the merger of Unitarians and Universalists. Berkeley architect Bernard Maybeck was a member of the congregation who not only had an impact on the radical design of the Berkeley church early in his career but also,



The former First Unitarian Church at 2401 Bancroft Way in Berkeley – now the UC Dance Studio • Photo: Daniella Thompson

late in his life, made it possible for the congregation to move to Kensington by selling the land to the church at a very affordable price...Co-sponsored by UUCB and Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. Reception follows. Admission is \$15. More information is available at <a href="https://www.uucb.org">www.uucb.org</a>.

#### **Sugar Cone Cafe Celebrates One-Year Anniversary**

The Sugar Cone Café invites you to celebrate their one-year anniversary on Sunday, November 20th, from Noon to 4pm. Free entertainment and activities for all ages – featuring music by Blue Bone Express, art projects for kids by 4Cats Arts Studio, face painting, contests, raffles and more. Stop by Sugar Cone Café to find out more on how to enter one of their contests. 303 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. More info at 525-7338.



#### **Around Town...**

Below: 1. Chief of Police, Greg Harman, gave the Oath of Office to former Reserve Officer, Chris Turner at last month's KPPCSD meeting. *Welcome to the force, Officer Turner!* 2. Berkeley Unitarian Universalist Church's

Tree of Life, a mosaic of healing made from broken pieces contributed by congregants – "Out of our broken pieces, together we create beauty." – celebrating the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church, high in the hills above Kensington; shown with church treasurer, Anne Greenwood. Artist: Kim Larsen. 3. First Flush – oops, the automatic door closer doesn't work. Oh well, we've waited 12 years...(Note: The park restroom is now open for "business.") Left to right: KPPCSD Director, Tony Lloyd; KCC Vice President, Anne Forrest; Construction Mgr., Jack Griffith; Architect, Italo Calpestri; GM, Greg Harman. (Essential relevant parties not present: Project Manager, Andrew Mixer, and East Bay Regional Park Director, Doug Siden.) 4. Musicians, Rafael Manriquez and Ingrid Rubis at last month's Latin American Music Night at the Kensington Library.









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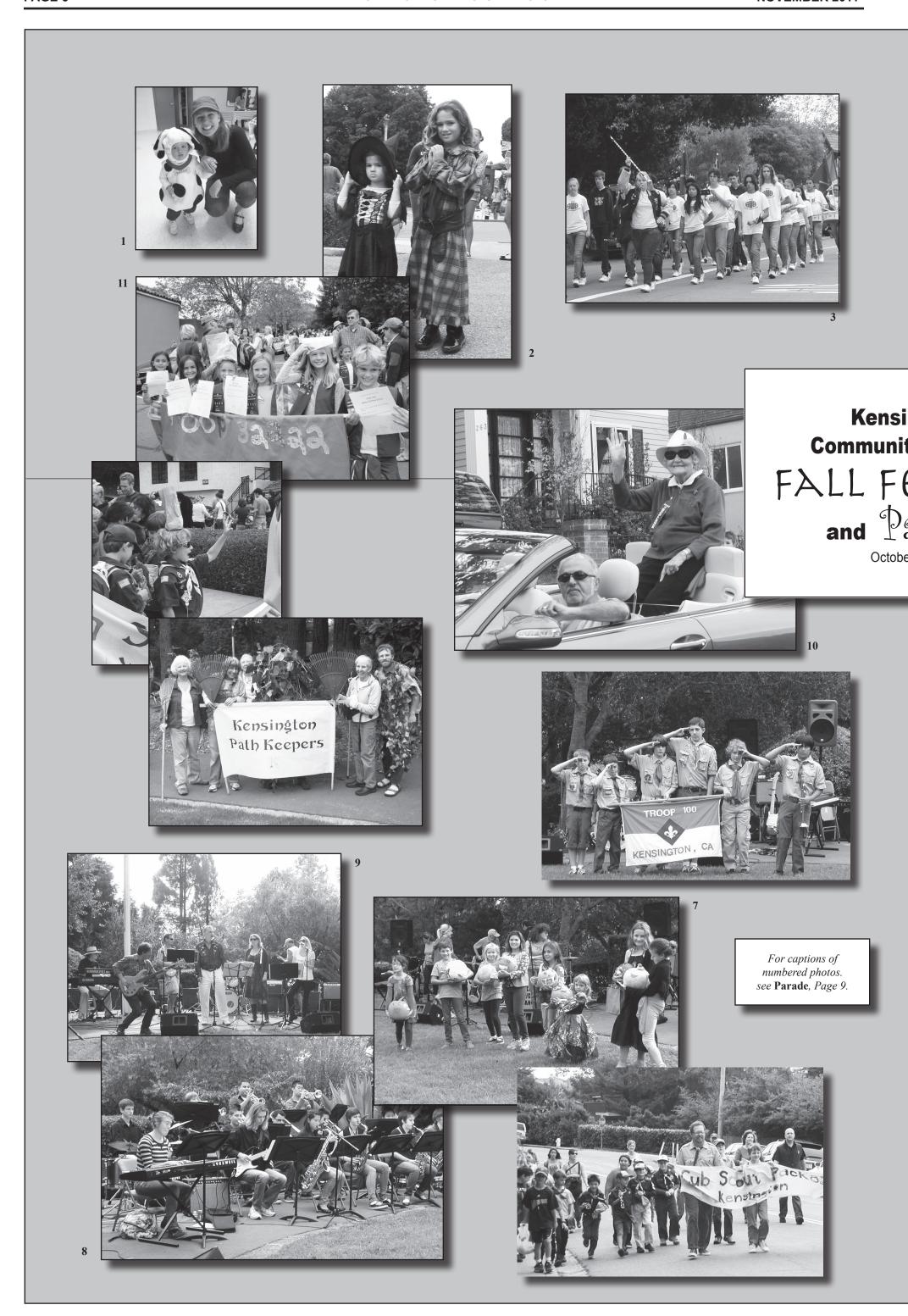
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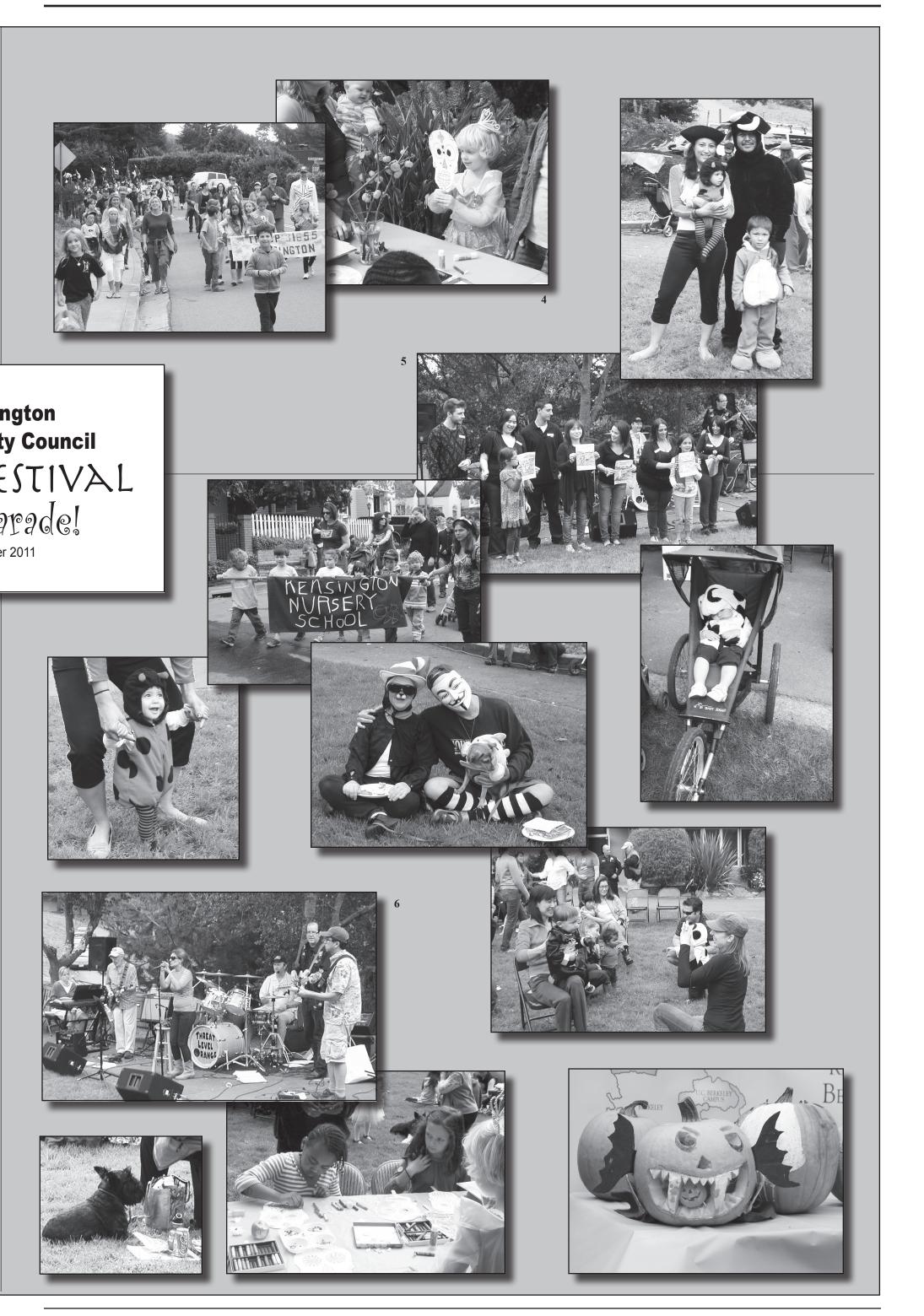


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## **KIC's Annual Town Hall Meeting Coming Saturday, November 5th**

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This year's Town Hall Meeting will give us a rare opportunity to hear from our state and county representatives in a community setting. Assemblywoman Skinner will discuss the impacts of the recent state budget cuts, and will talk about the internet sales tax, which has been such an active issue in the state capital. Supervisor Gioia will cover County issues, including the crisis with Doctor's Hospital. Heads of our police- and fire protection districts will also give an update on their activities, and there will be reports from the librarian and the KCC administrator. There will be an opportunity for questions, so attendees are invited to bring written questions with them to the meeting.

Speaker presentations will be preceded by a brief general membership meeting of the Kensington Improvement Club. Free refreshments will be provided, beginning at 9am, for those who'd like to have a cup of coffee with their neighbors and meet their representatives.

Since 1921, KIC has been an advocate for our community at the county and state level. KIC has worked on emergency preparedness; public landscaping, including Colusa Circle, the town gateway, and the Arlington medians; it monitors local District Board meetings and ballot issues, disseminates information on vital issues, and maintains the kiosk and signboard on Arlington Ave.. KIC provides financial assistance to the Boy Scouts for their public projects, to the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council, and to our local library for the Kensington Reads centennial celebration. KIC also published the popular book Kensington, Past and Present, which provides an in-depth look at our community, serving as a handbook on the history and governmental structure of Kensington. In recent years, KIC has spearheaded the restoration efforts for the

Kensington paths, coordinating with the County on this project.

KIC does all this through annual dues of only \$3.00, along with generous donations from Kensingtonians. KIC needs Kensington residents as members to continue its work. The current board and membership looks forward to welcoming you as a new member, or to your membership renewal.

To join, or to renew your membership, please copy or clip the form herein and mail, with your dues, to Kensington Improvement Club, PO Box 8165, Berkeley, CA 94707. KIC's effectiveness depends entirely on your support. Additional contributions are most welcome.

We thank you for your support, and look forward to seeing you at the meeting, Saturday, November 5th, from 9-11:30am at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Avenue.

Submitted by the Board of Directors of the Kensington Improvement Club: Officers, Melissa Holmes Snyder, President; Linda Lipscomb, Vice President; Anthony Knight, Recording Secretary, Directors: Gretchen Gillfillan, Lorraine Osmundson, Jaima Roberts, Lawrence Thal, Betty Webster; Associate Directors: Janet Hittle, J. David Hertzer

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# From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From September 2011 -

- 2011-5893 On 9-5-2011, Sgt. Hull responded to the unit block of Kingston Dr. to a report of a suspicious event.
- 2011-5910 On 9-5-2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Berkeley Park Blvd. A resident was taken into custody for mental evaluation.
- 2011-5931 On 9-5-2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. on a report of

petty theft.

- 2011-5914 On 9-6-2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Duong responded to the 200 block of Kenyon Ave. on a report of a resident in need of medical assistance
- •2011-5918-On 9/6/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Duong responded to the 200 block of Cam-

bridge Ave. on a report of a grand theft.

- 2011-5931- On 9/6/2011, Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6121 On 9-13-2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of an animal
- 2011-6272- On 9/18/2011, Sergeant Hull responded to the unit block of Kingston Rd. on a report of domestic violence. The primary aggressor was arrested.
- 2011-6283- On 9/19/2011, Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 100 block of Purdue Ave. on a report of a vandalism.
- 2011-6479 On 9/25/2011, Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Grizzly Peak Blvd. on a report of an auto
- 2011-6490 On 9/26/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Duong responded to the 200 block of Yale Ave. on a report of a stolen vehicle. One juvenile suspect was arrested.
- 2011-6491 On 9/26/2011, Officer Stegman and Reserve Duong responded to the unit block of Kingston Rd. on a report of

- 2011-6493 On 9-26-2011, Officer Wilson contacted a suspicious person looking over fences on Sunset Drive.
- 2011-5852 On 9/3/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Kingston Rd. on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6013 On 9/10/2011, Officer Martinez and Reserve Armanino responded to the 600 block of Oberlin Ave. on a report

of a petty theft.

- 2011-6146 On 9/14/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 200 block of Colgate Ave. on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6185 On 9/16/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Colusa Ave. on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6273 On 9/18/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 200 block of Stanford Ave. on a report of a non-injury hit and run collision.
- 2011-6420- On 9/23/2011. Officer Martinez and Reserve Turner responded to the 200 block of Lake Dr. on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-6431 On 9/23/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd. on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-6458 On 9/24/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Lam Ct. on a report of a non-injury hit and run
- 2011-6462 On 9/24/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd. on a report of a theft of
- 2011-6537 On 9/28/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 300 block of Coventry Rd. on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-6544 On 9/28/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the unit block of Richardson Rd. on a report of an identity

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> > – Robert Green Ingersoll

# **Obituaries**



Vera Heyde, 106

Vera Heyde, longtime resident of Kensington, died peacefully on Sept. 13, 2011. Vera was born in Central City Nebraska in 1905, and lived to the remarkable age of 106

Vera was preceded in death by her first husband Louis Heyde and her second husband Herbert "Budd" Heyde.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed travel, bridge and the theater. She had special fondness for her Kensington neighbors and her many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her friends and family.

#### ...Parade, from Page 1

might expect from such young musicians.

Other highlights included former KPPCSD President, Bill Wright's band, Threat Level Orange, cranking out, among other songs, "I'll Take You There," and Stevie Wonder's "Superstition;" Marvin Gardens' co-owner and KCC Board Member, Todd Hodson and his band, Little Marvin and the Gardeners (featuring "The Housing Bubbles") laying down rockin' versions of "Stray Cat Strut," and the reggae hit, "Red Red Wine;" and an impromptu, street-corner acapella rendition of the Andrew Sisters' "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" in two-part harmony, by KPPCSD Vice President, Linda Lipscomb and KCC Board Member, Joan Gallegos. (These gals rock! Who knew? Four bands and still the depth of musical talent in Kensington hasn't been exhausted!) And, on another note, did we mention the vegeburgers, served up among the usual burgers and dogs, with frou-frou greens, ketchup, and stone ground mustard? Outstanding!

Marvin Gardens Pumpkin Carving Contest winners: Ages 4-6, *1st Place:* Simone Quinn; *2nd:* Brynne Rose Bahn; *3rd:* Hazel Wijsen. Ages 7-9, *1st:* Annika Bryden; *2nd:* Skyler Wijsen; *3rd:* Tie between Genevieve Quinn and Larkin Bond. Ages 10-12, *1st:* Ella Bryden; *2nd:* Reya Borbridge.

Mechanics Bank Coloring Contest Winners: *Ages 4-6*, Brynne Rose Barnard; *7-9*, Roscoe Bell; *10-12*, Annika Duquet; *Over all*: Genevieve Quinn.

Thanks to all for a wonderful celebration: Sponsors, Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Mechanics Bank; all four bands, including the EC High Marching Band; the Boy Scouts, Grand Marshall and life-long Kensington booster, Lorraine Osmundson, Tom Petersen and Ko Ushigusa behind the BBQ, Parade Master, Ted Blanckenburg (who can apparently do the job with one hand tied behind his back - or anywhere else – though in this instance was ably assisted by Mark Walstrom), and all the KCC volunteers (and friends) who made it happen - Anne Forrest, Vida Dorroh. Dale and Danielle Power, Joan Gallegos, Vida Sarafan, Debbie Hayakawa Wing, Laura Ushigusa, Betty Anne Engel, Rosie Blanckenburg, COP wife and Kensington booster. Nolla Harman, and KCC Administrator, Marty Westby. - Oh yes, and the rain gods for staying home this year!

Photos on Pages 6 & 7: 1. Cara Marasco and baby Matthew; 2. Paul and Vida Dorroh's granddaughters, Mitra and Sonia Manshouri; 3. EC High Marching Band; 4. Coloring Contest participant; 5. Coloring Contest winners; 6. Threat Level Orange; 7. Pumpkin Carving Contest winners; 8. EC High Jazz Ensemble; 9. Little Marvin and the Gardeners; 10. Parade Grand Marshal, Lorraine Osmundson, with Marvin Gardens' Ron Egherman; 11. Half of Brownie Troop #32222.



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Nov. 2 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters meets at 1:15pm at 631 Parkside Court, to discuss local issues. Guests are welcome. Please call 527-1266 to confirm.

Nov. 2 The Power of Myth at the Movies: The Diving Bell and the Butterfly. Discussion led by Richard Stromer from 7-9pm. \$7. View the movie before class. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or www.uucb.org.

Nov. 2, 3, 9, 16, 23, 30 Potluck Community dinner at the Arlington Community Church. All ages, 5:30 pm. Kids 6-9 sing with Shanti Moorjani, MA; Kids 10-14 will dance and act with Rev. Dr. Michael Mansfield and then sing with Shanti. Info: 526-9146

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Sprit and the Arts at the Arlington Community Church, for children 6-14; led by Rev. Dr. Michael Mansfield. "Welcoming the Light of Candles in the Rituals of St. Francis of Assisi, Sukkot, Simchat, Dawali and Islam." Wed.'s at 6 pm. \$50 for the fall semester. 526-9146

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Yoga at the Arlington Community Church w/Antonia Fokken. Small fee. 4:45-6pm. More information at 381-0997.

Nov. 3 Join Others for German Conversation, discussion of current events, or Turtle, over coffee and cookies from 9:30-11am. At 11am, a nutritionist from Doctors Medical Center will speak on diabetes. Lunch available (\$3). Live music, noon-2pm. Sponsored by the West Contra Costa Adult School; Social hall, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Info: 237-7606.

Nov. 3, 10 & 17 Baby & Toddler Storytime Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15 am & 11:15 am. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 5 Kensington Improvement Club's Annual Town Hall Meeting at the Community Center at 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, from 9am to 11:30am. Speakers will include Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Chief of Police and KPPCSD General Manager, Greg Harman, and KPPCSD President Chuck Toombs, plus representatives from the Fire Department, KCC, and the Kensington Library. Free. Coffee and light refreshments provided.

"Nostalgia is the realization that things weren't as unbearable as they seemed at the time." – Unknown

Nov. 5 Workshop: Normalizing Death, led by Rev. Jane Ramsey from 9:30am-4:30pm. Suggested fee: \$45. Contact Rev. Ramsey: 499-5204. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or www.uucb.org.

Nov. 6 Rat Adoption Day with "Rattie Ratz." Learn how to care for your pet rat, feed, and groom from the experts. Meet adoptable ratties of all ages, 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

Nov. 6 Personal Theology Seminar: Bill Garrett, Professor of Religion and Philosophy at John F. Kennedy University and teacher at the Osher Life Long Learning Institute, an adult education program. "The Inevitability of Myth in Human Life." 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or www.uucb.org.

Nov. 6 & 13 Handwritten Letter Day at Arlington Community Church, urging Congress to continue support for programs that address hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Sample letters, writing materials, postage, and addresses provided. Residents are also invited to drop off food or letters Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 2-5pm at the church, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Donations of money may be sent to the directly to church. Info at 526-9146 or acc.staff@sbcglobal.net.

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 Farmers' Market, every Sunday, rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. Live music and live produce. 847-0801 or KensingtonFarmersMarket.org

Nov. 7 "Castoffs" Knitting Group. All levels welcome, and some help provided. Note change in date from normal first Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 8 Once Upon a Time in My Family – How My Grandmother Found a Story in a Plate. In anticipation of Thanksgiving, artist Patricia Bulitt presents stories passed down by her family. Ages 3 and up. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 10 El Cerrito Garden Club meets, including its annual fall fundraiser, from 9:30am-noon at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Tea table with refreshments, raffle, silent auction, and plants for sale. Guests \$5. 233-9365.



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Nov. 10 Join Others for German Conversation, discussion of current events. or Turtle, over coffee and cookies from 9:30-11am. At 11, photographer, Tony Bushman, and world traveler, Laura Bushman will show slides of Mystic Marakesh. Lunch available (\$3). Live music, noon-2pm. Sponsored by the West Contra Costa Adult School; Social hall, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Info: 237-7606

Nov. 10 Women's Fellowship at the Arlington Community Church at 6pm. Potluck dinner with wine and warm fellowship followed by a presentation on subjects such as working with inmates, foreign missionary work, and others. 526-9146

Nov. 12 The Garden Party, Kensington Education Foundation's 28th annual fundraiser for Kensington Hilltop School. Details on Page 1 or at www. khsgardenparty.org.

Nov. 12 Rabbit and Guinea Pig Adoption and Spa Day. Meet rescued bunnies and guinea pigs and more. Bring your own bunny or guinea pigs for free spa treatment. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

Please Note: DEC/JAN is a combined issue. The deadline is Nov. 10th for December AND **January Calendar events!** 

Nov. 13 Personal Theology Seminar: Bill Garrett, "Practical Mythology: the Need for 'Updates.'" 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or www.uucb.org.

Nov. 13 Knitting at the Arlington Community Church at 11:30am. Knit shawls, hats, scarves and mittens for those in need. Pray over each item before giving it away. No experience needed. Info: 526-9146.

Nov. 14 Greek Isles History and Travel. Slide show and talk by local resident and avid traveler, Laura Bushman. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 15 Author Showcase. Join Annette Fuentes, investigative reporter and author of "Lockdown High: When the Schoolhouse Becomes a Jailhouse" for a talk and discussion. 7 pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. More information at 526-7512.

Nov. 17 Join Others for German Conversation, discussion of current events, or Turtle, over coffee and cookies from 9:30-11am. At 11, there will be a special Thanksgiving program. At 12, lunch with turkey and cranberries, and pumpkin pie, etc. for a nominal charge. Live music, noon-2pm. Sponsored by the West Contra Costa Adult School at the social hall of the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. More information at 237-7606.



# FKL - Nov. 1st

**Town Meetings** 

**Kensington Community Center** 

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

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

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

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

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

KIC - Nov. 28th **Kensington Improvement Club** 4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

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

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Nov. 18 Lecture: The Berkeley Unitarians and Architectural Innovation. 7:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. \$15. Daniella Thompson traces the history and architecture of the Unitarian community in Berkeley. Reception follows. Co-sponsored by Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association. Info: www.uucb.org.

Nov. 18 Bridge at the Arlington Community Church 6pm. Potluck dinner followed by friendly bridge. No experience necessary. Info: 526-9146

Nov. 18 First Annual Swing Dance Fundraiser. A Benefit for El Cerrito High Music Program. Swing Era music by the EC High School Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble; group dance lessons by local professional, Lynn Gardiner; drinks and delectables. 6-10pm at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. \$25/adults, \$10/ students. Tickets available by email at tickets@echsbands.com. Information at dhayakawa@sbcglobal.net.

## Bill Garrett, "A Political and Spiritual Mythology for the Future."10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or www.uucb.org.

Nov. 20 Personal Theology Seminar:

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Worship and Potluck Dinner. Turkey and trimmings provided; participants bring a side dish to share. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 12 noon. Reservations required: 525-0302.

Nov. 26 & 27 Boy Scout Troop 100's Annual Holiday Wreath Sale. \$20 each. Outside Young's Market, weekends thru Dec. 11th.

Nov. 27 Personal Theology Seminar: Ann Wiser Cornell, founder of the Focusing Institute, past President of the Association for Humanistic Psychology, on "How to be Kinder to Yourself." 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. Information at www.uucb.org or 525-0302.

Nov. 28 Book Club. Discussion of Silas Marner by George Eliot. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Dec. 3 6th Annual P.E.O. Holiday Boutique 11am-3pm, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. All proceeds to scholarships for women.



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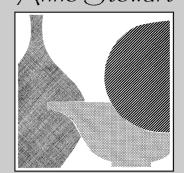


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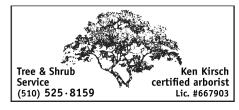
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And make sure to attend the 2011 Garden Party, at the Mira Vista Country Club! November 12th, 5-10pm. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Adv. tix at 525-2835 or ndg@starterengine.com. More info at www.khsgardenparty.org. The Dad's Club of Kensington Hilltop School will be facilitating shuttle service to and from the event for those who'd rather leave the driving to someone else. (visit www.kenhilltop.org/gp/express for route details).

The Kensington Education Foundation sends a hearty thank you to all community members for their ongoing support in donating services, vacation homes, and delicious edibles to the KEF fundraising efforts. "It takes a village," and the Hilltop School community appreciates the strong support of local vendors and residents.

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