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Annual Parade and BBQ Picnic!



Last year's Grand Marshals, Dee Andronico and Pat McLaughlin, escorted by festival sponsor Marvin Gardens' Ron Egherman

As predictable as the falling leaves in autumn, the Kensington Community Council Annual Parade and Picnic will be held on Sunday, October 16th, from Noon to 3:30pm.

Parade participants will gather at the ACE Hardware parking lot at Amherst and Arlington at 11:30am. After a leisurely march down the Arlington to the Community Center, led by the El Cerrito Marching Band, the party will begin in earnest, followed by a coloring contest and pumpkin decorating event for the kids, live music for the adults, and food for everyone. As usual, local organizations and groups are invited to participate in the parade. Wear your Halloween costume and join the crowd as the parade makes its way to the Kensington Community Center. Then stay for the music and delicious lunch. Tick-

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**Kensington
Community Council
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and Parade!**
Coming Sunday, Oct. 16th

Integrated Park Buildings Plan Community Meeting #1

The Kensington Park Buildings Committee invites residents to join them for the first of three community opportunities to comment on the future of our Park Buildings, on October 15th at 1pm at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington.

Brief Summary:

Two park buildings, The Community Center (Youth Hut) and the Annex, are in need of significant repair and possible remodel. Prior to such investments, the KPPCSD Board has authorized a study to determine how all park buildings can best serve the existing and future needs of Kensington residents.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time For Directors to Reconsider Service?

Editor
The Outlook

Upon opening the September Outlook to read the Letters to the Editor, the first thing I saw was Mari Metcalf's "dare you" letter and your reply. I don't know when Ms. Metcalf took leave of the reality-based community (e.g., denying she held a committee assignment that she herself had voted in favor of), but I appreciate your calm, fact-based response to a taunting challenge more to be expected in the playground than from a District Director.

It has been very troubling to witness one or two KPPCSD Directors deride and bully members of the public presenting public comments at District meetings, even to the point where one director slammed down her papers, got up and walked to the back of the room after berating one citizen who was offering public comment. This is conduct unbecoming of our District and our community.

It is not clear whether this behavior is actually intended to disrupt the District Board's meetings, or is a result of inadequate impulse control or some other reason.

What is clear is that this is not the kind of public official conduct that attracted many residents to move to Kensington, and that has been a hallmark through generations of volunteer community involvement carried out in a cordial and civil manner, whether as directors of the Police or Fire Districts, directors or volunteers of one of our many outstanding community and Hilltop School based organizations, or simply as concerned citizens working to make Kensington the wonderful place to live that it is today.

I urge these Directors to heed the calls of many Kensington residents and voters to conduct themselves in a businesslike and civil manner while engaged in their official duties as Directors of KPPCSD. If they can't do that, perhaps it's time for them to reconsider their continued service as Directors.

Vida Dorroh

Civility and Restraint

To: The Editor

Regarding Ms. Metcalf's letter and your lengthy defense in the September Outlook, I must say it was unpleasant to read. I would guess anyone might say something in the heat of some moment they'd prefer not to see printed in their community newspaper. I recall that last issue you mocked a man's grammatical error. If I may, could I suggest civility and restraint in reporting community proceedings?

Thank you,
Anna Shane

Dear Anna,

I would agree with you – anyone might say something in the heat of the moment they'd prefer not to see printed in their community newspaper. Unfortunately, when you are an elected official at a public meeting, as was the case with Director Metcalf

in the referenced instance, one doesn't always have the luxury of having one's less than stellar moments remain private.

Mari chose to handle the reporting of such a lapse in judgment and, apparently in this case – memory, by "suggesting" to the reporter who recorded the incident that he "get his facts straight," and offering a pejorative challenge to the manner in which he carries out his duties – all in a letter to the editor which she "dared" him to publish – a letter riddled with factual errors regarding what she, herself, had said and what she had voted for; the former contradicted by two witnesses present at the time of the incident in question and the latter contradicted by multiple documents in the public record, as well as statements by the KPPCSD Board President and General Manager, respectively.

Might I suggest that calls for civility and restraint first be directed toward those elected officials who hurl epithets at fellow officials and insults at local journalists? –Ed.

Keeping Issues From Public Scrutiny?

Dear Editor:

From watching and listening to the civic buzz in Kensington, one might see three distinct elements emerging lately.

A group of people don't like two of the five directors on the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) board and go to meetings to find fault with them.

There have been some serious questions about how the district's business is administered, but the people administering the district would like to keep the issues free of public scrutiny.

The basic structural problem of one person holding the offices of general manager and chief of police weakens any system of balances which one might expect in the American governmental traditions. Rather, we see a manager who should, in such a small community, be willing to answer questions about the conduct of his office instead (of) switching hats to seek refuge in the Police Officers' Bill of Rights, a law which clearly distinguishes protections available to administrators, as opposed to rank and file police personnel.

This is a time to look at facts and figures, not to play cheerleader to one person or another.

I am glad that these issues are brought up publicly.

Jim Hausken

Editorial Gravy

Letter to the Outlook

I am really quite tired of reading all of the Board's intra-personal actions when it is necessary for our community to access information. Outlook Editor, do you not think that we may need to know how our taxes and money are being used minus the editorial gravy? I understand the reason

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KENSINGTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

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

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



Elaine Chu, Kasep Instructor of "Art and Book-making," creates a magical world of sea critters.



ADULT RECREATION CLASSES

HOOLA HOOPS:

When: Fridays, Noon-1pm
Where: Community Ctr/Youth Hut
Cost: \$12 per class, or \$40/month.
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Kaye Anderson is the founder and lead hooper of Hoop Power. She is also a clinical social worker who's been working with children, teens, and families for 15 yrs.



Questions: kayelcsw@hotmail.com or 919-2783. Registration: 525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com.



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Pictured below right are KASEP instructors, Catherine Johnson (Yoga, Creative Drama and Serendipity); Chis Lack (Critters and Pottery); and Xinrong Searcy (Mandarin)

REGISTRATION

KCC/KASEP Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Building E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. Email: kccrec@yahoo.com. Telephone: 510-525-0292.

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

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

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For more information, please call Odile 525-3805 OR email odile@lmi.net. Register with the KCC office or call 525-0292.

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

Beginning Watercolor will meet Thursdays from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, through November 16th (no class September 29 in honor of Rosh Hashanah).

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

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

New!

GREAT RELATIONSHIPS 4 LIFE
When: Tuesday Evenings, 7-9pm
Where: Recreation Building, Room A
October 4th through November 8th.
Call to register.

Cost: \$135 for Kensington residents or \$145 non-resident.



Are you butting heads with your child? Struggling with your spouse? Do you have a relationship with a sibling or parent that is not working well? Join this workshop by Janet

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Janet is a professional life coach and relationship coach with certifications from the Coaches Training Institute and the Center for Right Relationship. For more information about her, visit www.thrivingtogether.net. To register, send a check made out to KCC to 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707 or call 525-0292.



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Neighborhood Notes

Halloween for the Hungry Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Hello Neighbors! My name is Simone and I am a high school student and resident of Kensington. Five years ago, I started "Halloween for the Hungry" because I realized that food for the hungry is far more important than candy is for me. Every year since, I have been collecting non-perishable food for the hungry on Halloween night – you may have seen my team of volunteers and me lugging a shopping cart up and down the hills of Kensington. In four years, we have collected enough food to feed over 1,500 people!... This year, I am hoping to expand my efforts. The more volunteers involved, the more people who go to bed with full stomachs. The process is fun and simple – volunteers alert neighbors ahead of time that they will be coming to collect food, and on Halloween night, cans are collected instead of candy. If you interested in participating, please e-mail me at halloween4thehungry@gmail.com. Finally, please know that a food bank barrel will be at our headquarters; please e-mail me for location... P.S. This is my last year at home before I leave for college, so I am looking for a community member to continue the project. Please check out our website – <https://sites.google.com/site/halloween4thehungry> – if you are interested. Thanks!



H4H Executive Director,
Simone Hudson Retires at Age 17

How Things Happen

Ever wonder how things get done in Kensington? On July 16, three members of KIC, along with two friends of KIC, were at the Colusa Circle to weed and collect trash. Volunteers included Lorraine Osmundson, Gretchen Gillfillian, Janet Hittle (not pictured), Russ Graham, and Lorraine's gardener, Lorenzo Milian. KIC has been organizing similar events at the Gateway and along the paths. Thanks, Kensingtonians!



The Great California ShakeOut – Largest EQ Drill Ever

The Great California ShakeOut is a day of special events featuring the largest earthquake drill ever, organized to inspire Californians to get ready for big earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine what our lives will be like afterwards. The ShakeOut Drill will occur in houses, businesses, and public spaces alike throughout California at 10:20 AM on Thursday, October 20, 2011. Free registration at www.ShakeOut.org/register will pledge you or your group's participation in this important preparedness event. Participants will receive information on how to prepare for the inevitable major earthquake in the region and what actions to take during and after the shaking.



Photo: U.S. Geological Survey

Nan Phelps' 'Personal Work' Photo Exhibit Oct. 1 - 31

Nan Phelps' show "Personal Work" runs Thursday & Fridays, 12-4 and Saturdays, 10-4; Oct 1st-31st. Join Nan at the reception on Saturday, October 1st from 4-8pm at Nan Phelps Photography, 398 Colusa Ave., Berkeley. Winner of the East Bay Express Best Photographer 2009, Nan is well known in the Bay Area for her "Emotional Portraiture" and her mastery in the fine art of Silver Gelatin Hand-printing. With this show, the artist reveals her private vision in these non-commissioned images, which have never before been exhibited. "Nan Phelps: Personal Work" is the 5th exhibition in the "Art of Silver Gelatin Series." Silver Gelatin Prints, hand-printed in the darkroom, are unrivaled in tonal range and subtle luminosity. Today, few photographers make their own prints. Fewer still work in silver gelatin. The "Art of Silver Gelatin Series", celebrates their work. Preview Nan's work at www.nanphelps.com



Park Restroom Installed: KPPCSD President, Chuck Toombs, VP Linda Lipcomb, park restroom construction manager, Jack Griffith, and KPPCSD General Manager, Greg Harman. Photo: Acting Sgt. Kevin Hui



Local author, Marya Ashworth reads from her fantasy, Marigold: Book One of the Elven Chronicles at 3pm, Oct. 16 at Mr. Mopp's Children's Books & Toys, 1405 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley

Spring into November

KEF's Garden Party Celebrates its 28th Year November 12th

The Garden Party, Kensington Education Foundation's highly anticipated annual fundraiser, celebrates its 28th year this November 12th.

After last year's wildly successful extravaganza at their spectacular new venue, this year's event promises to be extraordinary.

For the second year in a row, the Garden Party will be held at the marvelous Mira Vista Country Club (thanks to parent Ralph Freightman, MVCC's General Manager). "Not only is it a fantastic location with amazing views, but the management there has really gone the extra mile to help us make this year's party a great success," Garden Party co-chairwoman, Beth Thomsen states. "Those attending are going to be in for a real treat."

As always, there will be fabulous food, drinks, and desserts. Like last year, cocktails will be served (for a small fee) by the esteemed bartenders of Mira Vista. The Dad's Club of Kensington Hilltop School will be facilitating shuttle service to and from the event for those who'd rather leave the driving to someone else. Contact Rob Dunn at robddunn@pacbell.net for details.

From October 28th through November 9th you can bid on many auction items from the comfort and privacy of your home at <http://auctions.readysetauction.com/thegardenparty>. Then come to the event on November 12th and bid on additional items at the silent and live auctions. After you've won your bevy of treasures, you'll be able to check out by credit card; there will also be an option to swipe your card when you register so that you can skip the

checkout lines altogether. "Attendees can just look over their receipt, head straight to pick-up and be on their way home to relish their trove of prizes," says Thomsen, smiling.

Last year's event netted proceeds of over \$100,000, supporting academic enrichment benefiting all students at KHS – including reading and math intervention programs, and library, art, vocal music, physical education, computer, and science programs. School Principal, Judy Saunders 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. Contact Garden Party Co-Chairs Nannette Erdtmann (ndg@starterengine.com) or Beth Thomsen (beth.thomsen@gmail.com) for information on how you can participate.

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.), contact Nathalie van Linder, Garden Party Donations Coordinator (nvanlinder@jdvhotels.com).

And don't forget to attend the 2011 Garden Party, at the Mira Vista Country Club, November 12th, 5-10pm. Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Advance tickets can be obtained by contacting Nannette Erdtmann at 525-2835 or ndg@starterengine.com. Go to www.khsgardenparty.org for all the latest news and details.

"Clothes make a statement. Costumes tell a story."
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Stege Sanitary District Board of Directors Seeks Candidates

The Board of Directors for the Stege Sanitary District is seeking candidates to fill a vacancy on the Board. Applicants must be United States Citizens, at least 18 years of age, and live in Stege's service area. Interested parties may apply using the District application form, available through the District Office at 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, at www.stegesd.org, or 524-4668. The application deadline is 4pm on October 19th.

The Stege Sanitary District, an independent Special District of the State of California, provides sewer services to El Cerrito, Kensington, and the Richmond Annex.

The District Board is comprised of five board members elected at large. The board members serve staggered four-year terms, with elections being held in even-numbered years. The term of the vacant board seat is through December 1, 2012.

Meetings are usually on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm. The District Board may also, from time to time, call special meetings to discuss timely issues. Board members must be present at all general and special District meetings unless they can show good cause for their absence.

Other board member obligations include:

- Completion of a statement of economic interests on a form provided by the District.
- Mandatory AB 1234 training on ethics for local officials that receive compensation.
- Mandatory sexual harassment training.

In addition to these requirements, there is an expectation that District Board members also participate in the following:

- Stege Sanitary District booth at the City of El Cerrito Fourth of July fair.
- Attendance at conferences or meetings of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies, the California Special Districts Association and any other local, state or national organizations.
- Training events, including the Special District Leadership Foundation.

A Director of the Stege Sanitary District receives \$196.00 per meeting attended. Directors are also reimbursed for expenses incurred when participating in approved training and District business.

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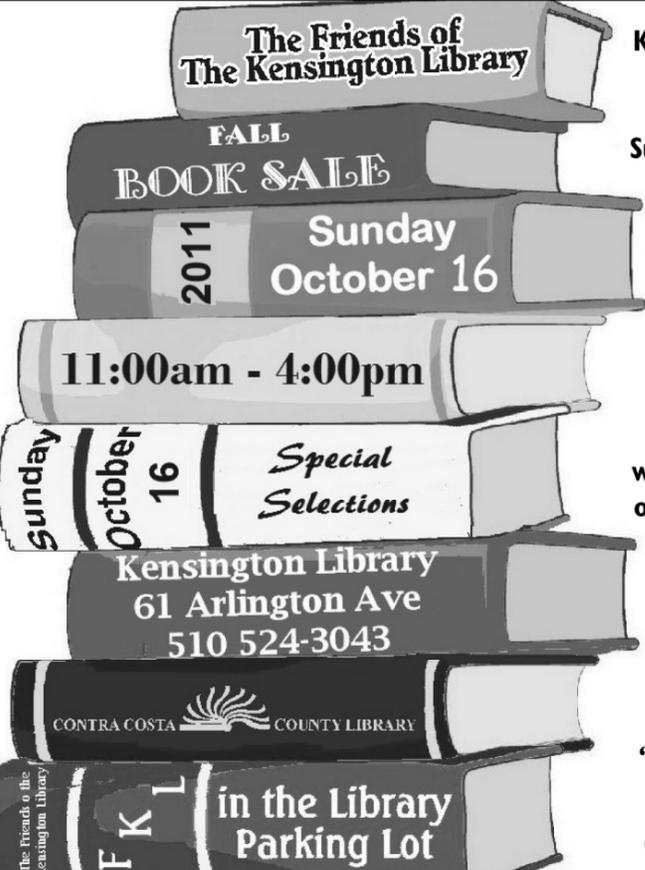
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in the Library Parking Lot

Kensington Library Fall Book Sale will be held Sunday, October 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Library Parking Lot at 61 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. You will find well-stocked tables organized topically for easy viewing. Rare, first editions, signed books, and more can be found at the "Special Selections Table."

(510) 524-3043

Arlington Community Church Confronts Food Injustice

Arlington Community Church United Church of Christ is confronting the issue of hunger and homelessness in our community with a campaign to collect food and money for the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), the Richmond Emergency Food Pantry, and the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. Long a concern of the congregation, ACC is participating in the national campaign of the 5,300 congregations of the United Church of Christ to collect food, money, and household items for local shelters and food banks. It is also addressing the issues of food production and distribution around the world with a letter writing campaign.

ACC volunteers purchase, prepare, and serve lunch or dinner to over 200 people every month at the Richmond Souper Center run by GRIP. As unemployment has risen in the Richmond area, the number of people served has gone up by over 30%. The church is asking for donations of money and food to be distributed

to the food banks that give food to those in need.

On November 6th and 13th at 11:30am, ACC will hold a handwritten letter day urging Congress to continue support for programs that address hunger here in the United States and around the world. The church will also provide sample letters, writing materials, and addresses for those who wish to write their own letters to send to their U.S. Congressional representative. Residents may leave them in the ACC office or drop them through the mail slot; the church will provide postage and mail the letters.

Residents are invited to drop off food and letters during office hours Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2-5pm at the church, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Donations of money may be sent to the church directly to church. Contact the office at 526-9146 or at acc.staff@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Our public servants at work: Fire Chief, Lance Maples (back to camera) and The Kensington Fire Protection District Board of Directors – Leslie Michael, Joe DeVille, President Janice Kosel, Helmut Blaschczyk, and former President, Nina Harman

'From Tree to Table' – Local Author Publishes

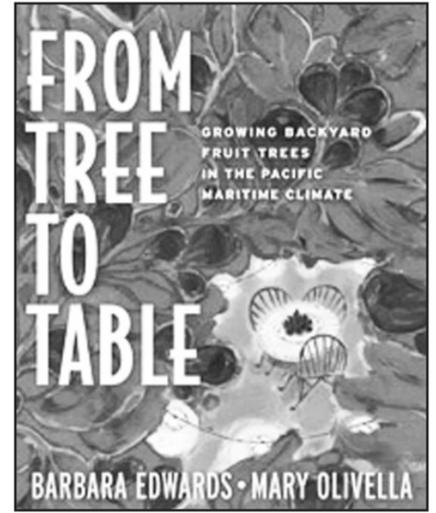
What could be more local or nourishing than fresh apricots or Fuyu persimmons picked from a backyard tree that will last for generations to come? With the technical know-how and encouragement you'll find in *From Tree to Table*, you too can be part of the sustainability solution, no matter how small a space you have.

Kensington resident, Mary Olivella, and co-author, Barbara Edwards have come out with a fruit tree book that had its origins right here in K-town. Mary (who is also married to former President of the KPPCSD Board of Directors, Bill Wright) started this project on growing backyard trees in a maritime climate a decade ago intending for it to be some sort of community brochure to help folks in our town learn what kind of tree would grow well here, and to inspire them to get planting. Now, years later, Mountaineers Books in Seattle offered to pick it up if Mary and her friend, Barbara would expand the concept to include the regions from here to Vancouver, B.C.

This charming and easy-to-use guide dispels the myth that local gardeners in our sun-challenged, maritime Pacific climes can't grow fruit trees. It offers both anecdotal and expert advice for raising everything from apples to plums, lemons to figs, in some of the most difficult conditions— heavy soils, foggy and rainy weather, cool summers, and relatively mild winters. In addition to growing, planting, and pruning tips, each fruit-specific chapter also features recipes from some of the region's best and brightest chefs.

Novice and experienced fruit tree growers alike will discover:

- How to choose a tree: size, location, containers, and other considerations;
- Guidelines for planting, feeding, watering, and pollinating your tree;



- How to combat pests and disease, while cultivating beneficial bugs;
- Pruning basics, including espalier and grafting techniques;
- Recommended species by USDA zone for apple, citrus, plum, fig, pear, persimmon, apricot, peach, nectarine, cherry, quince, and more;
- Cooking tips and 30 delicious recipes by top coastal chefs;
- Advice for gardeners in Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, the Bay Area – and everywhere in between. Celebrate the satisfaction that comes from planting, picking, and sharing the bounty of your own fruit trees!

Barbara Edwards is a potter and gardener who planted her first West Coast fruit tree 35 years ago when her first child was born. She lives in Berkeley. One of the first things Mary Olivella did when moving to her new home in Kensington was to plant a cutting from a precious Black Mission fig tree from her old house. Recipe editor Leslie Miller raises figs, Green Gage plums, and cherries in her Seattle backyard. Info: www.mountaineersbooks.org

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Host Families Needed for Int'l H.S. Students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year home stay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families. The students are anxiously awaiting news of their new families. These young ambassadors are looking forward to fulfilling their life-long dreams.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) President, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and want to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools. "At this critical time in our country's history, hosting an international teen is the best and purest form of public diplomacy the United States has," said Doty.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a monthly charitable con-

tribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the Former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Hungary, Croatia, Korea, Mexico, Slovakia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to live in American communities.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

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for needing a closed session while discussing personnel issues. However, I, as a handicapped person, cannot really attend the meetings very often and I imagine there may be many of us who would like to be informed about ALL issues that include the use of OUR tax money. Why wouldn't that information be in the public domain? I'm sorry if the use of the credit card became a problem for the Board's review, but I do thank the members of the Board who found and shared the relevant information.

Mez Chafe

Additional information about town business can be found at www.kensingtoncalifornia.org. - Ed.

Refuse Regrets

Dear Editor/Kensington Neighbors,

I feel the community will come to regret the pending change in trash service. The issue was money, but just barely so. With a little tweaking Bay View could be offered their contract profit of 12%, and the ratepayers protected against excess profits. I urge the district (with Director Kosel recused for perception of conflict of interest) to try diligently to save friendly local, not large corporate, trash collection.

Bryce Nesbitt
Ardmore Road

*"Shadows of a thousand years
Rise again unseen,
Voices whisper in the trees
'Tonight is Halloween!'"*
- Dexter Kozen

KMAC Doing its Job?

To the Editor,

I'm writing in response to Angela Cadogan's letter in the September issue of the Outlook. While I'm a member of KMAC, the thoughts presented here are my own and should not be interpreted as representing a committee position or reflecting the opinion of KMAC's other members.

First, let me say that this is a tragic situation. I feel for the Cadogans. That being said, I was surprised to read in the letter the statement, "KMAC did not help our community." I hope Ms. Cadogan will reconsider this statement and retract it, particularly as she previously thanked us, the members of KMAC, for the volunteer service we provide.

This matter came to KMAC when the excavating neighbor in question sought a permit for already-started construction. We are accused of "act[ing] as if [excavation] hadn't occurred." This is not the case. We looked at the materials presented to us, found them to be wanting, and suggested that the applicant come back with adequate materials (i.e., request a continuance of the hearing). This was all we could do.

While this situation must be terribly frustrating, I would ask that Ms. Cadogan see and act on its true nature: a bad actor acted and the appropriate response was not made. The day the Bobcat started digging, the Cadogans should have been in touch with the building department's enforcement branch. If this did not produce results, the police should have been called and/or a court case filed.

Instead, Ms. Cadogan has words for

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Kensington Turns 100

Residents Reflect on What Makes Our Community Special

As Kensington celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, we asked local residents for their thoughts on living in this unique town. They were quick to offer thoughts on what makes Kensington a special place to live.

Strong Sense of Community

Diane Egelston still remembers moving to Kensington 20 years ago. "My husband,



John and I were looking for a close-knit community where people cared about each other's well-being, a place where we could raise a family," she says. "We found it here."

Chris Sorensen, who came to Kensington 23 years ago, points to the "opportunity to make lifelong friendships through the neighborhood school" as a highlight. "Unlike most places today, in Kensington you generally know your neighbors," she says. "There are many opportunities to meet people – through Neighborhood Watch, working on the "K" groups, at the school – and these build bonds that help make our community stronger."



UC Berkeley political science professor Bob Powell moved to Kensington after being hired by



the university in 1991. Powell notes that the town's unincorporated status means that it is largely self-governing, with an extraordinary number of residents willing to invest their time to keep the town running. "We have a lot of people who care about the community working hard to take care of it," he says. "It's nice to be living together with people like that."

Small Town With Big Services



Kensington today reflects the early vision of its founders: a small town where residents can walk down the main street and run in to friends and neighbors. The "walkability" of the town and the many services and attractions available to a community that barely covers one square mile is something that Liz Guthridge and her husband David Matthews, former residents of Los Angeles and New York City, really value. "You've got groceries, pharmacy, hardware store, wine shop, doctors, dentists, and nail salon all in one block!" says Guthridge. "That's a real time saver for busy people."

Powell notes the rarity of having the police and fire departments so centrally located and a police force that is "known and respected as members of the community."

Modern-day Town, Old Time Values and Charm

Young's Market, Arlington Pharmacy and Post Office, Inn Kensington, Ace Hardware – all staples of the town center – each have a retro appeal that many Kensingtonians

feel contributes to the community feel and gives it a bit of a "Mayberry" charm.

Virginia Stefan notes the pride she feels when fellow residents give her "the wave" when driving or walking on local streets – a local gesture meant to show thanks when someone slows down or yields the right of way. "It makes my day to give or get the wave," she says. "I think many in Kensington understand that simple gestures like waving your thanks form the foundation of a caring community."

Sorensen notes that the number of Nobel Prize winners and other "famous people who you stand in line behind at the grocery store" add to Kensington's charm.

Location, Location, Location

Many residents say that Kensington's location – nestled in hills but close to Berkeley and San Francisco – is the reason they moved here. "It feels like you get country and city living all at once," says Egelston.



For those who like the outdoors, "Kensington is a paradise," says Jean-Marie Enjuto, an avid cyclist who moved to Kensington from Brussels, Belgium just over 11 years ago. "The streets and the special Kensington walking paths are beautiful, the views are breathtaking, Tilden is right in our backyard – and most important, all these hills ensure you get a great workout!"

Modern Challenges

While residents are quick to highlight the community's many positives, a recent town meeting led by Supervisor John Gioia and City Manager and Police Chief

Greg Harman focused on one of the Kensington's main challenges: traffic safety. Residents gathered to share their concerns about road safety issues, primarily excessive speed in various locations.

Built in the 1910s with cozy but narrow streets and limited garage space, Kensington wasn't designed for the high density of cars that roll across its roads today. But with a high population of senior citizens and a growing generation of young children, road safety is more important than ever.

Chief Harman says he's been impressed with the pride and commitment residents have in keeping Kensington a great place to live. He acknowledges that traffic issues need to be addressed and encourages everyone to do their part to help.

More Than a Place to Live

While Kensington will continue to face growth challenges as it moves into its second century, most agree it is a great place to live. Long-time resident Fran Brown, who just celebrated her 97th birthday, summed it up well when recalling how thrilled she was to find her little two-bedroom cottage in Kensington nearly 40 years ago: "It felt like a dream to live here, I felt so fortunate and still do," she says. Brown notes that neighbors and young kids who live on the street will drop in to see how she's doing, something that wouldn't happen in many places. "Kensington is more than a place to live, it's a community."

Contributed by Virginia Stefan

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KMAC, the neighbors, Jason Crapo, and John Gioia. (The accusation that our supervisor "does not live in our community" is particularly troublesome. He simply cannot live in every town he represents.) These people are not the culprits. She also advises that Kensington residents review the Protection Ordinance. This ordinance did its job. Rather, I offer that policy change likely is needed in enforcement protocol and authority.

Again, this was a nasty mess. But let's learn the right lessons: 1) be responsible for your own protection, 2) make change where change is needed, and most importantly perhaps, 3) don't bear false witness against your neighbor (or at least the KMAC).

*Gordon Becker
Kensington*

Propoganda in the Kalendar?

Please avoid printing political propoganda in the Kensington Kalendar announcements. I could have done without Dorothy Noar's characterization of Israel as an occupying "militaristic society" requiring transformation by something called a "a pluralist feminist organization," whatever that might be. I will admit that the announcement did have its funny side, being so absurd.

Mal Walker

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion."
– Henry David Thoreau



At the September KPPCSD Meeting, Chief of Police Greg Harman presented Detective Keith Barrow with a commendation for his off-duty actions in taking into custody a violent subject.

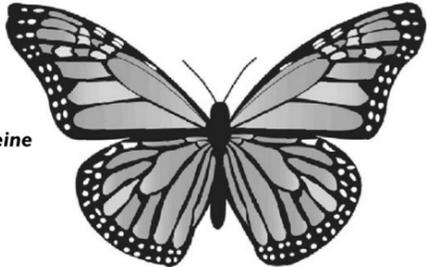


Supervisor John Gioia sponsored September's Coastal Cleanup along the Richmond/Marina Bay Shoreline, in cooperation with The Watershed Project and the City of Richmond. Attended by literally hundreds of volunteers, who regularly collect over 200 lbs of trash from the bay, the annual event at Shimada Friendship Park has been sponsored by Supervisor Gioia for the past 20 years.

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ets can be purchased on-site for sausage, hamburger, hot dog, or vegetarian burger lunches. Music will be provided this year by the El Cerrito Jazz Band and two local bands: former KPPCSD Board President, Bill Wright's rock band, *Threat Level Orange* and Marvin Gardens Real Estate co-owner, Todd Hodson's *Little Marvin and the Gardeners*, featuring *The Housing Bubbles!* If your organization is interested in participating, please contact Marty Westby at 525-0292.

This year, KCC is proud to announce Lorraine Osmundson as the parade's Grand Marshall. Lorraine moved to Kensington with her 3 boys and husband, noted landscape architect, Ted Osmundson, in September 1959. She has been on the Board of Directors of the Kensington Improvement Club since 1963, and has served as an officer, including as president, at various times since then. For many years, Lorraine has been the principal contact with the County for the Landscape Committee of KIC. The Landscape Committee has been responsible for many improvements, including Gateway and Colusa Circle projects. She is always ready to serve. According to one Kensington resident, "She is a beloved friend and a treasure in every sense of the word."

To enter the Mechanics Bank Coloring Contest, drop by the Kensington branch of Mechanics Bank to pick up your coloring sheet. The deadline to return your masterpiece to the bank is Thursday, October 13th. There is a \$50 saving bond prize for each age group: 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

To enter the Marvin Gardens Pumpkin Decorating Contest, pick up your pumpkin from the Kensington or El Cerrito office of Marvin Gardens anytime after October 11th. (There is a suggested \$1 donation to

UNICEF for each pumpkin). Prizes will be awarded for best pumpkin, in several age categories.

Special thanks to parade and picnic sponsors, Mechanics Bank and Marvin Gardens Real Estate!

Sept Crime Patterns

The Berkeley Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit has identified a pattern of residential burglaries that occurred in September in the North Berkeley Hills. It appears that one or more suspects were burglarizing residences between noon and 6pm. As a reminder, please ensure that you do the following:

1. Make sure you secure all of your doors and windows. Over half of the reported burglaries reported involved an unlocked door or window. You should also consider photographing and recording the serial numbers of your valuable items.
2. Increase Natural Surveillance. Make certain entryways are lit from dusk to dawn. Criminals do not want to be exposed. Do not let criminals have a place to hide in the darkness.
3. Territorial Reinforcement. Make it clear in your neighborhood that the community is watching through signs, notices, and postings. Crimes happen when you have a motivated offender, a suitable victim, and there is no one to watch what is going on.
4. Maintenance. Keeping up properties, cleaning off graffiti, etc., are all ways a potential criminal will know that people in the community are watching/caring about the neighborhood.
5. Always report suspicious activity.

— From the Desk of Officer Byron White Operations Division Area Coordinator — Area 1, Berkeley Police Department

KIC Town Hall Meeting to Feature Representative Nancy Skinner

The Kensington Improvement Club's annual Town Hall meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5th at the Community Center located at 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, from 9am to 11:30am.

This year's speakers will include Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner and Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia. Chief of Police and General Manager, Greg Harman and KPPCSD President Chuck Toombs will also be on hand to bring us up to date on community events. Other speakers are expected to include representatives from the Fire Department, KCC, and the Kensington Library.



14th District Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner

Assemblywoman Skinner (D. 14th District) will discuss the impacts of the recent state budget cuts, and will talk about the Internet sales tax that has been such an active issue in the state capital. Supervisor Gioia will cover County issues, including the crisis with Doctor's Hospital. Both representatives will answer audience questions.

Since 1921, KIC has been a vital advocate for our community at the County and state level. KIC has worked on emergency preparedness; public landscaping, including Colusa Circle, Gateway, and the Arlington

paths; it monitors local District Board meetings and ballot issues; disseminates information on vital issues; and maintains the kiosk and signboard on Arlington Avenue. KIC provides financial assistance

to the Scouts for their public projects, to the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council (KMAC), and to our local library for the Kensington Reads centennial celebration. KIC also published the popular book *Kensington, Past and Present*, which provides an in-depth look at our community, serving as a handbook on the history and governmental structure of Kensington. In recent years, KIC has spearheaded the restoration efforts for the Kensington

paths, coordinating with the County on this project.

The KIC Town Hall Meeting is a popular event that provides an informal setting for citizens to meet with local representatives and community volunteers. All Kensington residents are invited and there is no charge. Speaker presentations will be preceded by a short annual meeting of the Club. KIC will provide coffee and light refreshments, so come early and meet your neighbors. (The meeting has been moved to begin at 9am, a half hour earlier than usual, so fans can still catch the Cal game!)

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KENSINGTON KALENDAR

Oct. 1 - Nov. 2 "Chance Encounters"

Exhibit. The City of El Cerrito Arts and Culture Commission presents "Chance Encounters" by Mic DBernardo and Zohra Kalinkowitz, including digital photographs and prints by Mic DBernardo and Zohra Kalinkowitz. A traveler, artist and photographer, Mic DBernardo said, "Each picture is taken from an unusual perspective and persuades the viewer to take a closer look at the image, and consequently, their surroundings." At El Cerrito City Hall Gallery Space, EC. Info at 215-4318, www.micdbernardo.com, or www.zohrakalinkowitz.com.

Oct. 1 Celebrate "All Creatures Great and Small"

at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Bring your pet for a blessing by the Rev. Dr. Tony Clark, D.V.M., M. Div. Includes demonstrations by the El Cerrito K-9 Unit, Guide Dogs for the Blind, and Kathy Kear of Cause and Effect Dog Training. Graham Quigley demonstrates the health benefits of acupuncture, and Delphine Hano speaks on communicating with animals. There will be educational booths on health care and disaster preparedness for your pets, and local businesses selling unique items for pets, including pet portraits. All proceeds to animal rescue organizations, such as RabbitEARS, Harvest Home Farm Sanctuary, Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue, Home at Last Cat Rescue, Friends of Greyhounds, and many more. Plus animals on display for adoption. Presented by the Arlington Community Church. 526-9146 or acc.staff@sbcglobal.net.

Oct. 1 Songs of Youth: Real & Remembered

– George Mann, Faith Petric & Eleanor Walden. Get two experts on aging gracefully together with a 40-something folksinger who has traveled with and learned from his elders, and you've got an evening of songs, stories and fun. NYC-based folksinger George Mann teams up with Bay Area legends Eleanor Walden and Faith Petric for two sets focusing on songs of youth, times gone by, and events of the past. All ages. Wheelchair accessible; refreshments served. Sponsored by the BFUU Social Justice Ctee. \$5-\$10 suggested donation. No one turned away. 8pm; potluck/reception at 6:30. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists' Hall, 1924 Cedar at Bonita, Berkeley. 841-4824 or www.bfuu.org

Oct. 1 Nan Phelps' show "Personal Work"

Reception, open to the public from 4-8pm at Nan Phelps Photography, 398 Colusa Ave., Berkeley. Show runs Thursday & Fridays, 12-4 and Saturdays, 10-4; Oct. 1-31. www.nanphelps.com

Oct. 1-2 35th Annual Art Show of the El Cerrito Art Association

More than 300 works of art by 100 artists will be on display. Paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, pastel, prints, collage, and multimedia. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. (Reception: Friday, Sept. 30, 7-9pm.) Saturday, 10/1, 12-5pm; Sunday, 10/2, 10am-4pm. Free. 526-6241

Oct. 2 Personal Theology Seminar with Rev. Bill Hamilton-Holway

"50 Years of Unitarian Universalism." 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Farmers' Market

every Sunday, rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. Live music and live produce. 847-0801 or KensingtonFarmersMarket.org

Oct. 4 Kensington Police Dept's Citizen Academy

begins, providing community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. 7-9pm at the Community Center, Room 3; Tuesdays through Nov. 22nd. More information at www.kensingtoncalifornia.org

Oct. 5 The Power of Myth at the Movies

discussion on "Stranger Than Fiction" led by Richard Stromer from 7-9pm. \$7. Please view the movie before class. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302 or www.uucb.org

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Spirit and the Arts

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

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 Potluck Community Dinner

at the Arlington Community Church. All ages. 5:30pm. Children 6-9 will sing with Shanti Moorjani, M.A.; children 10-14 will dance and act with Rev. Dr. Michael Mansfield; and children 10-14 will sing with Shanti. Info: 526-9146.

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 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. 8 Rabbit and Guinea Pig Adoption and Spa Day

Meet rescued bunnies and guinea pigs, Tomatillo, Binky and Satchmo, Posie and Sandoval, Gandoff, Harrison and Blackman, and more. Bring your own bunny or guinea pigs for free spa treatment. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave, El Cerrito, 510-356-4233

Oct. 9 Personal Theology Seminar: Joel Ben Izzy

storyteller, "A New Year, A New Story." 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302 or www.uucb.org

Oct. 9 Community Choir performs Brahms' Requiem Concert

conducted by Director Shanti Moorjani, M.A. at the Arlington Community Church, 4pm. Light refreshments at 3pm. Call 526-9146

Oct. 9 Clicker Fun for Buns and All Small Critters

Learn the basics of clicker training for better behaved furry friends including bunnies, rats, hamsters, birds, dogs, cats and baby brothers. 2-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

Oct. 9 Knitting at the Arlington Community Church

at 11:30 am. Knit shawls, hats, scarves, and mittens for those in need. Pray over each item before giving it away. No experience needed. Information at 526-9146.

Oct. 10 "Castoffs" Knitting Group

All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 10 Dick Cole Watercolor Demonstration

at the El Cerrito Art Association. Garden Room, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 7:30pm. Free. 526-6241 or www.elcerritoart.org

Oct. 11 College Talk

Martha Black, local independent college admission advisor, explores the components of selecting a college and a major in today's world, including affordability, distance, living at home, learning style, social and academic factors, and what is meant by a "good fit." 7pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. 526-7512.

Oct. 13 El Cerrito Garden Club meets

at the EC Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, from 9:30am-Noon. K. Ruby Blume of the Institute of Urban Homesteading will speak on "Put a Bee in Your Bonnet!" Visitors invited, with a guest fee of \$3. 233-9365.

Oct. 13 Women's Fellowship

at the Arlington Community Church, 6pm. Potluck dinner with wine and warm fellowship. Information at 526-9146.

Oct. 13 Bunnies in Books Book Club

discussing the appearance and importance of rabbits in Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," 7-8pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

Oct. 15 Kensington Integrated Park Buildings Plan Community Meeting #1

The Kensington Park Buildings Committee invites you to join them for the 1st of 3 community opportunities to comment on the future of our Park Buildings. 1-4pm, Community Center Bldg, 59 Arlington Ave. (See Page 1)

Oct. 15 Garage Sale Bunnies!

Donate a ceramic bunny, buy a stuffed bunny (or kitty dish or guinea pig art or dog toy) at the El Cerrito Fall Citywide Garage Sale. All proceeds to pay for spay/neuter veterinary bills. Refreshments and fun for the whole family, 9am-3pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

"He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass." – George Herbert

Notice of VACANCY on the Board of Directors of the Stege Sanitary District

The Stege Sanitary District ("Stege"), a public agency, is accepting applications for appointment to a seat on the Board of Directors ("Board"), to be vacated by Director Jay James on September 30, 2011. The Board is a five-member body, elected at large. The appointed individual will serve a term through December 1, 2012, and be compensated pursuant to Section 2.9 of the District Ordinance Code. Applicants must be United States Citizens, at least 18 years of age and live in Stege's service area, which includes El Cerrito, Kensington and a portion of the City of Richmond known as the Richmond Annex. Board members are required to complete a Statement of Economic Interests.

Interested individuals may obtain an application packet and more information regarding the position by contacting the District Office at 7500 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, California 94530, or online at www.stegesand.org or by calling (510) 524-4668. The District Board will interview eligible individuals at a time to be determined. Pursuant to Government Code section 1780, the Board intends to fill the vacancy at its meeting on November 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. The chosen candidate will be required to take an oath of office upon entry.

Application Deadline: By 4:00 p.m. on October 19, 2011. Late applications will be returned.



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Oct. 16: Personal Theology Seminar: Young Mi Angela Pak, hospice chaplain, "The Earth is my Mother's Bosom: A Glimpse of my Father's Religion, the Heavenly Way." 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302 or www.uucb.org

Oct. 16 Friends of the Kensington Library's Annual Fall Book Sale in the parking lot behind the library at 61 Arlington Ave. 11am-4pm. Well-stocked tables full of approx. 4000 donated books, which have not been 'picked over,' and are organized topically for easy viewing. Also CDs, audiotapes, and many DVDs. The "Special Selections Table," will have 1st editions, signed books, and more. Plus 'Bag Sale,' 2-4pm. 524-3043.

Oct. 16 Local author and Kensington Library volunteer, Marya Ashworth, reads from her fantasy, "Marigold: Book One of the Elven Chronicles." 3pm at Mr. Mopps' Children's Books & Toys, 1405 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley. www.maryaashworth.com or 525-9633.

Oct. 18 Berkeley Garden Club, "Growing Citrus in the Bay Area" by Don Dillon, owner of Four Winds Growers, Fremont. 2pm at their new venue, Albany Community Center, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Information at 526-1083 or berkeleygardenclub.org

Oct. 20 The Great California ShakeOut – a day of special events featuring the largest earthquake drill ever, organized to inspire Californians to get ready for big earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. 10:20am. Participants will receive information on how to prepare for the inevitable major earthquake in the region and what actions to take during and after the shaking. www.ShakeOut.org/register

Oct. 20 El Cerrito High School Concert Band and Wind Ensemble Fall Concert. 7:30pm. El Cerrito High School Performing Arts Theater

Oct. 22: Greater Richmond Interfaith Program Harmony Walk to End Hunger. Meet at the Richmond Civic Center Plaza at 9am; return to the Plaza around 11am. Free. For more info: Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley. Information at 525-0302.

Oct. 22 Small Critter Adoption Day. Meet the rescued rats and hamsters Tank, Caboose, Bullseye, Scorpion, Bean, and more. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

Oct. 23: Personal Theology Seminar: Sam Keen, author and philosopher, "Dwelling in the Presence of the Sacred." 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302 or www.uucb.org

Oct. 24 Book Club. Discussion of "Pudd'nhead" Wilson by Mark Twain. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 25 Insect Discovery Lab. Touch beetles, grasshoppers, giant African millipedes, walking sticks, and Madagascar hissing cockroaches. Learn all about these fascinating creatures, about their importance to our ecosystem, and how you can help save them. Ages 3 and up. 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Oct. 28 Karaoke. 6-11pm at The Arlington. Adult singers only after 8pm.

Oct. 29 Halloween Open House for Homeless Animals. Meet Batman, Spider, Scorpion, Torpedo and more rescued critters needing forever homes! Enjoy refreshments and discussions about animal politics, health, education and welfare. 11am-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

Oct. 29 National Take Back Initiative. Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal. 10am-2pm at the Public Service Building, 217 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-4141

Oct. 29 Kensington Symphony Orchestra, under the baton of Geoffrey Gallegos, presents an all-Liszt concert featuring pianist Daniel Glover. 8pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. Kensington. \$15/adults; \$12/seniors & students. Children under 12 free.

Oct. 30 Personal Theology Seminar: Jim Conlon, Director of the Sophia Institute at Holy Names University, "Thomas Berry: His Love of the Earth." 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302 or www.uucb.org

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

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KCC - Oct. 3rd
Kensington Community Council
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FKL - Oct. 4th
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm at the Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

KPSC - Oct. 10th
Kensington Public Safety Council
 EQ & Disaster Preparedness
 2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

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

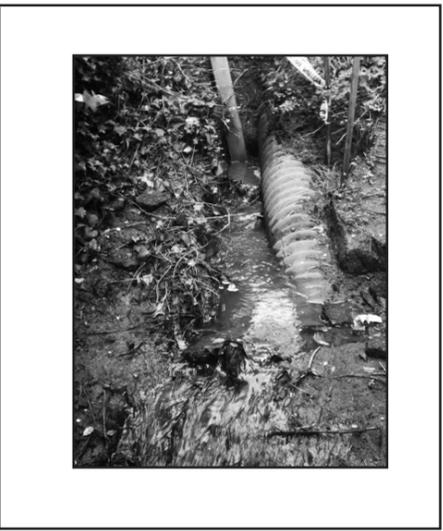
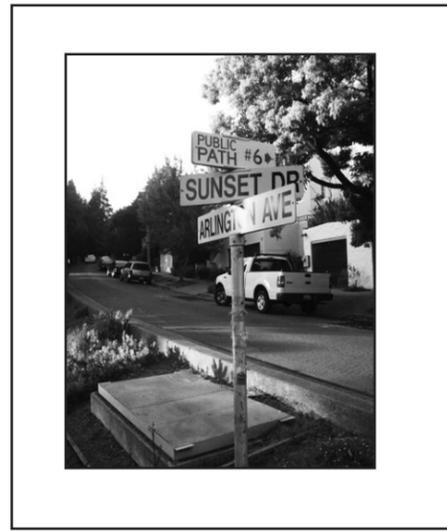
KFPD - Oct. 19th (3rd Wed.)
Fire Protection District - Usually
 2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

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

KMAC - Oct. 25th
Municipal Advisory Council
 Last Tuesdays 7pm.

KARO/ECHO - Nov. 10th
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- 2011-5071 - Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to a report of a person in need of medical assistance.
- 2011-5073 - Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 200 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of a person in need of medical assistance.
- 2011-5090 - Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. to an ongoing neighbor dispute.
- 2011-5226 - Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. for an outside assist to El Cerrito PD as a road rage incident resulted in a pedestrian getting run over by a vehicle.
- 2011-5200 - Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. to a report of a vehicle accident.
- 2011-5237 - Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 200 block of Kenyon Ave. to a report of a hit & run accident.
- 2011-5367 - Officer Wilson and Reserve Doung responded to the unit block of Anson Wy. to a report of mail theft.
- 2011-5504 - Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 400 block of Beloit Ave. to a report of petty theft.
- 2011-5535 - Officer Wilson and Reserve Armanino responded to the 100 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of petty theft.
- 2011-5580 - Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Arlmont Dr. to a report of grand theft.
- 2011-5720 - Officer Stegman and Reserve Turner responded to the unit block of Kensington Ct. and towed a vehicle.

- 2011-5742 - Sgt. Hull, Detective Barrow, Officer Wilson, and Reserve Armanino responded to the 200 block of Stanford Ave. to a report of a missing juvenile.
- 2011-5762 - Officer Wilson and Reserve Turner responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. because a resident wanted an unwanted guest barred from a residence
- 2011-5127 - On 8/4/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 600 blk of Parkside Ct. on a report of a fraud.
- 2011-5153 - On 8/5/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 100 blk of Kensington Ct. on a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-5278 - On 8/11/2011, Officer Ramos responded to the 300 blk of Coventry Rd. on a report of a stolen



- license plate.
- 2011-5407 - On 8/17/2011, Acting Sergeant Hui responded to the 700 blk of Coventry Rd. on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-5639 - On 8/26/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 500 blk of Yale Ave. on a report of an identity theft.
- 2011-5657 - On 8/27/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the unit blk of Highgate Rd. on a report of a petty theft.
- 2011-5688 - On 8/28/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 blk of Cambridge Ave. on a report of a grand theft.
- 2011-5775 - On 8/31/2011, Officer Martinez responded to the 100 blk of Colusa Ave. on a report of a grand theft.

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...Buildings, from Page 1

At their August 11th meeting, the KPPCSD Board approved a contract with Rosemary Muller of Muller & Caulfield Architects, along with their sub-consultant, Bay Area Economics, to develop an integrated park building plan for the Kensington Park buildings. The plan will include the following elements:

- Report on existing building conditions describing needed repairs.
- Identification of existing uses and desired additional uses.
 - Community input through three public meetings – the first focused on uses for the buildings, the second focused on possible alterations to the buildings to meet those uses, and the third to present the recommendations.
- A web-based survey for additional community input.
- Recommendation on modifications to buildings to accommodate desired uses, including order of magnitude cost estimates.
- Economic Study of relevant market rental uses and rates including reservation and operating policies and projected operating budget.

Purpose of the 1st community meeting:
To review building conditions and discuss existing and future activities and programs that Kensington residents want to see in their park buildings.

Your voice is important. All Kensington residents are invited to participate in the development of a comprehensive Park Buildings Plan for Kensington. The Kensington Parks Building Committee is looking forward to seeing you there!

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