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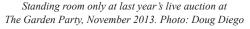
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Fall Festival and Parade Grand Marshals, Sandy Thacker and Kimberly Wilkins, escorted by festival co-sponsor Marvin Gardens' Todd Hodson

KCC's Fall Festival and Parade

KCC volunteers went home last month exhausted but very happy with the success of the Kensington Community Council's October Fall Festival and

The Garden Party is Nov. 22nd!

A fantastic evening awaits at the 31st annual Kensington Education Foundation Garden Party on Saturday, November 22nd, at the Mira Vista Country Club. Doors open at 5pm, and the music and dancing will continue until 11pm. The Garden Party is the place to see friends, shop, and dance the night away. It's also a vital fundraiser for the programs at Kensington Hilltop Elementary that make our local school such a draw.

The Kensington Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization that makes it possible for Hilltop students to have art, library, P.E., vocal music, science lab, and computer lab, as well as reading and math intervention, accelerated math, and more, all within their school day. In one evening, The Garden Party raises nearly 40 percent of the funds needed to provide a year's worth of these essential programs.

This year's theme is Passport to Celebrate,

and the event will feature some fun new twists, including the opportunity to enter a raffle to win a *Party Passport* to many of the year's best shindigs. There will also be prizes for the lucky winners of games like *Heads and Tails* and *Pop the Balloon*. After the live auction, the floor will be cleared for dancing to live music.

You'll be welcomed with a cocktail, and, according to tradition, Hilltop alumni will pass hors d'oeuvres. There will be delicacies from around the world, and a chef's station serving heartier fare. Arlington Wine & Spirits and Berkeley's Trumer Pils Brewery are donating the wine and beer that will flow freely all night.

The real stars of the evening will be the outstanding silent- and live auction items. The Garden Party has become a favorite place for

see Garden Party, Page 6...

Parade.

As always, local organizations and groups participated, with some in the crowd wearing Halloween costumes in the parade that made its way up the Arlington to the Kensington Community Center. There, the party began in earnest with a delicious (and sold out!) BBQ lunch, and local music provided by The Fred T. Korematsu Middle School Jazz Band and the (adult) jazz combo, The Inside Men. Former community member, Joan Gallegos was honored briefly with an announcement of the impending installation and dedication of a bench in Kensington Park in her

The coloring contest, sponsored by Mechanics Bank had winners

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| | | | |

- Pending Sales: 10
- Active Listings: 7

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For each Kensington home I sell, I make a donation to the Kensington Education Fund.

Corrections

~B. Lundgren, Seller

Through oversight in the production of the print edition of the October 2014 Outlook, the KPPCSD candidate statements of Derek Suring and Steven B. Bates were conflated – and some wording lost, and Rachelle Sherris-Watt's statement omitted. Stege Director Merrill's statement was also inadvertently abbreviated. In the article on the Stege Sanitary District election, the two sitting direc-

tors running were incorrectly identified they are Directors Merrill and Miller, not Directors Merrill and Brand.

The online version of the Outlook has been updated and the errors and omissions were corrected in the election supplement published and mailed to all subscribers and distributed to Kensington merchants. The Outlook regrets the errors.

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Letters to the Editor

Scams Are Rampant

(Editor:)

Kensington residents beware – scams are rampant! If you get calls from any of these "companies" - hang up: 1) Washington Resources; 2) E. Commerce; 3) All Online; 4) Olive Branch; 5) ENL Empower Net; 6) USA Ad Consultants; 7) J.D. Educational Group; 8) Legal Entity Providers; 9) PCS Credit Builder; 10) Corp. Business Dynamic; 11) Voice Marketing of America; 12) Systems Pro.com; 13) E. Global Systems International; 14) Success Business Development (all online); 15) Corp. Biz; 16) Metro Management Partners.

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Susan Hyde

Kensington Post Office

TO: Kensington Arlington Ave. Merchants RE: Former Kensington Post Office

Dear Business People:

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It was nice to see the pleasant Anne and others serve us quickly and efficiently.

We have lost an icon to what - less service, more traffic, more gasoline burned and more pollution?

There must be someone among you that will make the necessary arrangements to bring it back! Come on guys!

John and Anne Fleming

What Needs to be Changed?

(Editor:)

At the recent election candidates Forum, I submitted the following question:

How do your values and judgment apply to the following proposition:

For Kensington's government to function democratically it is necessary for it to be governed by policies and procedures that assure a maximum opportunity for citizen participation in a manner that permits citizens a reasonable expectation of the ways that the governing body will function. Furthermore it is incumbent on the governing body to protect the rights of citizens to participate free from intimidation for the expression of their positions.

What if anything do you judge to be necessary to be changed in Kensington to fulfill and or enhance that proposition?

That in a nutshell is what the writ was actually all about. When I submitted the question I offered copies for the candidates and others who might want them. I was told by the person running the meeting not to distribute them to anyone. This regardless that on the official table at the Forum copies of the decision by the Court of Appeal, obtained by the expenditure (so we are told) of more than \$200,000 of our tax money. A decision that the ACLU says got it wrong and the meaning of which has been misrepresented to the community by

members of the board.

The candidates didn't get the question. Significant vestiges of information management continue by those grasping to keep their hold on power and their supporters with the effect of suppressing our democracy.

Leonard Schwartzburd

Support for Cordova Withdrawn

Dear Kensington Friends,

We are writing to notify you that we have formally withdrawn our support for Vanessa Cordova based on her decision to run a campaign that urges Kensington voters to cast their votes for "anyone but the incumbent." Ms. Cordova sought our endorsements, our public support, and our campaign contributions based on what we thought was her collaborative approach to the issues facing our community. That is why we were so shocked and disappointed when she abruptly changed her position on several critical issues, including the election of Len Welsh.

We all know what it is like to have a Board where Directors are pitted against each other. We feel that the new tenor of Vanessa's campaign will return us to that divisive time. We don't want that and we hope you feel the same.

We wholeheartedly support Len for reelection to our Board and ask that you join with us in endorsing him for office. He is the only candidate who has received the El Cerrito Democratic Club endorsement. We have closely followed his leadership in office. We believe he supports our community's core values and will continue to move Kensington in a direction that serves the interests of the entire community.

Thanks!

Nina Harmon, Bruce Morrow, Gretchen and Walt Gillfillan

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Circle the date: Tuesday December 2nd at 7:30pm for online Winter KASEP registration. Please validate your child's grade (not age), and update parent's email and telephone numbers in your family profile before the eve of registration. Our registration system edits on grade, not age of child.

Students who took Carpentry, Engineering, Pottery and Critters in Fall KASEP cannot take it again in Winter session. This opens the door to give a wider audience the opportunity of taking these highly desired classes.

The KCC Office will be closed and no KASEP classes held on Nov. 4th/Election Day, Nov. 10th and 11th, aligned with the school's observance of Veteran's Day, and Nov. 26-27-28, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy holidays!



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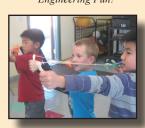






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KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Bldg E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. E-mail: kccrec@yahoo.com, or call 525-0292. M-F, 10am-4pm.

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for information. Court Fees: 45-minute singles reservation: Residents: \$2; Nonresidents: \$5.

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Neighborhood Notes

Cons, Scams, and Identity Theft - Nov. 6th

Cons, scams, and identity theft – crimes that target seniors are occurring in Kensington, just as they are in many other communities. The Kensington Public Safety Council will present an informative talk on Cons, Scams, and Identity Theft on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7pm at the Kensington Community Ctr. Free. Info: 501-8165.

"Why We Should Give a Hoot" - Nov. 10th

The Kensington Library continues to host its Contra Costa Master Gardener Talks on Monday, Nov. 10th at 6:45pm: Why We Should Give a Hoot: Successful Alternatives to Using Rodenticides in Our Communities, presented by Master Gardeners Anna Frankfurt, Diane Gray, and Steve Potter. Master Gardeners are trained volunteers for the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). Residents of Contra Costa County who have an active interest in horticulture, have taken the Master Gardener training offered by the UCCE, then share their knowledge with other members of our county-wide community. Certified Master Gardeners, Melissa Holmes Snyder and Anna Frankfurt will be on hand to discuss the training program with those who are interested in pursuing it.

Longest-Married Kensington Couple Sweepstakes

This month Jim and Vi Gallardo will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. Introduced by family friends in Berkeley, they were married at the Northbrae Community Church and have lived in the same house since they moved to Kensington in 1958. Congratulations!

















Clockwise From Top Right: Pastor Tony blesses Gretchen Gillfillan's "boys," Tor and Tus (or is it Tus and Tor?) - 27 years old and ten pounds each - at September's Blessing of the Animals; Last month's KIC/KPOA Candidate Forum, with moderator, Melissa Holmes Snyder; KCC's Fall Festival and Parade: Kensington's next generation; Fred T. Korematsu Jazz Band; The Inside Men; Marvin Gardens Real Estate coowner, Todd Hodson and Mechanics Bank's Zehra White and associate, with winning coloring contest entries; Firefighters Tom McCullagh, Aaron Schwartzman, and David Cesmat at last month's KFD Open House; Girl Scouts thank KPPCSD for permission to install the garden they planted in March, around the grassy area in front of the Community Center. (See back page for more photos of the Fall Festival.)



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KPPCSD in Fiscal Crisis

...Letters, from Page 2

Dear Editor,

KPPCSD in FISCAL CRISIS

It's the Budget, Stupid! (So, which three to vote for?)

Of the eight KPPCSD candidates, I believe only Welsh should be disqualified; he's the incumbent and voted us into this crisis. (I believe Toombs and Gillette should resign. Well-meaning people do their best, but when they drive us over cliffs, it's time to pass mantles.)

Of the remaining seven, why not pick three you think best understand the roots of our fiscal crisis, are most knowledgeable, have useful skills (i.e., management, construction, accounting, contract negotiation), are willing to and capable of restructuring the police department, providing oversight, updating accounting/bookkeeping practices, cutting waste, maintaining assets, avoiding risk, keeping residents informed and including residents in decisions that directly affect us?

Still, defeating Measure V is our only chance to send a majority message to whomever we elect: stop reckless spending; institute remedies.

Cocotax has come out against "V." The Contra Costa County Democratic Party voted to take "no position" on Measure V; this election they've stayed out of Kensington altogether (no one wants to own any part of our melt-down). Even Supervisor Gioia, who endorsed "L," won't endorse "V," or any KPPCSD candidate.

Fix it First – No on "V."

Anna Shane

A Helping Community

Dear Editor:

As a mother I am trying to pass along what my mother taught me – help people in need, help when asked for help, many hands make light work, believe people have good intentions, and believe in yourself that you can accomplish what you set out to do

My neighbor, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (UUCB), has asked for help in finding "an additional revenue stream...that will support the upkeep of [their] buildings and grounds" to avoid selling their open space for development.

UUCB is in a difficult position. They invite visitors to "view the breathtaking panorama of the San Francisco skyline, Golden Gate Bridge, Marin Headlands and Mt. Tamalpais" and were voted "Best God-Given View" by the East Bay Express. If lots were sold and developed they surely know it will negatively impact this treasure they hold.

Since research for development has begun – trenches dug, trees marked, and paths staked – I feel an urgency to let people know that we need help from the greater Kensington and El Cerrito communities. To get involved, email us at *uucbneighbors@gmail.com*.

I ask your readers to pass along this endeavor so that we can help as a community, so that we can maintain the beautiful open space, and so that we can demonstrate to all that we can work hard together to accomplish what we set out to do.

Thank you for your time, Jody Lengyel



Fresh Perspectives

Dear Editor,

Sadly, many of our residents are unaware that KPPCSD appears to be facing a spiraling fiscal crisis, which looks dire when long-term pension and other liabilities are factored in.

Luckily, Kensington residents have a remarkable opportunity to select among 8 candidates for 3 open seats on our District's Board; a majority of the 8 candidates bring fresh perspectives and new thinking.

Invest some time in our community, and consider picking the three individuals vou think best understand the roots of our fiscal crisis, are most knowledgeable, have useful skills (i.e., management, accounting, contract negotiation), and are willing to consider some difficult but important choices and reforms for our District. Which candidates can provide much needed oversight, update our antiquated accounting/bookkeeping practices, cut waste, and keep residents informed? It's up to each of us to figure that out. Your engagement and votes will be critical in ensuring that we select the most qualified and open-minded District directors to lead us in a new direction. Please get engaged, so we can keep Kensington a wonderful place to live.

Garen Corbett

Thursdays in the Park

The Kensington Public Safety Council, and the KPPCSD Park and Recreation Committee would like to remind the community once again about the extremely high danger of wildfires that exists for Kensington.

They have their own little project going to strategically remove vegetation from the grounds surrounding the Community Center so that the danger of fire enveloping the Community Center will be minimized.

Residents are invited to attend one or more of the gatherings to:

HELP reduce flammable vegetation buildup around the Kensington Community Center.

LEARN some simple measures that you can take around your own home to reduce the chances of a fire spreading or intensifying.

ENJOY the company of other Kensington residents and park users.

EARN grant money for Kensington as each hour volunteers spend counts as "matching funds" for grants to cover those aspects of fuel reduction beyond the scope of volunteers.

Every Thursday, 2-4pm at the Community Center. Bring gloves and non-power tools if you've got 'em; some tools and gloves available. Wear clothes that protect from sun and brambles, and sturdy shoes or boots. Parental release required for minors. More info: *Charlid@pacbell.net*.

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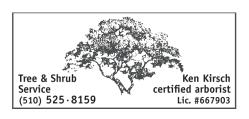
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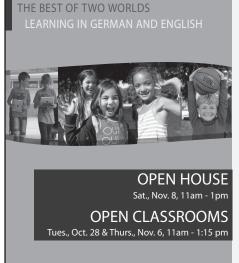
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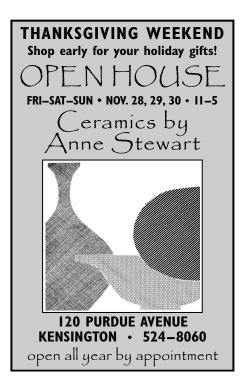
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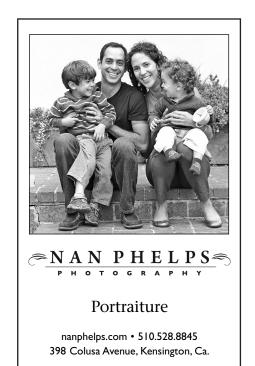




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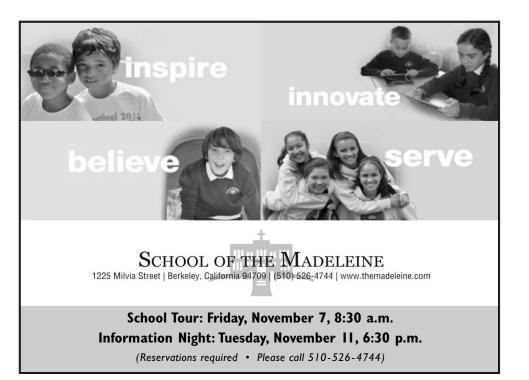


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savvy shoppers to load up on one-of-a-kind holiday gifts – art, dining certificates, trips, and much more.

Many of the most talked-about items are the collectible 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. I am grateful to be able to give back year after year to such a great cause as Kensington Hilltop School."

Bidding should also get intense on hot items like a VIP tour of the 49ers new stadium, an outdoor patio set donated by Restoration Hardware, and a Porsche loaned for the weekend by Michael Stead Porsche of Walnut Creek. Garden Party chair Kim Keller says, "I am delighted by the generosity of the businesses and individuals in our community for all they are donating to our event."

There are more ways, like Raise the Paddle, to make tax-deductible donations directly to KEF at the event. Join others at the event and see for yourself!

Garden Party tickets are \$60 in advance, or \$70 at the door. To buy tickets, view items for auction, or make a donation, go to www.kensingtonhilltop.org/gardenparty or contact Kim Keller at kellerkim19@gmail.com.

The Police Report, Board agenda packets, monthly reports, minutes, recordings of the KPPCSD Board meetings, and the Bay View solid waste contract are online at www.KensingtonCalifornia.org.

Candidates Reject Police Contributions

According to Gail Feldman, President of the Kensington Property Owners Association (KPOA), all eight candidates for the Kensington Police Protection and Services District (KPPCSD) have agreed to reject all political contributions from the District's police officers association, including donations offered prior to or following the November 4, 2014 election. Candidates made their commitments in response to a survey distributed in early September by the KPOA.

Feldman says the issue is important because over 80% of Kensington's budget is devoted to policing. "Escalating police costs are a major source of Kensington's growing structural deficit," Feldman says. "Last year the KPPCSD ended up in the red, and this year the board is anticipating a \$268,000 budget shortfall despite implementing an additional \$200 per parcel tax for police services. These deficits are seriously depleting the District's reserves."

Feldman says that by asking candidates to pledge not to take police money, the KPOA wants to eliminate uncertainty about financial influence that can pervade a community when police money is contributed to the same people who will negotiate police salaries and benefits.

"Kensington residents value our police department and appreciate the service of our officers," Feldman says. "There is no question that local police unions have the legal right to participate in local politics. But many residents find it discomforting when candidates for the Board accept campaign support from the police. The only way to change this practice is for the candidates themselves to set the standard and reject the money."

For further information, contact: Gail Feldman, Kensington Property Owners Association, at *kpoassoc@gmail.com*.

KPPCSD Board of Directors Candidate Forum

At the request of The Kensington Improvement Club (KIC) and the Kensington Property Owners Association (KPOA) – the co-sponsors of last month's forum – candidates submitted these 50-word introductions, provided here for voter reference:

Steven Bates

I'm a longtime resident with roots in the community dating back to the 1920's. I feel a deep connection to this community. In running, I offer my belief that board members should be neighbors, community stewards, civil, transparent, and cautious with community funds. I would appreciate your vote.

Simon Brafman

If elected, I will openly engage our community in discussion and respond to their concerns. I will ensure that our KPPCSD Board transparently conducts its business and safeguards Kensington's financial future, while providing affordable police and garbage services, as well as maintaining Kensington's public facilities.

Peter Conrad

My wife and I have lived in Kensington since 2005. We love it. I, like many residents, I am dismayed by the current Board. I was urged to run by neighbors and friends. I believe my experience and life skills acquired as an architect will contribute to a more reasonable Board.

Vanessa Cordova

Vanessa Cordova has served on KMAC since 2009. As a public policy strategist, Vanessa specializes in economic development, land-use and health equity initiatives. She is a former public information officer for two county agencies and a special district. Vanessa is a proud alumna of UC

Berkeley and UPenn.

Derek Suring

I am a Hilltop parent and Site Council President. I've run businesses in San Francisco and am growing an East Bay brokerage.

I know how to bring people together despite their disagreements.

I am running for the Board to end the discord, balance the budget and plan for our future.

Rachelle Sherris-Watt

Kensington is ready for its renaissance! We need a board focused on transparency, oversight, and inclusion. Building consensus and forging tangible results within community-based organizations has been my work-life focus. I intend to bring sensible leadership by cutting back on consultants, ensuring a solid fiscal future with clear-eyed planning.

Len Welsh

Bottom line: Since 1/2013, the Board operates with civility, consensus seeking, and respectful debate. Let's keep it that way.

Continuous improvement: Effective government--disciplined budget review, coordinating the activities of police/community services and fire district activities, and upgrading the Community Center to meet code and safety requirements.

And...thinking big.

Kim Zvik

Candidate 2010, 2012, and 2013. Manage \$6M budget. Hilltop parent 15 years. Served on KMAC, KPOA, and 2 other boards. KASAP is now online. 3 Hilltop parent candidates and no slates! Defeated Measure L. Against Measure V. Focus on controlling spending, update the community center with families, and create by laws.

- Nov. 1 Radio Mystery Theater. Listen to an old CBS radio mystery + two short comedy surprises. Refreshments provided. 7pm, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 401 Grizzly Peak Blvd., Berkeley. Free.
- Nov. 1 & 15 Read to Izzie the Dog. Izzie is a registered therapy dog and she loves to have children read to her. Signup at the door; first come, first served. Kensington Library, 2-4pm. Free.
- Nov. 2 Author Steven Herrmann on "Spiritual Democracy." 10-11am. Free. UUCB, One Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org
- Nov. 2 Organ Recital: Katya Kolesnikova, featuring music by Bach, Vivaldi, and others. Free; donations accepted. 2pm, UUCB, One Lawson Road, Kensington. luminosityevents.org.
- Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Kensington Farmers Market. Live produce & live music Sundays, 10-2. Free. Colusa Circle.
- Nov. 3 Kensington Library Knitting Club "The Castoffs." All levels welcome. Bring your own needles & yarn. Support, encouragement and help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.
- Nov. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Jazzercise. 8:15-9:15am, Community Center; on-going. No class on Thanksgiving Day, 11/27

Town Meetings

Kensington Community Center 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

(Schedule Subject to Change – Call to Confirm.)

KCC - November 3rd Kensington Community Council 1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

FKL - November 4th Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

KPSC - November 10th Kensington Public Safety Council Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness 2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

KARO/ECHO - November 10th **Amateur Radio Operators** 2nd Mondays of odd months, 7:30pm. 524-9815

KFPD - November 12th **Fire Protection District** 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - November 13th Police Protection and Community Services District 2nd Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

KIC - November 24th Kensington Improvement Club 4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC (Tent.) - November 25th **Municipal Advisory Council** Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia's office to confirm: 231-8691)

KPOA

Property Owners Association Meets quarterly. 559-8232

Kensington Farmers' Market Live produce & live music every Sunday, 10am-2pm, Colusa Circle.

Kensington Kalendar



Russian-born UUCB Organist, Katya Kolesnikova performs Nov. 2nd

Nov. 4 The Power of Myth at the Movies:

A Room with a View (1985). View this movie before class, then come to the discussion led by Richard Stromer from 7:30-9pm. First Tuesdays of the month; \$60/all, \$8/ea. UUCB, Kensington. 525-0302 or www.uucb.org

Body Sculpting. 9:15-Nov. 4-6 10:15am Community Center, ongoing; No class on Thanksgiving Day, 11/27.

Nov. 4, 18 & 25 Family Storytime. Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals & pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 5 Pre-registration Deadline for Volunteers for 11/20 Emergency-Preparedness Exercise, (See 11/20.)

Nov. 6 Cons, Scams, and Identity Theft - a talk presented by the Kensington Public Safety Council at 7pm at the Kensington Community Center. Free.

Nov. 6, 13, 20 Thursdays in the Park. Fuel reduction by Kensington residents/ volunteers. 2-4pm, Community Center. More info: charlid@pacbell.net.

Nov. 6, 13 & 20 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 2 identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043

Zumba for Seniors. 9:45-10:45am; on-going, No class Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Nov. 8 Mary Magdalene The Sacred Feminine Then and Now: An Intensive Day-long Seminar in History, Symbol and Theology led by Beverly Allen, Ph.D. 9am-4pm. Fee \$50. Bring a bag lunch. Info/Reg: contact Lonnie Moseley at 655-1444. UUCB, One Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302.

Nov. 9 Author Charles Tart, on "Science and Spirit, Scientific and Spiritual, Friends or Enemies, Back and Forth." 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org

Nov. 10 "Why We Should Give a Hoot Successful Alternatives to Using Rodenticides in Our Communities," presented by Contra Costa Master Gardeners Anna Frankfurt, Diane Gray, and Steve Potter. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:45pm. Free.

Legos in the Library. Join Bricks 4 Kids for construction fun with Lego bricks blueprints. Ages 3 and up. Kensington Library, 11am. Free.

Nov. 16 Rev. Craig Scott, "Giving on Thanks Unitar-Universalism." 10-11am.

Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., 525-0302

Nov. 18 Berkeley Garden Club Lecture Program, noon-3pm, Albany Community Ctr., 1249 Marin Ave. Plant exchange, meeting, and lecture. All welcome. berkeleygardenclub.org.

Nov. 19 The Kensington League of Women Voters meets to discuss local issues. 1:15pm, 631 Parkside Ct. All welcome. Please confirm at 527-1266.

Nov. 20 Emergency-Preparedness Exercise - Volunteers Needed. Simulation of emergency response to a bioterrorism incident. 8am-noon. Free continental breakfast & lunch. Pre-reg. req'd by 11/5: Call Suzanne Larla at 215-4318.

Nov. 21 Muse Crossing: Album Release Concert. Eclectic acoustic arrangements and tight vocal harmonies of folk, popular, and classical songs. \$15-20/door or online at Brown Paper Tickets. 7:30pm, UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd. luminosityevents.org or 525-0302.

Nov. 22 The Garden Party. Mira Vista Country Club, 5pm. (See Front Page)

Nov. 23 Spirit Rock Meditation Center co-founder, James Baraz, on "Buddhism as a Path to Happiness." 10-11am. Free. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org

Nov. 24 Kensington Library Book Club. Discussion of The Quiet American by Graham Greene. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Worship and Supper. Noon. \$20. Reservations required: 525-0302. UUCB, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, www.uucb.org.

Nov. 28, 29, 30 Anne Stewart's Open Pottery Studio, 120 Purdue Ave., 11am-5pm.

Nov. 29 Beeswax Collage Art Workshop. 1:30-4pm. Call 525-0292 to reserve. Cost: \$28.00 plus materials.





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