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30th Annual Garden Party – a Benefit for the Kensington Education Foundation, Saturday, Nov. 9th

October Parade & Picnic

Participants gathered downtown on a sunny morning late last month, for the annual fall parade. Grand Marshal, Gloria Morrison was escorted by Todd Hodson in style in his Mini Cooper convertible.

After a quick march to the Community Center, the party began with a well-executed flag raising by the Boy Scouts, followed by performances by the Portola Jazz Ensemble and the four-piece classic rock combo, *Double Shot*. Not sure why it is, but burgers

and dogs always seem to taste better with a live music/sunny day chaser!

Spectacular on-site pumpkin decorating assistance was provided by 4 Cats Art Studio, pumpkin decorating prizes awarded by festival co-sponsor, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, and coloring contest prizes awarded by festival co-sponsor, Mechanics Bank. Congrats to the coloring contest winners: Isabella Chen (Ages 4-6), Emi Akiyama Tahara (Ages 7-9), and Larkin Banard-Bahn (Ages 10-12).

see Parade, Page 9...

The Garden Party Coming Saturday, Nov. 9th

A fantastic evening awaits you at the 30th annual Kensington Education Foundation Garden Party on Saturday, November 9th, at the Mira Vista Country Club! The Garden Party is not only a place to see old friends and new, shop and dance the night away, but is a vital fundraiser for the continuation of essential programs at Kensington Hilltop Elementary. This year's event features a 'classic cinema' theme and a national touring gypsy-jazz and uptown swing act, featuring world-class musicians.

The Kensington Education Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission of delivering academic enrichment programs to Hilltop students. The Garden Party and KEF's other fundraising efforts ensure that Hilltop students continue to have access to library, art, P. E., vocal music, science lab, and computer lab, as well as reading and math intervention and accelerated math programs within their school day. In one evening alone, The Garden Party raises nearly 40 percent of the funds needed to provide a year's worth of these programs.

This year's event features new ways to enjoy the evening. Guests can vamp it up with outrageous props, having their photos taken by professional photographer, Daniel Grisales, of Public Pork Photography, or try their hands at winning raffles and games for fabulous prizes. The highlight of the evening for many will be when Hilltop parent and guitarist, vocalist, lyricist, and composer George Cole and his band take the stage after the live

see Garden Party, Page 2...

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Letters to the Editor

Cross About Crosswalk

Dear Editor,

We would like to see a safer intersection at the flashing light in front of Kensington Library. This intersection is in close proximity to the library, the church, several nursery schools and the parking lot, which serves all of the above, as well as Kensington Hilltop School. Most mornings, this intersection serves all of these locations, all at the same time.

This intersection and its unorthodox light are confusing, and in our opinion, contributes unwittingly to unsafe driving, and encourages reckless behavior. Recently, one of us, accompanied by children, was almost hit in the Rincon crosswalk. A car decided to chance that left turn, and did not see pedestrians. It was a very close call. It is just a matter of time before we have a serious injury or fatality.

After the incident, many of us met with County traffic engineers. A number of safety suggestions surfaced. You can read about them here: *El Cerrito Patch*, 9/10/2013, 'Kensington Parents want Change at Busy Intersection' (<http://bit.ly/17ec3ka>). To be honest, County did not seem keen on any suggestions, and did not offer any of their own.

Because we are unincorporated, Chief Harman and the KPPCSD Board do not have control over our streets. They should still know of the public's concerns so that they can pressure the County for change. Email Tony Lloyd, President, at: tlloyd@kensingtoncalifornia.org, and Chief Harman at gharman@kensingtoncalifornia.org. Also contact Monish Sen, Contra Costa County Public Works at msen@pw.cccounty.us. Tell everyone you support a safer intersection.

We encourage your participation to make this happen.

Sincerely,
*Michelle Fillingim, Romy Douglass,
Leslie Reckler*

The Lighter Side of Town

From Amy Osterholm:
Dear Editor,

I would like to submit myself for sullyng by you, or for gullyng if you prefer (*See Letters to the Editor, October, 2013*), on the basis of being a crankypants with a short attention span.

When publishing an article on an event of community interest (let's call it *The Garden Party*), presumably with the intent of encouraging attendance, might it not be wise to put the date of said event somewhere, anywhere, before the very last paragraph? Isn't there some journalistic stricture about not burying the lede?

Hoping this merits your attention,
Amy Osterholm

Editor, to Amy O:
Dear Amy,

Thank you for your application. After review, we've decided to put you in the "gullyng" file along with the other crankypants with short attention spans.

Normally, I would agree with your point. And, you will likely enjoy the November article on the same event that has the date in the subhead.

In the case of the October article on the Garden Party, it was intended as an informational article, describing an event that was more than a month away. As such, I used an "inductive," rather than "deductive" form. The intention was to educate, inform, and invite the reader to attend; hopefully after reading about the event, the date would then become important to the reader, as it may or may not have been before s/he had read it.

Normally, however, I would agree with you, and usually follow that form.

Thanks for writing! I'll make sure to keep your suggestion in mind in the future – thank you for the reminder. – Ed.

From Amy:

Thanks for the quick reply. My bad for reading in the Aristotelian, rather than the Platonic mode; further evidence that I must be due for a gullyng.

Amy

Gotta love Kensington – so many intelligent people, all in one place! – Ed.

...Garden Party, from Page 1

George Cole and the world-class musicians of Eurocana play gypsy-jazz and uptown swing at The Garden Party

auktion to perform all acoustic gypsy-jazz and uptown swing originals.

Attendees of the March party at 4Cats Art Studio will remember the one-of-a-kind show of all-original music with

vocal harmonies by this national touring act. Tracy Sichterman, Hilltop parent and realtor with Berkeley Hill Realty, says Cole's music made that party the best she'd attended all year. "I quickly booked them for a friend's 40th birthday party," said Sichterman. "My friends and I are excited to dance to George's music again at the Garden Party."

The band's sound is a delightful, original, and sumptuous combination of Great American Songbook-style tunes and the gypsy-jazz originated by Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli.

"With their period style, we knew George Cole's band would fit right in with the 'classic cinema' theme of the Garden Party," said Garden Party co-chair Patty Robertson.

As always, The Garden Party will feature fabulous drinks and desserts, as well as tapas-style dinner fare. But the real attractions are the outstanding silent- and live auction items. Many of the most talked-about items are the beautiful pieces of art donated by Masterworks. Says Rob Adelman of Masterworks, "Alex and I lived in Kensington for many years and this community has always had a special place in our hearts. As the director of a well-established Fine Art gallery, Masterworks Fine Art, I am grateful to be able to give back year after year to such a great cause as Kensington Hilltop School."

There are many, many more, and exciting new ways to make tax-deductible donations directly to KEF at the event, apart from the auction. Come see for yourself!

Garden Party tickets are available in advance for \$50, or for \$60 at the door. The event begins at 5pm, with music and dancing until 11pm. To purchase tickets, view items for auction, or make a donation, go to <http://bit.ly/14uH0Nl>, or contact Patty Robertson at patty.robertson@gmail.com, or 525-7735.

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ACRYLIC ARTISTS Wednesdays, 9:45am-12:30pm Kensington Community Center

Bring your paints, lunch and creativity! Join this group of artists and paint in community. The room has lots of natural light and space. The first part of the morning is painting, followed by lunch and optional critique.

FELTED HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Family Workshop for Parents & Kids

Sunday, November 10, 2013 • 2:30-5pm • Recreation Building (Building E)
\$55.00/family of two, or \$35/single adult; payable to KCC • Materials fee (needle, wool roving, accessories): \$12 per person to be paid to instructor

Make your own ornaments in a dry needle-felted workshop. We'll explore basic techniques to create one-of-a-kind ornaments: animals, flowers, hearts, sachets, and more! All materials provided. You'll walk away with several pieces to use as gifts or home decorations. This family workshop is ideal for parents and kids, ages 10 and above (Needles are sharp!) ***Please note:** Each youth must be accompanied by an adult. Individual adults are also welcome!

Elaine Chu is a talented fiber artist, who also teaches our KASEP Art and Bookmaking Class.

New! QI GONG FOR ADULTS

Fridays, 9:30-10:30am – 8 Classes

Ongoing, at the Kensington Community Center

\$120 for 8 classes. First one is free – come check me out!

Drop-ins Welcome: \$18 per class

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Additionally, after class at 10:30 am on the 2nd Friday of every month, Meg will lead a "Tea and Talk" discussing the origins of Qi Gong. All are welcome to attend.

Meg McDowell, LAc, MSTCM, is a certified Qi Gong therapist, as well as a licensed acupuncturist. Meg has a thriving practice in Kensington and specializes in women's health. She's delighted to be serving her community and providing Qi Gong, which has improved her life, as well as that of many others. For more information or to reserve, call Meg McDowell at 510-229-9922 or email her at NeedleSandQi@gmail.com.



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• 13 Available Listings • Average List Price: \$423 per sq. ft. • Average days on the market: 40

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Neighborhood Notes



A Novel Way to Spend a Summer
Over 170 kids (above) participated in Hilltop School's *Kensington Never Stops Reading* program, this past summer. *Way to go, kids!*

Citizens' Academy Class of 2013
Pictured at right are 12 of the 16 graduates of the Citizens' Academy 2013, sponsored by the Kensington Police Department, along with COP, Greg Harman and some of the participating officers. Attendees studied such topics as use of force, constitutional law and other legal issues, patrol procedures and policies, community policing, and crime scene investigations. On the last day everyone received certificates after passing two scenarios – Building Searches and Traffic Stops. Thanks go out to all the officers and attendees for their participation. Assuming there is enough interest on the part of residents, another session will be scheduled for 2015. *(Hey, don't we get a donut with that certificate?)*



Anne Stewart Says She's Been Doing It For 40 yrs
Local Kensington potter, Anne Stewart, has been throwing ceramic bowls since 1973. She was trained in Fine Art, but long ago decided that she wanted to make beautiful functional pieces for everyday use. She and her husband built a studio adjoining their home in 1974 and then a large walk-in kiln was added in 1977. Anne started out working in stoneware, but now works in porcelain. Stop by her studio at 120 Purdue Ave., in Kensington on Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 29th, 30th, and Dec. 1st) from 11-5 and have a look! Light refreshments will be served. *(So all those years our parents were in the bedroom throwing ceramic bowls! Who knew? – Actually a bit of a relief, eh what?)*



Welcome Home, Joan!
Longtime Kensington resident, former KPPCSD Director, frequent Kensington committee member, and political gadfly (in the best sense of the word), Joan Gallegos is now completing her recuperation at home after a lengthy hospital stay. (Joan was spotted at last month's parade, drag racing a teen skateboarder with her walker.) We're glad to have you back, Joan!...Current KPPCSD Director, Linda Lipscomb and Joan (right) are shown here putting on a little impromptu two-party harmony at the 2011 Fall Festival. And they were good! *Mazeltoy, Joan!*



El Cerrito Trail Map Now Available
Kensington resident, David Weinstein wants everyone to know that, thanks to dedicated work by Stephen Bowes of the National Park Service, hikers finally have a comprehensive map of the paths, walkways, trails, and public stairs in El Cerrito. Find it on the EC Trail Trekkers website at <http://xfm.tv/1e0vAnq>. Along with the map is a complete list of 59(!) paths, describing each trail in detail. *(De trails are in detail – ba da bing!)*



Left: Kensington families participated in Int'l Walk to School Day, last month.



TROMBONGA, above, plays The Arlington, Friday, Nov. 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm.

3rd Annual Kensington Animal Fair

In late September, three hundred people attended the Kensington Animal Fair sponsored by the Arlington Community Church, UCC, and underwritten by the Kensington Community Council and El Cerrito Plaza's PETCO.

Pastor Tony Clark, M.Div, DVM, gave the blessing for all animals, remembering the feast of St. Francis – who knew we are all connected to animals from the largest mammals to the smallest insects. Pastor Tony blessed the horses, police dogs, lab animals, and those that provide food, clothing, and other products for us. He said, “By being in our lives, our pets bless us with their warm smiling eyes, playfulness, and unconditional love. This day is an opportunity to return that blessing and give thanks for their presence in our world.”

Among those attending were Supervisor John Goia, Captain Runa Nelson-Hoyer of the Kensington/El Cerrito Fire Dept., Kensington Police Chief, Greg Harman, and Petco Assistant Manager, Candice Green.

The fair was a fundraiser for the local pet rescue organizations that brought homeless, neglected, and abused parrots, doves, rabbits, lizards, dogs, and cats needing good homes. Ann Ramsey's horse, Stetson, provided kisses for the fund-

raiser; Officer Del Prado of the El Cerrito Police Department K-9 Unit presented its new police dog and described the various ways he provides critical support to their work; Deena Jesmok of ABC Dog Training showed everyone how easy their lives would be with calm, well-trained dogs; and Renee Hoyer-Nelson and her husband, Captain Runa Hoyer-Nelson, and Guide Dogs for the Blind described the gift of raising service dogs for the physically challenged.

The Wildlife Foundation provided lectures on animals living in our area, including feral cats. Contra Costa Animal Care and Control gave low cost shots, microchips, and amnesty pet registration. Dr. Beth Phimister, DVM, of Kensington Animal Clinic, donated her time overseeing the shots and answering questions on animal care.

Andrea Tung's Girl Scout Troop provided delicious sandwiches and cookies, and Gretchen Gilfillan, with Friends of the Library, gave out books, while her land tortoises, Tor and Tus, ate lettuce. Peter Liddell of the Kensington Public Safety Council provided information on protecting your pet in a disaster.

Everyone enjoyed this special day for children, families, and the loving animals in our lives.



Sisters, Catherine and Ann Ramsey, their mother, Nina Harmon, and a horse that chose to remain anonymous, all at the Blessing of the Animals in September. (Word has it that the tall blonde in the middle was selling kisses at the fair.)



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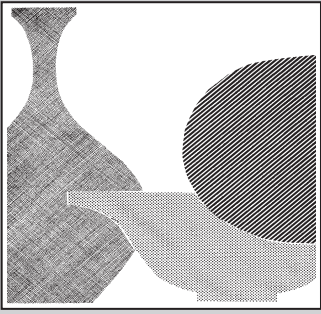
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Waste Management Arbitration

Last year, the District and its solid waste collection provider, Bay View Refuse & Recycling Services, Inc. (“Bay View”) entered into arbitration over certain demands made by Bay View pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, dated September 11, 1997 (“Agreement”). On April 20, 2013, the parties entered into a settlement agreement, in which (1) the parties dismissed the arbitration, (2) Bay View released all claims against the District, (3) both parties agreed to bear their own attorney’s fees and costs, and (4) the District agreed to complete a 2013 rate review, which would be the last rate review through the end of the Agreement term and the only other rate increase would be those determined by increases in CPI (“Settlement Agreement”). The final order dismissing the arbitration “with prejudice” (eliminating the rights of either party to revisit the issues in the future) was issued on July 1, 2013.

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, in May 2013 the District engaged HF&H Consultants, LLC to conduct a detailed review of Bay View’s 2014 Rate Application (“Rate Study”).

At the October 16, 2013 KPPCSD meeting, the Board was tasked with setting the maximum proposed rates, to be effective January 1, 2014, for solid waste collection services, and directing the GM to mail notice of a rate hearing to be held during the December 12, 2013 Board meeting.

Rate Study Results. HF&H analyzed Bay View’s expenses and projections by reviewing actual financial statements and work papers, and determining the reasonableness of expenses, by comparing them to industry standards and actual financial data gleaned from HF&H’s comparison data collected during hundreds of rate reviews. The Rate Study recommends changes to Bay View’s initial rate application and identifies a targeted revenue amount of \$1,242,935, which should be sufficient for Bay View to earn net rev-

enue in accordance with the Agreement terms. To reach this targeted revenue rate, HF&H...provided two options for the District to consider in the setting of the rates.

The Board was in agreement that the most promising option included a rate structure change that would increase the mini can rate from \$25.20 to \$36.50, a 44.8% increase in the rate, and increase the 32 gallon can from \$34.29 to \$40.50, an 18.1% increase .

Residents should receive mailed notice of a Rate Hearing, to be held at the December 12, 2013 KPPCSD Board meeting. A majority protest vote – in person or by mail to the GM at 217 Arlington Ave. – is required to stop the rates from changing.

– Excerpted from the KPPCSD October 16, 2013 Agenda Packet. See the complete packet at <http://kensingtoncalifornia.org>. (The proposed action is discussed in further detail beginning on page 304.)

Writ of Mandate

In a petition filed on August 23, the third of the original nine petitioners who filed the Writ of Mandate against the KPPCSD, Catherine De Neergaard, removed her name from the suit. (See “Since We’re Neighbors, Let’s Be Litigants,” *Outlook*, March 2013, page 3).

The 6 remaining petitioners are Leonard Schwartzburd, Dairlyn Chelette, Mabry Benson, Llewellyn Stanton, Eyleen Nadolny, and Celia Concus.

Contacted by *The Outlook* for a statement on her reasons for withdrawing from the suit, De Neergaard said she had nothing to say at the moment, but expected to “have something to say ‘soon.’”

Prior to receipt of September’s invoice from KPPCSD attorneys, Hanson Bridgett, the cost to defend the suit, through August 30th, totals approximately \$83,000.

From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From September 2013

9-2-2013, Ofcr Wilson and Sgt. Barrow responded to the 7000 block of Stockton Ave. to assist El Cerrito PO during a warrant arrest.

9-16-2013, Ofcr Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Highland Blvd. for a reported non-injury vehicle collision.

9-18-2013, Ofcr Wilkens responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. for a reported illegal dumping.

9-24-2013, Ofcr Wilkens responded to the 00 block of Edgemoor Dr. for a reported vandalism.

9-24-2013, Ofcr Wilson responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd. for a

reported domestic violence; an arrest was made during the investigation.


9-6-2013, Sgt. Hui responded to the intersection of Canon Dr. and Parkside Ct. and arrested a subject for an outstanding warrant. (*And, it was mild!*)

9-11-2013, Ofcr Martinez responded to the unit block of Kerr Ave. on a report of an attempted residential burglary.

9-12-2013, Ofcr Turner responded to the unit block of Eureka Ave. on a report of a residential burglary.

9-12-2013, Ofcr Turner arrested a subject on the 300 block of Arlington Ave. for DUI.

See Complete Report in the KPPCSD October 16, 2013 Agenda Packet (Page 220), at: www.KensingtonCalifornia.org




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Nov. 2 Preschool Craft and Story.
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Nov. 3 Personal Theology Seminar: Jim Conlon, Director of Sophia Institute at Holy Names University. “Sacred Butterfly: Paying Attention to Other Modes of Understanding.” 10-11am. Free. UUCB, www.uucb.org.

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24 Kensington Farmers’ Market. Live produce & live music every Sunday, 10am-2pm. Free. Colusa Circle. 847-0801

Nov. 4 “Castoffs” Knitting Group. All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 4, 6, 8 Jazzercise, M-W-F, ongoing. Community Center, 8:15am

Nov. 5 and 7 Body Sculpting. Ongoing, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am at the Community Center.

Nov. 5 and 12 Family Storytime. Picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 Yoga. Arlington Community Church 52 Arlington Ave. All ages. 4:45-6pm. Drop-ins welcome, small fee. Call Suzanne at 525-1881.

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 Potluck Community Dinner and Spirit and the Arts program at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Potluck for everyone, families welcome at 5:30pm. Adult study from 6-7 pm. Spirit and the Arts Program for children from 6-9 pm. Children’s choir, dancing, and acting. \$50/materials fee. Info: 526-9146.

Nov. 7 Women’s Fellowship. Arlington Community Church, 6:30-9pm. Bring a dish to share. Info 526-9146

Nov. 7, 14, and 21 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs & action rhymes for children and their caregivers. Kensington Library. Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 8 QiGong. Ongoing, Fridays at 9:30am. Community Center

Nov. 9 30th Annual Garden Party to benefit the Kensington Education Foundation. 5pm *(See Page 1.)*



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Kensington Kalendar



Above: Cooking pizza dough from scratch. At right: Sing me a song! KASEP fall classes are underway and will continue until December 20th. The KASEP winter brochures will be available online after November 11th at www.AboutKensington.com. Online registration for winter KASEP begins Tuesday, December 3rd at 6pm. (See Page 3 for details.)



Nov. 10 Knitting. Arlington Community Church 52 Arlington Ave. 11:30 am. Knit shawls, hats, scarves, and mittens for those in need. We pray over each item before giving it away. Info 526-9146.

Nov. 10 Personal Theology Seminar: Rev. Dr. Rebecca Ann Parker, President of Starr King School for the Ministry since 1990, Professor of Theology since 2000, advocate for LGBTQ issues for 30 years, and accomplished cellist. “The Gifts of Unitarian Universalism: How my Mind Has Changed.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org

Nov. 10 Hannibal Means in Concert. 6pm. \$20/\$15 tickets at brownpapertickets.com. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

Nov. 10 Felted Holiday Ornaments. Family Workshop for Parents & Kids, 2:30pm, Rec. Bldg.

Nov. 11 Sonic Escape Trio: Flute, violin, and cello. Bach, Haydn, Maria Millar. 8pm, Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. \$25. High school students, free; post-high school students \$12.50. Wheelchair accessible. 525-5211 or www.berkeleychamberperform.org

Nov. 16 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Boot Camp. One-day condensed disaster preparedness training sponsored by the Kensington Fire Dept. 8am-5pm at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 215-4450 or Fire@KensingtonFire.org.

Nov. 17 Personal Theology Seminar: Steven Herrmann, author, clinical psychologist. “Meister Eckhart: Leaving God for God.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

Nov. 18 Colonial America Program. Diablo Valley College history teacher, Joe Adler, will talk about the impact of the English Heritage on Native American cultures, i.e., the Iroquois, in Colonial America. He will also sing a variety of songs from this period. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 19 Calling all Families. Come join Miss Mary for stories & songs from all around our big world — including some fun surprises! Best for ages 3 and up. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 19 Berkeley Garden Club Lecture Program. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue. “Propagation from Seeds and Cuttings” by Professor Susan Ashley; 12:30-1pm Plant Exchange; 1-2pm General Meeting, 2-3pm Lecture. Public welcome. www.berkeleygardenclub.org

Nov. 20 Karaoke with Officer Doug Wilson at The Arlington, 6-10pm. Free

Nov. 22 Bridge. Arlington Community Church 52 Arlington Ave. Potluck at 6pm. Info 526-9146.

Nov. 22 TROMBONGA, jazz and classical trombone quartet at The Arlington Cafe. All ages; 6:30-8:30pm. Free concert; donations appreciated. www.269TheArlington.com, or 525-3900.

Nov. 23 Cleanup: Stratford path cleanup. 10am-2pm. Bring clippers, brooms, rakes and cads, etc. Cookies provided!

Nov. 23 and 24 The Contra Costa Choral and Orchestra perform “Masters of the Baroque.” Sat., 11/23 at 8pm at St. Jerome Catholic Church, 308 Carmel Ave., EC; and Sun., 11/24 at 5pm at UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. \$15/\$12 Students/Seniors/Disabled. Children under 12 – free. www.ccchorale.org or 255-0703.

Nov. 24 Personal Theology Seminar: Joel Ben Izzy, storyteller who has traveled the globe gathering and collecting stories for thirty years, author of The Beggar King and the Secret. “Turkey by Candlelight.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley., 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 525-0302 or www.uucb.org

Nov. 25 Book Club. Discussion of Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. This group normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month. 7:00 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Free. 524-3043

Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Worship and Potluck Dinner. Turkey and trimmings provided; participants bring a salad or vegetable dish to share. 12 noon. \$20. Reservations required: 525-0302. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, uucb.org.

Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1 Anne Stewart Pottery Open House. 120 Purdue Ave., Kensington, 11am-5pm. Light refreshments will be served.

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington
(Schedule subject to change – call to confirm.)

KCC - Nov. 4th
Kensington Community Council
1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

FKL - Nov. 5th
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

KPSC - Nov. 11th
Kensington Public Safety Council
Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

KARO/ECHO - Nov. 11th
Amateur Radio Operators
2nd Mondays of odd months, 7:30pm. 524-9815

KFPD - Nov. 13th - New Time
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - Nov. 14th
Police Protection and Community Services District
2nd Thursdays, 7pm. 526-4141

KIC - Nov. 25th
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC (Tentative) - Nov. 26th
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s office to confirm: 231-8691)

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Above: Dancing on the lawn, if not in the streets.
Below: A gold lame` pumpkin by 4 Cats Art Studio.



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