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## Kensington Community Council's



2009 Grand Marshals, Betty Ann Engel and daughter, Molly led last year's KCC Fall Festival Parade

## FALL FESTIVAL and Parade!

Sunday, Oct. 17th, Noon-4pm

The 2010 Kensington Community Council Annual Fall Festival and Parade will be held on Sunday, October 17th, from noon to 4pm. Led by Grand Marshalls, Dee Andronico – long time Kensington patron, and Pat MacLaughlin – past president and outgoing Director of KPPCSD, along with the El Cerrito High School Marching Band, the parade will gather at 11:30am at the corner of Amherst and Arlington Avenues and end at the Community Center. It will be followed by a coloring contest and pumpkin decorating event for the kids, live

music for the adults, and food for everyone – our kind of party! As usual, local organizations and groups are invited to participate. Wear your Halloween costume, decorate a banner, and march down Arlington Avenue to the Community Center, where you can purchase a delicious lunch, listen to fabulous music, and mingle with neighbors and friends! There's still time for you or your organization to be part of the parade. Please contact Esther Hill at 525-0292.

*Join the parade!* Gather at 11:30am at Amherst and Arlington Avenues, then march to the Community Center at 59 Arlington Avenue. Or, come see your neighbors and community organizations strut their stuff along The Arlington, beginning at noon.

*Enter the Mechanics Bank Coloring Contest!* Drop by the Kensington branch of Mechanics Bank to pick up your coloring sheet. Then drop it off at the bank by Thursday, Oct. 14th. There's a \$50 savings bond prize for each age group: 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

## The Garden Party Gets 'Re-potted'

The Garden Party, *Kensington Education Foundation's* much anticipated annual fundraiser, celebrates its 27th year on November 13th. Major changes are in the offing that promise to make this year's event the most fun and engaging since it's inception in 1983.

First and foremost is a new venue. This year's Garden Party will be held at the marvelous Mira Vista Country Club (thanks to parent, Ralph Freightman, MVCC's G.M.) "Not only is the location fabulous and has great views, but the management there has really gone the extra mile to helps us make this year's party the most successful ever," Garden Party chairwoman, Beth Thomsen exclaimed; "Those attending are going to be in for a real treat."

Wonderful food, drinks, and desserts have always been a part of the party, and this year will be no exception. However, for the first time *real* cocktails will be poured (for a small fee) by the esteemed bar tenders of Mira

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*see Parade, page 13...*



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KPPCSD Board Election

Election season is exciting because we have the opportunity to identify and vet issues in our community. This year we are fortunate to have 7 intelligent candidates for the 3 open KPPCSD director positions. I hope the candidates will discuss: 1) fair total compensation packages for our police force, 2) hiring a part time general manager, and 3) the general approach of bullying critics of the chief into silence.

Our budget is \$2.3 million for police services, or \$256,000 per officer. Comparable cities budget in the range of \$201,000 per officer. The combined general manager/chief of police position is extremely unusual because it is fraught with danger. Police chiefs in America have awesome power to protect or abuse our Constitutional rights, and they require supervision by an alert manager and an active board of directors. Kensington's GM/COP constructs the budget that he spends, which is a clear conflict of interest. Complaints about police conduct is (sic) reviewed by the Chief of Police, not an objective General Manager. The GM position could be funded by eliminating the second administrative assistant position. I believe there have been a number of ethical lapses on the part of the current GM/COP including harassment and intimidation of employees, directors, and citizens of Kensington.

I believe that Mari Metcalf, Tony Lloyd, and Eyleen Nadolny have the courage to address these issues and they have my vote.

Cathie Kosel  
Cathie Kosel is a member of the KPPCSD Boarda of Directors

Kensington:  
Homo Sapiens Only?

To The Kensington Outlook:

I was thrilled to read Michael Baar's letter in your July/August issue, in which he took up the cause of making Kensington a Homo sapien only 'preserve.' I've been waiting to join forces in a cause like this for longer than I can remember!

The other creatures – legion here in Kensington, I need not tell you – that threaten a man's daily peace seem to be at an all time high. In the past week alone, I have been woken by my neighbor's yowling cats at 4am (they don't call it caterwauling for nothing!), kept from a decent afternoon's nap by not one but several nearby dogs, and don't even get me started on all the birds. Last winter a dog down the block kept me up nearly one entire night with his (or her, I'm equal opportunity) barking, despite the best efforts of several diligent Kensington police officers (bless their souls; we have a force of good men in this town). Raccoons knock over my trash can weekly – it's a screw-top, though, so they don't get anything but frustrated! And Jesus, the goddamned squirrels – they're everywhere! I had a strawberry plant last year and they picked it clean. I waited for one for nearly an hour with a sling-shot in my hand but the bastard must have known I was there. And then there's all the turds from all these creatures – all over everywhere, foul traps for the unwary or

unsteady pedestrian.

Anyhow, after some (not unbroken, viz. the above) afternoon marinating, I have come to some further thoughts on the matter. First: the problem, as I see it, is the green spaces. They attract all the kinds of creatures bent on disturbing us – the birds in the trees, the raccoons in holes and shrubs and such hiding spots (cats like all those too), squirrels, etc. We've got to get rid of the greenery. A revision of the planning code to allow for filling in much of the space between houses ought to be a first step in eradicating the kind of leafy spaces these critters like to call home. Next: the domesticated animals – cats, dogs, rabbits, etc. – are going to have a harder time here if we follow that code to its best endpoint: dense urban living. We should build Kensington up. Think about it: people in big apartment buildings hardly ever have pets. Why? It's too much of a pain in the arse. More big buildings should be step two – and they'll help chase out the green spaces too. It's a two-step plan that may take some time, but think of all it would achieve (not to mention huge economic boom for Kensington as well; I'll write about that under separate cover).

In short: Mr. Baar, I am with you. Let's get rid of these animals. All of them. If we can't just ban them with one stroke of a pen – and maybe we can do that, and if so, I have a really good pen – I think we can work toward our goal in a sustained urban planning kind of way.

And by the way, there's also the problem of babies and little children – talk about loud, and grating. All that yelling and crying! I'm not sure how to fit that into all of this, especially the Homo sapien only preserve part, since they are little Homo sapiens, after all. But if anyone has any good ideas, I'm ready to listen.

Andreas Lanza  
Vice-Admiral For Development  
The Ad-Hoc Committee To Make Kensington A Homo sapien-Only Preserve

Speaking Out on  
Behalf of Success

Over the past 7 months, the Kensington Farmers' Market has been a rare success story in the midst of businesses downsizing or closing, real estate prices softening, and public services being curtailed. Following an extended period of anemic performance, the Market has experienced a turnaround since Chris Hall was appointed Manager in March 2010 – moving from limited vendors and a lack of competition to a tripling of available produce, addition of new and sought-after goods, and multiple small organic farms becoming sustainable. Our Sunday stroll became something to look forward to as part of a social gathering – a reflection that the Market had suddenly achieved the kind of vibrance that draws people from within and beyond the local streets to sustain and build business. What Chris has almost single-handedly achieved is a win-win for the farmers, for the community, and for the many residents who now see Sunday as their 'day to keep their business local.'

To hear of the Board's dismissal of Chris Hall based on rumors lacking in any known substance, or due process, has created a ground-swell of disappointment and outrage. It is our hope that the injustice to him and to the community will be immediately remedied by an open and fair review and reinstatement.

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About the teacher: Kaye Anderson is the founder and lead hooper of *Hoop Power*. She is also a clinical social worker who has been working with children, teens, and families for over 15 years. A lifetime student of music and yoga, and a lover of dance, Kaye discovered hoop-dance in 2007. A certified hoop-dance teacher through *HeroHoops*, Kaye teaches both children and adults in Berkeley and beyond.

To Register: Please call the KCC office at 525-0292 or e-mail [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com). For more information about the class, please call Kaye at 919-2783 or e-mail [kayelcsw@hotmail.com](mailto:kayelcsw@hotmail.com).

*New Class!*

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Instructor Claude Sprague has been teaching classical guitar through the *Mt. Diablo Adult Education Program* for 16 years and has also taught at the *Albany Adult School* and the Santa Rosa and Sonoma Community Centers. Claude studied with George Sakellariou at the *SF Conservatory of Music*, as well as privately for ten years. He has also performed in Master Classes taught by John Duarte.

For questions about the class, please contact Claude at [claudio@theGuitarInstructor.net](mailto:claudio@theGuitarInstructor.net). To register, please come by the KCC office in the park, or call (510) 525-0292.

*New Class!*

### ADULT YOGA

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Please feel free to contact Cricket with questions, at [csings2faye@yahoo.com](mailto:csings2faye@yahoo.com), or 367-7977. Register with the KCC office in the park, or call us at 525-0292.



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You can also come to the first class to pay; yet space is limited. Sign-up early to guarantee yourself a space. Send checks to the following address:

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\*A discount is available if you also take Monday, Level 2/Intermediate class (held at a different location in Kensington), Sept. 13-Oct. 25, 7:30-8:30pm, seven sessions (requires a separate registration and separate check). You must call Ernie (510-619-9223) to qualify for this discount.

*A warm welcome to Jennifer Phalen, our new KASEP afternoon office coordinator!*

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**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.

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

### KCC Fall Parade and Picnic: Noon, Sunday, October 17th.

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# Neighborhood Notes

**Mother Nature’s Bounty Overwhelms Plant Scientist - Oct. 3rd**  
George Chuck has been a Kensington resident since last June. He does botanical research for UC Berkeley and the USDA, and has a lot of expertise growing plants. When he first moved to Kensington he thought it would be nice if he planted pumpkins for all the kids on his block on Oakview Street, but he made a miscalculation and planted too many, and now he has more pumpkins than he knows what to do with. He’s thinking it will be fun to give them away to all the kids who come to the weekly Kensington Farmers Market, to get more kids interested in the market and also bring in more people to support the other vendors. So, if you’re a Kensington kid, accompanied by a parent, you can pick up your free pumpkin at the farmers’ market on Sunday, October 3rd, from 10am-2pm (or as long as they last) at Oakview Street & Colusa Avenue (Colusa Circle). *Thanks, George!*

**Free Disaster Preparedness Training - Coming Thursday, Nov. 4th**  
Presented by Pam Grossman, volunteer trainer with the *Berkeley Fire Department’s Office of Emergency Services*, and sponsored by the *Kensington Public Safety Council* and the *Kensington Police Department*; this one-night workshop will help prepare you for major disasters, such as earthquakes and exploding natural gas pipes running underneath your house. Thursday, November 4th at 7:30-9:30pm, at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Please call or email in advance to reserve, or for more information: Officer Doug Wilson at 526-4141, ext. 38, or [dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org](mailto:dwilson@kensingtoncalifornia.org)

The Sept. KPSC meeting included Jaydne Buchholz, Russell Brent, Bat. Chief Dave Gibson, Chuck Toombs, Annette McCoubrey, COP Greg Harman, Teri Alyami, Officer Doug Wilson, and KPSC Chair, Peter Liddell.

**El Cerrito Art Association’s Annual Art Show: October 1st to 3rd**  
A non-juried exhibit open to Bay Area artists, this year’s show features art in a wide variety of media – watercolor, oils, acrylics, printmaking, digital art, photography, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, fine art textiles, pen and ink, and pastels. The show will be held at the *El Cerrito Community Center*, 7007 Moeser Lane. Opening reception: Friday, October 1, 7-9pm; Show continues on Saturday, October 2, from noon to 7:30pm, and on Sunday, October 3, from 10am to 4pm. Unframed art will be available for sale on Saturday and Sunday. Info at 527-9625 or [ecArtAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:ecArtAssociation@gmail.com). (Photo: Barbara Rockhold.)

**KARW’s “A Fashion Fling” - Coming Tuesday, Nov. 9th**  
The *Kensington Area Republican Women’s Club* will be holding its annual Luncheon-Fashion Show fund raiser, *A Fashion Fling*, at 11:30 a.m. at the beautiful *Mira Vista Country Club*. *Cold Water Creek* of Walnut Creek will be providing the fashions. This event, held yearly for more than 40 years, raises funds to provide donations to food pantries, libraries and schools in our community. Be sure to have your friends and family mark their calendars for another lovely afternoon of food, fashion, and fun! Tickets: \$35. Reservations by Friday, November 5th; please call 237-4192.

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Last month, Friends of the Kensington Library presented magician Donny Crandell, who amazed children ages 3 and up with magic tricks and live animals at the Kensington Library.

Kensington resident, Alex Zinamon (at left) brought his confidential records to be shredded at the KPFd-sponsored recycling event in the Kensington Library parking lot last month.



# KCC Launches Annual Fundraising Drive

You are reading this newspaper because of your donations to the *Kensington Community Council*. But the KCC does much more than publish this paper – it provides many other important services to our community. It operates the after-school educational programs (KASEP) and the Summer Day Camp for our children; it provides adult education programs, and brings the community together in annual events at the Community Center.

Our programs include the *Fall Parade and Picnic* and the *Spring Celebration*. This year public toilets in the park will be completed. Our administrator, Esther Hill, works every day to provide youth programs that are safe, fun, educational – and affordable.

Our Summer Day Camp remains popular and solid, while our after-school educa-

tion programs continue to provide excellent classes and sports for elementary school students.

We raise all of our income through contributions from the community. To continue with all these important activities, we once again appeal for your help. We would appreciate any contribution that 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 in this paper to send us your donation today. (If the envelope is missing, please send your donation to Kensington Community Council, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington CA 94707.) Thank you!

*Bruce Morrow, President  
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# New Management at Farmers’ Market

*There has been a change in the management of the Kensington Farmer’s Market. Here is the story, as told by the outgoing manager, Chris Hall. – Ed.*

In early September, having just learned that this non-profit association was without bylaws, and also had other issues of legitimacy, one of the four active board members of the Kensington Farmers’ Market resigned.

The resigning board member was also not in agreement with the other two members (who are vendors at our market), about their position of not wanting to allow new vendors into the market who sell goods which are competitive with their own products. (This, despite the fact that they are happy to have a free-market economy for the rest of the vendors.)

On the eve of the board meeting scheduled for Friday Sept. 10th, I met with the board (of which I had been a member since 2008), seeking to resolve *my* concerns about these, and other issues.

At this conference, having become the sole dissenting vote on our (then three-person) board, my personal concerns regarding the liabilities of this non-profit, the imbalance and slant of the board, and its dissatisfaction with a free-market philosophy on running the market, it was clear to me that this couldn’t be a productive relationship.

I resigned from the board and offered to continue as the market manager, but was told by the then two remaining members of the board that, as of that Sunday, they would also be taking over management of the market – an abrupt, chaotic, and distressing transition for many vendors.

I was asked to join the *Kensington Farmers’ Market Association* board in 2008, and have worked on issues relating to our market, pro bono, until my termination.

Last February I was asked to undertake a search for a market manager, but the market was down to as few as four vendors and none of the active farmers’ market associations were interested in taking it on. I volunteered to recruit more vendors, and then again look for an association to manage our market.

As we moved into spring, my recruiting efforts began to pay off, and soon the number of market vendors was up to 10. By June we were up to 14, at which point the board strongly stated that I needed to keep doing what I was doing and asked me to stay on in the post of Market Manager.

As we moved into summer, the market participation increased again to 24, and

we then had a very viable market, to which our community came out in full support every Sunday. By the end of August, Oak View Avenue was completely full with food, produce, and hand crafts, and was


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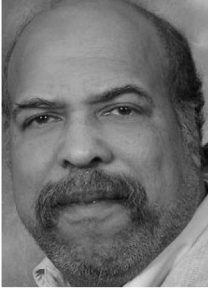
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Linda Lipscomb

We each offer Kensington an individual track record of professional and business experience along with proven commitment to community service. We hope voters will support all three of us, but we are each committed to serve, if elected, and will work with other KPPCSD Directors for the common good of Kensington.



Tony Lloyd



Paul Dorroh

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- B.A. City University of New York
- J.D. University of California, Hastings
- Former Judge pro tem, SF Superior Court
- Local Realtor
- President & Director, Kensington Improvement Club
- 33-year Kensington resident

I have worked for many years for the benefit of Kensington as Director, and President of the Kensington Improvement Club. KIC interfaces with most other K- groups, supports the Scouts, contributes to KMAC’s budget, and funds and assists with landscaping and beautification projects. I attend meetings and understand how the KPPCSD Board works. I bring to the District many years of past experience as an attorney, including serving as a judge pro tem under various presiding judges of the San Francisco Superior Court.

Currently, I am a local realtor, and I know the factors contributing to the unique quality of life which supports our property values, even in these difficult economic times. I was active in the petition drive to keep our police force in Kensington, and in the Measure G campaign to keep our District solvent. If elected, I will devote my energies to preserving and improving the District, keeping it financially solvent, and meeting the priorities of Kensington residents.

- B.S. WSU – Michigan
- Post Grad – Northwestern University
- 33 - year Kensington resident
- 35 - year public utilities corporate Director (regulatory & public policy - Ret.)
- Senior Partner-Management Consulting Co.
- Current - Arlington Church Senior Moderator
- Current - KCC Board Member
- Past President - Kensington Business Owners Association

Many Kensington residents recognize me as a member of the Blues Daddies Band! Having had the experience of managing billion dollar corporate assets as well as small business start-ups, I am excited to be a candidate for the KPPCSD Board.

My focus will be on board financial best practices, efficient and quality oriented public safety programs, improvement in parks and recreation facilities and management, traffic issues resolution, solid waste issue resolution, and community emergency preparedness.

- B.A., U.C Berkeley
- J.D. Boalt Hall, U.C. Berkeley
- Peace Corps volunteer
- Foreign Service officer
- Attorney
- Business executive
- 37 - year Kensington resident, community volunteer and a leader of police petition and Measure G campaigns

I have been a founder of a number of successful business enterprises, and currently manage a \$60 million a year division of a national firm. My years of experience with responsibility for the bottom line management of revenue and expense, budgeting and personnel will be a valuable resource for the District Board.

My experience and current responsibilities also include strategic planning. While Measure G has provided an important element of financial stability for the District, the future of public finances in California is highly uncertain. The District must develop plans for alternative future scenarios, a task for which my experience will be a plus.

As a director, I will seek community input to establish the right priorities for public safety and the improvement of our park and recreation facilities.

Linda, Tony and Paul are Endorsed By (partial list, titles are for identification purposes only):

- Amii & Michael Barnard-Bahn
- Ray Barraze, Past Chair, KMAC
- Betty Barraza
- Wendy Bergman, Past President, KCC
- Robert Bergman
- Ted Blanckenburg, Past President, KCC
- Rosie Blanckenburg
- Lillie Brady
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- Cecile Grant
- Peggy & Jack Griffith
- Kensington Police Officers Association
- Alma Key
- Amy Kurzer
- Pat McLaughlin, Past President & current Director, KPPCSD
- Bruce Morrow, Past President, KPPCSD & President, KCC
- Richard Muller, Past Member, KMAC
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## NOVEMBER 2, 2010



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I am aware of the community issues facing us such as  
sharing the 911 call center with our neighboring cities,  
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**I take safety seriously!**

I have been involved in the following community initiatives:

- ★ worked with the county over 3 years to install one-way controls during school hours on Highland and Kenyon Avenue
- ★ walked our neighborhood for our June election
- ★ gave input into the issue on Highland and Arlmont
- ★ researched escape routes for earthquakes with the Red Cross
- ★ served on the Kensington Property Owners Association where I prepared the About Kensington guide with an updated map of our community
- ★ served on the boards of Step One School and Orinda Horsemen's Association
- ★ built Tehiyah Day School's first web site

### **My qualifications will assist KPPCSD:**

- ★ IT (Information Technology) skills to continue to maintain our small community within the context of our changing information age especially as it relates to emergency message broadcasting and elderly support
- ★ California native and Kensington resident for 10 years
- ★ mother to 4 children ages 17, 15, 9 and 6 as well as a dog, a cat, and other animals

**YOU'RE INVITED!!** Please join me Saturday, Oct 9th 5-8pm  
at 269 Arlington Cafe for the "Kim 4 Kensington" Event (children encouraged).  
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## **Thank you for your vote!**

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# KIC/KPOA Town Hall Meeting

Candidates' Forum Saturday, October 16th

Hold that ballot until after the KIC Town Hall Meeting! The *Kensington Improvement Club's* annual Town Hall meeting and a special Candidates' Forum will be held on Saturday, October 16 at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, from 9:30am to noon. KIC's Annual Town Hall meeting provides an informal forum in which citizens can hear local representatives and community volunteers to become informed about local issues. A short annual meeting of the membership will precede the speakers' portion of the program.

This year, there will be three vacancies on the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board, and there are seven candidates vying for those three seats. The *League of Women Voters* has been invited to moderate the Candidate's Forum, co-sponsored by the *Kensington Property Owners Association*,

which will follow the speakers' portion of the program.

Speakers will include Police Chief and General Manager, Greg Harmon; Chuck Toombs, President of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board; and Nina Harman, President of the Kensington Fire Protection District Board. Our librarian Liz Ruhland, and Esther Hill, our KCC administrator, have also been invited.

As usual, KIC will provide free coffee and light refreshments. All citizens of Kensington, and all members of KIC are welcome. There will be a Q and A session as part of the candidates' forum, so please write out your questions in advance, and bring them with you!

*Submitted by KPPCSD Board candidate, Linda Lipscomb.*

# Berkeley Opera Has New Name, Home

Berkeley Opera Finishes Boffo Season • New Name for 2010-11

When Berkeley's opera company moved into its new home in the state-of-the-art Community Theater on the El Cerrito High campus last year, it came with a new Artistic Director, Kensington resident (and native) Mark Streshinsky. Now it is getting a new name to reflect the change of venue and a wider audience: *Berkeley West Edge Opera*.

In fact, Kensington has historic ties to Berkeley Opera; its very first production, in 1980, was in the Unitarian Church. Eventually the company settled into the Julia Morgan Theater, which seats 300; El Cerrito's new theater holds 600. As a measure of the season's success, Streshinsky says, "Attendance has almost doubled, and sales of season tickets have tripled. The response to this first season in our new home has been unbelievable. The final performances of Wagner's *Legend of the Ring* sold out."

With the help of his wife, soprano Marie Plette, a veteran of the country's major opera houses, Streshinsky was able to convince other starry principals to sing major roles. In *The Ring* alone: Richard Paul Fink, a leading baritone at New York's *Metropolitan Opera* – and well known to *San Francisco Opera* fans – appeared as Wotan; Jay Hunter Morris, a regular at Los Angeles and Houston Operas, sang Siegfried. Local reviews raved about the quality of the singing. (Marie Plette was, according to *The Chronicle* reviewer, "a magnificently versatile and elegant vocal presence in five different roles.") Glowing reviews brought in new opera fans, while the Company's faithful made the shift to

the new venue, happy for the comfortable seats, easy parking, and the option to take BART.

Kensington folk did their share in making it happen, not only as season ticket holders but with "friend-raisers" in local homes, opera-previews sponsored by the Library, enthusiastic volunteers, and a clutch of *Kensington Hilltop* students who appeared on stage. Sixth-grader Isabella Mercurio had a major role in the season's second production, Aaron Copeland's *The Tenderland*. Appearing as "Nibelungen" in the *Legend of the Ring* were Hilltopers Abram and Efre Blitz, Gabe Bruce, Kenji and Mari Costantini, Nora Gest, Sophia Irschick, Maya and Tara Robey and Evan Streshinsky. Four El Cerrito High students worked backstage, and a group from the school's dance class appeared in *The Tenderland*. fulfilling Streshinsky's pledge to involve local students in productions.

The 2010-2011 *West Edge Opera* season opens on November 13 with Handel's *Xerxes*, with Paula Rasmussen reprising the title role she has performed worldwide. In March 2011, *The Carmen Fixation* (based on Bizet's *Carmen*.) features Buffy Baggott who was Carmen at *Chicago Lyric Opera*; and in July is the world premiere of *Caliban Dreams*, a new opera suggested by Shakespeare's *Tempest*, with John Duykers in the title role.

Details and tix at [WestEdgeOpera.org](http://WestEdgeOpera.org).



*Kensington 6th grade student, Isabella Mercurio, who performed the role of Beth, and Amy Foote, who sang the lead role of Laurie in the Berkeley Opera's production of The Tenderland last season.*

# KPOA Endorsements for KPPCSD

The *Kensington Police Officer's Association* is proud to endorse Paul Dorroh, Linda Lipscomb, and Tony Lloyd as candidates for the KPPCSD Board. Paul, Linda, and Tony all have vast professional experience which will serve Kensington well. They are intimately familiar with

the short and long term issues facing the District due to their interest and participation in the community. All three have been residents of Kensington for over 30 years.

*see KPOA, Page 11...*

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# From the Files of the KPD

## Excerpt From August 2010

• 2010-3568- On 8/1/10 at 2042 hours, on the 00 block of Edwin Dr., Officers Wilson and Tyler took a report of vandalism to a vehicle.

• 2010-3683/ 10-3684- On 8/8/10 at 0738 hours, on the 200 block of Yale Ave., Officers Colon and Stegman took reports of stolen license plates and recovery of license plates. A license plate from a car in Hercules was found on a Kensington resident's car, and the Kensington resident's plates were found on a car in El Cerrito.

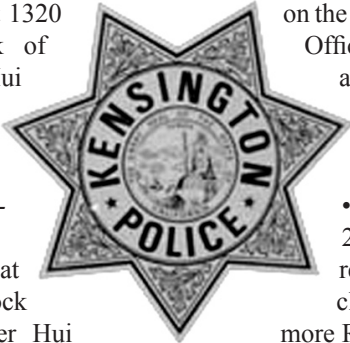
• 2010-3707- On 8/9/10 at 1320 hours, on the 00 block of Highland Blvd, Officer Hui detained a resident for a mental health evaluation. *(The line forms to the right – or, in the case of Kensington, to the left!)*

• 2010-3726- On 8/10/10 at 1259 hours, on the 200 block of Highland Blvd, Officer Hui took a burglary report. The items taken were primarily miscellaneous coins.

• 2010-3889- On 8/16/10 at 1817 hours, on the 100 block of York Ave, Officer Hui took an identity theft report, where the victim's credit card was being fraudulently used.

• 2010-3913- On 8/17/10 at 1502 hours, on the unit block of Lawson Rd, Officer Stegman took a found property report. The found property was drug paraphernalia.

• 2010-4098- On 8/22/10 at 1036 hours, on the unit block of Rincon Rd, Officer Hui took a forgery report. The resident



reported receiving a forged check. *(In this economy, you take what you can get and be grateful for it! Some people aren't getting any checks at all, you know!)*

• 2010-4236- On 8/29/10 at 1026 hours, on the 700 block of Coventry Rd., Officers Colon and Stegman took a theft report, where a purse was stolen from a vehicle with its windows down.

• 2010-4246- On 8/29/10 at 0913 hours, on the unit block of Arlmont Dr., Officer Wilson located a reported run away juvenile and took her home. *(Is that standard policy – taking juveniles home?)*

• 2010-4254- On 8/30/10 at 0936 hours, on the 1500 block of Oakview Ave., Officer Stegman took a report of an attempted auto burglary. No loss was reported but there was damage to the vehicle.

• 2010-3642 – On 8-5-2010, Officer Ramos took a report of vandalism to a vehicle in the 100 block of Ardmore Road.

• 2010-3646 – On 8-5-2010, Officer Ramos took a report of theft from a vehicle in the 100 block of Kenyon Avenue.

• 2010-3662 – On 8-6-2010, Officer Ramos took a report of displaying an imitation firearm in public, discharging a firearm with negligence, and trespassing. Three juvenile suspects were located and identified. The report will be forwarded to the Juvenile Probation Department.

• 2010-3804 – On 8-13-2010, Officer Martinez took a found property report of a watch that was found in the unit block of Arlington Avenue.

## El Cerrito Democratic Club Endorses

El Cerrito Democratic Club Endorses Linda Lipscomb for KPPCSD Board Seat

In keeping with its strong tradition of reviewing candidates for local offices, the *El Cerrito Democratic Club* met on August 31st to hear from the seven candidates running for the three open seats on the *Kensington Community Services District* board.

By the end of an evening of pointed questions and thoughtful answers the members of the club had endorsed Linda Lipscomb, formerly president of the *Kensington Improvement Club* and one of the principal members of the Kensington's *Measure G* successful campaign team.

The other six candidates include Ms. Lipscomb's two colleagues on the *Kensington-First* slate: Paul Dorroh and Tony Lloyd; as well as the four candidates running individually: Eyleen Nadolny, Kim Manning Zvik, Nicki Boye Kaiser and Mari Elaine Metcalf. All were present except Tony Lloyd; Ms. Lipscomb delivered a brief message from him. The club can only endorse registered Democrats; although Mr. Dorroh and Ms. Kaiser are not eligible for the Club's endorsement, they accepted the club's invitation to participate, which provided the audience with information on all the candidates.

Despite its name, the El Cerrito Democratic Club covers an area that reaches beyond the city's borders to include Kensington and surrounding communities. As the only chartered Democratic club in the area it continues to include members from – and meet with candidates for – Kensington.

Tuesday night presented an opportunity for all members, regardless of city of residence, to hear about some of the unique issues facing Kensington.

One of the major items of discussion was focused on the recently passed Measure G, which shored up the funding imbalance

between the existing level of property tax and the portion of Kensington's budget primarily related to funding its independent Police Department. The candidates had widely divergent opinions about Measure G. Ms. Lipscomb and Mr. Dorroh spearheaded the campaign. Ms. Kaiser and Ms. Vick were proponents of Measure G. Ms. Nadolny stated some concerns about Measure G but was ultimately in favor, and Ms. Metcalf opposed the measure.

The candidates addressed a number of questions with regard to Kensington Police Department personnel actions as well as the performance of the General Manager/Chief of Police. There was general consensus from the candidates in support of the actions of the Chief, and, except for Ms. Metcalf and Ms. Nadolny, the candidates agreed with the Kensington Board's recent decision to extend his contract.

Another point of discussion was the upcoming construction of a bathroom facility in the Kensington Park. Several candidates, including Ms. Lipscomb, Mr. Dorroh and Ms. Vick, supported the existing development program. Ms. Kaiser, Ms. Nadolny, and Ms. Metcalf were concerned about construction costs and proximity to neighbors on Windsor Avenue. As a note to readers, the cost of the bathroom is being funded by the *East Bay Regional Park District* bond measure.

The Kensington Community Service District has a five-member board. Each of the directors serves for four years. The three seats open in the current election are being vacated by Bill Wright, Pat McLaughlin and John Stein. (Mr. Stein was appointed by the board to fill the seat vacated in mid-term by Cindy Kimball.) The election will be held on November 2.

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# Obituaries



Vivian Hankin, MFCC, Ph.D.  
March 14, 1929- August 13, 2010

Vivian Hankin passed away on on August 13, 2010 at Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek following heart surgery. Vivian was 81.

Born to Morris and Rose Hankin of Kansas City, MO in 1929, Vivian moved to Berkeley in 1951. She fell in love with the Bay Area and remained here the rest of her life, living in the home of her dreams in Kensington.

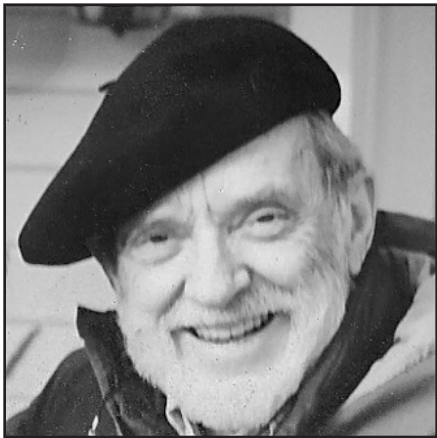
She obtained her BA from *University of California, Berkeley* in 1953, her MFCC from *John F. Kennedy University* in 1979 and her PhD. in 1992 from the *Center for Psychological Studies*.

Vivian's varied careers included high school English teacher, folk music producer and promoter, video specialist for *Wells Fargo* and project director of sales for *Dymo Industries*.

Vivian returned to school at age 50, and found her most rewarding calling as a marriage and family therapist. She had a successful private practice for 30 years. Vivian was also a poet and writer, a photographer and a gourmet cook. She loved folk and world music, *Tilden Park*, the ocean, all the arts, dancing, excellent food and wine, playing cards and games, drumming, and lively conversation with her friends.

Vivian inspired all who knew her with her strong, artistic spirit and her enthusiastic enjoyment of every moment of her life. Her greatest joy was empowering women to live to their potential.

Donations in Vivian's memory may be made to: Save the Bay: [www.savesfbay.org](http://www.savesfbay.org) or Girls Incorporated of Alameda County: [www.girlsinc-alameda.org](http://www.girlsinc-alameda.org). Services will consist of a celebration of her life Friday evening, October 22, 2010, in Berkeley. If you would like to attend, please email: [lesli@speakeasy.net](mailto:lesli@speakeasy.net).



Blair Morton Boyd, Jr.  
Nov. 24, 1926- Sept. 1, 2010

Bibliophile, publisher, geographer, and traveler, with a keen intellect and unquenchable curiosity about people, their life stories, and places he loved, Blair's interests ranged from Pueblo culture, trains, music, and Scottish history, to baseball. He brought compassion, high spirits, and joy in learning to everyone.

Against the backdrop of a small Midwestern town, he found inspiration in his aunt Helen Boyd's liberal beliefs and adventurous spirit that drew her to Greenwich Village in the '20's and '30's. Blair was always a passionate voice for peace, tolerance, and social justice.

Born in Redlands, CA, the younger son of Blair Morton Boyd Sr. and Mary Elizabeth Post, Blair grew up in Hillsboro, Ohio, and attended the *Arizona School for Boys* in Tucson, AZ and the *Asheville School* in Asheville, NC. Following his freshman year at *Harvard*, he served in the US Navy in 1945-6 as a radar operator on an aircraft carrier that was steaming toward the Pacific when the war ended.

After graduating from *Harvard* in 1949 (Class of '48) with a BA cum laude in history, Blair joined the *Brattle Theatre* in Cambridge, MA, as box office manager. A veterans' repertory company known for performing classics from Shakespeare to Shaw, the Brattle had a policy of hiring actors, such as Zero Mostel, blacklisted by the US government during the 1950's.

During the 50's and early 60's, he studied anthropology at the *University of New Mexico* and worked as an editor at the *UNM Press*, where he helped

produce the literary magazine, *New Mexico Quarterly*. Blair reveled in the artistic and cultural vibrancy of New Mexico, serving as managing director of the *Albuquerque Modern Museum*, and opening the "A" Pool, Albuquerque's first non-segregated swimming pool.

Moving with his family to Berkeley, CA in the early '60's to attend graduate school in geography at the *University of California*, Blair became editor of *Landscape*, a prestigious journal of cultural geography and a touchstone in his intellectual and social life. He founded *Sumiko Inc.*, an import company specializing in high-end stereo equipment for audiophiles.

Active in the peace and civil rights movements during his Berkeley years, Blair produced the documentaries, *People's Park*, *Word is Out* and *Holy Ghost People*.

Blair's travels took him to Micronesia, Antarctica, Cayman Islands, the Yukon, Iceland and Greece, and Scotland, whose landscapes, music, and culture he cherished.

Blair is survived by his wife, Kirsten Falke-Boyd, his children, Megan Chaskey and Brian Boyd, stepdaughters, Kathe Boyd, Erica Boyd and Sara Costello; ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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Vista. Along with this, *The Dad's Club* of Kensington Hilltop School will be facilitating shuttle service home after the event for those who'd rather leave the driving to someone else. (Talk about class!)

The Garden Party joins the electronic age this year, and you can bid and view the exciting Silent- and Live Auction items from your home — in your p.j.s if you prefer! Not only will full catalog of treasures be available to view online, but there will also be online bidding offered on some items. Be on the lookout for details this fall.

And once you've "won" all of those fabulous items? "Checking out is going to be a breeze this year," says Beth, adding "We've streamlined the process this year to make it very efficient." Four times as many credit card machines have been added. If the attendees wish, there will be an option to swipe their card upon registration so that they can skip the check-out lines altogether. Attendees can just look over their receipts, head straight to pick-up and be on their way home to relish their trove of prizes," the chairwoman said, smiling.

"We're really hoping that the improvements and changes to the Garden Party this year make it the most fun and successful fundraiser so far," says the first-time event leader and KHS parent of

three. Last year's event raised over \$85,000, supporting academic enrichment and benefiting all students at KHS. These benefits included reading and math intervention programs, library, art, vocal music, physical education, computer, and science programs. Judy Saunders, principal of the school states, "With the reduction in school revenue by the state and district, the money raised by this event is even more critical this year."

There are ample opportunities to get involved in this year's event. Please contact Becky Stephens, Garden Party Volunteer Coordinator ([garden-partyvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:garden-partyvolunteer@gmail.com)) or Beth Thomsen, Garden Party Chair ([beth.thomsen@gmail.com](mailto:beth.thomsen@gmail.com)).

Donations of goods and services are welcomed and encouraged. In order to donate (from your business, sharing a skill, hosting parties for young and old, a craft, etc.), please contact Nathalie van Linder, Garden Party Donations Coordinator ([nvanlinder@jdvhotels.com](mailto:nvanlinder@jdvhotels.com)).

And don't forget to attend the 2010 Garden Party at the Mira Vista Country Club, Saturday, November 13th, from 5-10pm. Tickets are \$50 in advance (\$60 at the door) and can be obtained by contacting Beth Thomsen via email ([beth.thomsen@gmail.com](mailto:beth.thomsen@gmail.com)). You can find the latest details on the event at [www.khsgardenparty.org](http://www.khsgardenparty.org).



*Last year's Garden Party will be hard to top – but organizers are promising this year's will be even better!*

Facebook Photo Inspires Alumni Fundraising Efforts for El Cerrito High School Music Program

When it comes to preserving the performing arts programs at today's public school systems, never underestimate the power of inspired student alumni to try and make a difference in keeping music alive!

Alumni from El Cerrito High School's symphonic band are hosting a gala reunion concert on Sunday, October 3rd, from 2-4pm to benefit the music program at El Cerrito High's new Performing Arts Theater, at 540 Ashbury Ave. in El Cerrito. The concert will be led by the school's former Music Director, Paul Yonemura, who taught these alumni from 1985 to 1991. A jazz ensemble led by Frank Martin will also be featured and will include ECHS alumni who have gone on to become professional musicians.

It all began when ECHS 1988 class alumnae, Tracy Dunn Arrowsmith, age 40 of Oakland, posted a picture of this 1987 symphonic band on her *Facebook* page. In a matter of weeks, she received more than 100 responses from ECHS students in the picture expressing a strong interest in a reunion concert. More than 40 alumni, including one member from Norway, eagerly committed to reuniting for a benefit concert to raise funds for El Cerrito High's current music program, which has continued to lose funds through the years, due to a struggling economy and state budget cuts.

This particular ECHS band reunion has brought a sense of purpose and duty to these alumni. In planning their reunion, they received news that their beloved high school's music program was currently running on empty. Very quickly, a once-proud and thriving music and arts program has been left loosely held together by the sheer determination of parents, volunteers, and faculty who refuse to give up on their kids.

These reuniting alumni, fueled by their own positive experiences of ECHS's music

program, have created a groundswell of optimism and energy, and hope to make a significant difference at the local level. With this reunion and fundraising concert, they hope to raise both money and awareness of the value of music education and its lasting effects on students' lives.

Along with ticket sales, T-Shirts, and other memorabilia, the ECHS music boosters, *Friends of El Cerrito Music* will be offering tiered sponsorship packages, including sponsorship of individual seats inside the school's 600-seat Performing Arts Theater.

School tours before the concert, on Sunday, October 3rd at 12:30pm, will also be available. For more information, interested parties are invited to log on to [www.echsreunionband.org](http://www.echsreunionband.org).




*El Cerrito High School Symphonic Band, 1987.*

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**Oct. 1, 2, 3 El Cerrito Art Association Annual Art Show.** El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 10/1: 7-9pm; 10/2: noon-7pm; 10/3: 10am-4pm. Free. [ecArtAssociation@gmail.com](mailto:ecArtAssociation@gmail.com) or 527-9625.

**Oct. 2 Workshop: The Joy of Writing.** *Enhance Your Writing Pleasure*, led by Lynn Hammond, Ph.D. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 11am-3pm, suggested fee: \$36. E-mail [lynnhammond\\_phd@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnhammond_phd@yahoo.com) or call Lynn at 233-2666.

**Oct. 2 Welcome Home Mouse.** Book signing with local award-winning childrens' author, Elisa Kleven, 3-5pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave. EC 356-4233. [www.rabbitears.org](http://www.rabbitears.org)

Town Meetings

at the  
Kensington Community Center  
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington  
(Except as Noted)

**KCC - October 4th**  
**Kensington Community Council**  
7:30pm • 525-0292 • 1st Mondays

**FKL - October 5th**  
**Friends of the Kensington Library**, 7pm at the Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

**KPSC - October 11th**  
**Kensington Public Safety Council**  
EQ & Disaster Preparedness  
2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

**KFPD - October 13th**  
**Fire Protection District**  
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

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

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

**KMAC - October 26th**  
**Municipal Advisory Council**  
Last Tuesdays 7pm. 273-9926

**KARO/ECHO - November 10th**  
**Amateur Radio Operators**  
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**KPOA**  
**Property Owners Association**  
One annual general spring membership meeting; Board of Directors meets quarterly. 525-1709

**Online Neighborhood Newsgroup**  
<http://groups.google.com/group/kensingtontips?hl=en>

**Kensington Sign Board Coordinator:** To reserve sign board space for your event, call Jaima at 525-8902.

**Oct. 3 El Cerrito High School Alumni Reunion Concert, Fundraiser and Bake Sale** for ECHS music program. 2pm, ECHS Performing Arts Theater. In conjunction with Friends of El Cerrito Music. [www.echsreunionband.org](http://www.echsreunionband.org)

**Oct. 3 Personal Theology Seminar:** Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway, Co-Minister of UUCB. *Cosmic Blessings: Ongoing Creation and Participation*. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

**Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 The Kensington Farmers Market** 10am-2pm at Colusa Circle. [kensingtoncafarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:kensingtoncafarmersmarket@gmail.com) or 717-6918.

**Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Youth Bell Choir.** By permission of the director, ages 8 and up, Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Avenue; 11:30am to noon. 526-9146

**Oct. 4 Friends of the Kensington Library meets.** Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7:00 pm. 524-3043.

**Oct. 4 Castoffs Knitting Group.** All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25 Adult Bell Choir.** Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave.; 7:45pm, 526-9146

**Oct. 5 First Class: Power of Myth at the Movies IV: *The Dance of Light and Shadow*,** led by Richard Stromer. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. First Tuesday of each month through May; 7:30-9pm. Suggested fee: \$7.50 for the class or \$40 for the series. Oct. 5: *Like Water for Chocolate*; watch film before class. Info: 682-6302. Registration: 528-3417.

**Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Spirit and the Arts.** *Young People's Dance Theater Company*; Middle School Youth – Grades 3-6: 6-7pm, Junior High Youth – Grades 7-8: 7-8pm. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

**Oct. 6 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters** will discuss water and other topics on October 6 at 1:15pm at 50 Avon Road. Guests are welcome. Please confirm at 527-8683.

Live Music Fridays

Friday Oct 1: Rock w/ *Randy Rood*  
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Saturday Oct 2: *Karaoke*  
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Friday Oct 8: Rock w/*Ashkon* 6:30-8:30

Friday Oct 15: Jazz w/ *The Jay Byrds* 6:30-8:30pm with *Family Movie Nite*

Sunday Oct 17: Flute w/*Bell'Aria Flute Ensemble* 12:30-2:30pm

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**Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Adult Choir.** All singers welcome. Brahms' *Requiem* - Special Project; Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Avenue. 7:30pm. 526-9146

**Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Youth Choir.** Ages 7 and up. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Avenue, 6-6:45 pm. Free. 526-9146

**Oct. 7 Woody Guthrie and the Great American Folksong.** Tim Holt will present a brief history of the American folksong, from the old-time ballads of Appalachia to the ramblin', Depression-era songs of Woody Guthrie; and discuss the origins of our folk music in the British Isles and West Africa. Tim will sing a variety of songs and lead a sing-a-long of some of his favorite tunes. 7pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. 526-7512. Sponsored by the *Friends of the El Cerrito Library*.

**Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28 Baby & Toddler Story Time.** Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043

**Oct. 7 Book Club for Kids** in grades 1-3 meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 4pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Oct. 9 Preschool Storytime & Craft** will take place one Saturday per month – please check schedule for specific dates. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 10:30am. Free. 524-3043.

**Oct. 9 Harmony Walk to End Homelessness.** Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. Free. 525-0302.

**Oct. 9 Kim 4 Kensington.** Meet KPPCSD candidate, Kim Zvik at *The Arlington Cafe*, 5-8pm. [www.Kim4Kensington.com](http://www.Kim4Kensington.com). Free.

**Oct. 10 The Harried Housewife.** Book signing with local author/fiber artist, Barbara Schubert, 3-5pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave, EC. 358-4233 or [www.rabbitears.org](http://www.rabbitears.org)

**Oct. 10 Personal Theology Seminar:** Rev. Marilee Baccich, interfaith minister, and Trish Clifton. *Awaking the Dreamer*, a Powerpoint® presentation, showing how sustainability, social justice, and spiritual fulfillment come together to address the stresses of our planet. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

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**Oct. 11 Diablo Valley College Assistant Professor of Art, Toru Sugita on Printmaking**, at the El Cerrito Art Association Garden Room, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC, 7:30pm. Free. 234-5028

**Oct. 12 Join Local Author Derek Muk** for a reading and discussion of his short story collection, *The Occult Files of Albert Taylor*. 7pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. 526-7512.

**Oct. 13 The Kensington Hilltop PTA Candidates’ Forum.** 6-candidate forum for the WCCUSD School Board election in November. 6:30-7pm: meet with candidates; forum 7pm. Hilltop School Multi Purpose Room.

**Oct. 16 The Kensington Improvement Club’s annual Town Hall Meeting and a special Candidates’ Forum**, 9:30am-noon. (See Page 7 for details.)

**Oct. 17 Owls on the Prowl.** Live owl presentation and fund-raiser for *Native Bird Connections*, 2-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233 or [www.rabbitears.org](http://www.rabbitears.org)

**Oct. 17 Friends of the Kensington Library Annual Fall Book Sale** in the parking lot behind the library at 61 Arlington Ave, Kensington, from 11am to 4pm. 4000 donated books, “which have not been ‘picked over,’ and are organized topically for easy viewing.” Plus CDs, audio tapes, and DVDs. “Special Selections Table,” will have 1st editions, signed books, and more. (Plus “Bag Sale” 2-4pm.) 524-3043.

**Oct. 17 KCC Fall Parade & Picnic**, Noon-4pm. (See Page 1 for details.)

**Oct. 17 Personal Theology Seminar:** Dwight Merrill, longtime group member and lifelong Unitarian Universalist, shares his personal religious philosophy as it developed in this church, defined in part by his perception of the purposes of religion. *55 Years as a Unitarian: My Personal Outlook*. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

**Oct. 18 Scrabble Club.** All levels welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 3 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**October 18 PG&E Smart Meter Presentation.** A representative will discuss how the new Smart Meters work and explain why PG&E is changing the meters. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Oct. 19 The Puppet Company: Legend of Sleepy Hollow** – a spooky Halloween puppet show based on Washington Irving’s tale of ghosts and local superstitions. This program is for ages 3 and up and is sponsored by the *Friends of the Kensington Library*. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

## ...KPOA Endorsements, from page 7

They were all supporters of measure G and ardent supporters of an independent Kensington Police Department. Each of them has long-standing relationships with various community organizations and many of the K-groups. It is for these reasons and

**Oct. 19 Kathryn Roszak’s Danse Lumiere: Pensive Spring: A Portrait of Emily Dickinson.** Kristin Clayton, soprano; Kathryn Roszak, actress/cho-reographer; Hally Bellah-Guthrie, piano; Gordon Getty, composer. 8pm., Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. \$25. HS students, free; post-HS students, \$10. 525-5211. Wheelchair accessible. [berkeleychamberperform.org](http://berkeleychamberperform.org)

**Oct. 19 Berkeley Garden Club meets.** “Organic Gardening” by Patrice Hanlon of Heather Farms. 2pm at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins Street, Berkeley. Free. [berkeleygardenclub.org](http://berkeleygardenclub.org)

**Oct. 21 Craft Corner for Kids** in grades 1-3. Come create a fun craft to take home with you. Meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 3pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Oct. 23 Symposium: Awakening the Dreamer** led by Marilee Baccich and Trish Clifford. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 1-5pm, suggested fee: \$20. For more information or to register, call Marilee at 526-8944.

**Oct. 23 Never Cry Wolf!** Live wolf presentation and fund-raiser for *Never Cry Wolf Rescue*, 1-4pm. RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233 or [www.rabbitears.org](http://www.rabbitears.org)

**Oct. 24 Personal Theology Seminar:** Helene Knox, poet, UU scholar, Starr King graduate, and ‘Bioneer’ writer. *To Learn to Love the “Earth” Enough: Eco Poems and Stories for Our Times*. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

**Oct. 25 Book Club.** Discussion of *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

**Oct. 27. Kensington Republican Women’s Club Lunch** at the Mira vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., EC 12:30pm. \$25. Reservations at 524-5689. Subject: *Witches!*

**Oct. 30 Spooktacular Small Critter Adoption Day.** Meet *Spider* and *Molasses*, *Pinto*, and *Jellybeans*. Free goodie bags for everyone in costume. 2-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233 or [www.rabbitears.org](http://www.rabbitears.org)

**Oct. 31 Personal Theology Seminar:** Helene Knox. *Spells and Incantations*: Archaic and scary verses in observance of the ancient holy day when the veil is thinnest between the worlds of the living and the dead. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 10-11am. Free. 525-0302. Sept. 1 The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters meets at 1:15pm at 44 Beverly Road. Guests welcome. Call 524-6071 to confirm.

more we hope the Kensington voters will elect Paul Dorroh, Linda Lipscomb, and Tony Lloyd as your new KPPCSD Board members.

*Eric Stegman, President  
Kensington Police Officers Association*

## THE INTERVIEW: New Kensington Police Officer, Kevin Hui

The first thing you notice about Officer Hui (“Call me Kevin”), is his friendly, informal, approachable manner. Dig a little deeper and you discover his droll sense of humor and his commitment to making the world a better place.

He’s obviously been welcomed by the other officers on the force, as evidenced by comments by Detective Keith Barrow and Officer Manny Ramos, neither of whom neglected to laud Kevin as they passed through the room in which Kevin was in the process of being interviewed. “He’s an excellent officer,” Barrow said as he passed by.

Already lauded for his work ethic after having been on the force full time only since April, “He’s very proactive in addressing traffic issues,” opined Officer Ramos. Pulling people over – for citations or warnings – and identifying problem areas such as speeding or not stopping for stop signs, Officer Hui has already been singled out by Chief Greg Harman for improving the coverage of the department as it pertains to traffic safety.

Kevin began his association with the Kensington Police Department as a reserve officer (working for free), back in November. (He worked almost six months without pay.) “It was an opportunity to get my foot in the door, and hopefully obtain a full time job – which I did,” he smiled.

“Due to cutbacks, I was laid off from Burlingame PD after 17 months (in that assignment), and it took me ten months to get in over here as a reserve officer, Kevin informed us. (It’s a 2- to 8-month process of background checks and interviews, etc. to even qualify for a position.)

“Growing up, a career in law enforcement or the military was never an option for me – my parents wanted me to be a doctor; typical Chinese parents. It wasn’t until I started shooting competitively and becoming friends with others in the sport, that my new acquaintances asked me if I’d ever considered a career in law enforcement. They thought I’d be good at it, due to my work ethic and my personality. I thought about it for three years because I didn’t want to disappoint my parents. I decided to do it because I thought it was a way for me

to make the world a little bit better place. I saw the positive impact my father, as a dentist who did a lot of pro bono work in the Asian community, had on other people’s lives – things that didn’t really benefit him at all. Police work is a way for me to make a living, using my skill set, and it gives me the chance to do something to help other people.

“One of the things that surprised me about police work is that oftentimes depart-

ments are poorly equipped to address problems as they should be addressed. Interestingly, in higher volume departments such as Burlingame, you don’t always have the time or the resources to spend to take care of a given situation. One of the things I value about coming to Kensington, is that the pace is a little slower so we have the time and

resources to address problems that arise, properly. Strangely enough, I think I actually end up working a little bit harder here than I did in Burlingame.

“I love to show up for work every day. I think that’s a rarity. I enjoy going to work. It’s not just one specific thing. I like the variety, each day is different; you never know what you’re going to get; you don’t have a set task list; I like the fact that I never know who I’m going to meet on a given day. Part of me doing a good job is getting to know the residents and the people who pass through town. I meet a lot of people I knew when I grew up here. (Kevin lived here for first 18 years of his life, including a stint at *Windrush School*.)

“The most challenging part of my job is never having enough time to complete all the tasks I want to do. There’s always a big list of things I want to get done, and not enough hours in the day.”

Kevin is married, and, when asked if he had any children, he said he and his wife didn’t have any kids “yet.” (Talk about having a list of things you want to get done!)

*Welcome to Kensington, Officer H–, er, uh, we mean, Kevin!*



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a safe, enjoyable, gathering place for all. There was a healthy wait list of vendors wishing to get into our market, and I had built up a strong presence of several different musicians and entertainers.

By the time I was dismissed as the manager of our market, I was proud to have played a role in creating a farmers’ market worthy of Kensington.

Although I have worked on a number of community and school committees in my 23 years here in Kensington, my work rebuilding the farmers’ market has far eclipsed any of those opportunities in the pleasure and satisfaction it has given me. *Thanks, Kensington!*

## KFMA Board Member Alexandra Eisler Responds

When we asked current market director, Alexandra Eisler, if the KFMA is without bylaws, she replied that the non-profit group, incorporated in May of 2008, with a board made up of four market vendors and one community member, *does* have bylaws, passed on September 10th, 2010. Its current board includes Eisler (of *Kensington Marmalade Co.*), Andrea Salazar of *Lone Oak Farm*, “two additional current market vendors” (unnamed), “and a third farmer/vendor who must confirm his schedule before committing his time.”

Eisler said that it is not true that she and Salazar refuse to allow vendors in competition with their businesses a presence at the market. “The Kensington Farmers’ Market is a certified farmers’ market,” she said, “which means we look to the *California Federation of Certified Farmers’ Markets*, our governing body, for guidance about standard operating procedures. When the KFMA was formed 2008, all board members, including Chris Hall, wrote and approved a market application for new vendors that follows these practices, including board review of vendor applications in order to limit duplication in the market. At the moment we do have duplication, particularly in the agricultural side of the market.”

When asked why Chris Hall was terminated as Market Manager, Alexandra replied, “I am sorry, but Andrea and I aren’t able to discuss personnel issues with you.”



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