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...from front page

the proposed large shopping center to be built at the top of the hill in the early 1950s. We sounded the alarm, and with the help of concerned citizens, we were able to sidetrack the proposal. Had it gone through, it would have changed Kensington dramatically.”

Local groups are invited to join the parade. Or just hop on board as the parade makes its way up the Arlington to the Kensington Community Center. Stay for music, face-painting, and a delicious BBQ lunch. The Fred T. Korematsu Middle School band will play, and children can win prizes for the coloring contest and pumpkin decorating. To enter

the Mechanics Bank coloring contest, drop by the Kensington branch to pick up your coloring sheet after October 1. The deadline to return your masterpiece to the bank is Wednesday, October 14. Winners in each age group receive a \$25 gift card. Don’t forget the Marvin Gardens’ pumpkin decorating! Pick up your pumpkin from the Kensington or El Cerrito office of Marvin Gardens starting Tuesday, October 13 (suggested \$2 donation to UNICEF for each pumpkin). Special thanks to sponsors Marvin Gardens and Mechanics Bank. If your organization wants to participate in the parade please contact Marty Westby at the KCC Office at 525-0292.

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From left: Dan O'Brien, Gretchen Gilfillan and Lady (Peter Liddell's dog), Ray Barraza, and Peter Conrad.
Photo by Peter Liddell.

Addicted to Work—and Fire-Safe Landscapes

By Linnea Due

Perhaps you’ve noticed that the area surrounding the Community Center has gone from a jungle to a garden. Maybe you’ve seen volunteers wielding secateurs and saws. Perhaps you’d like to join them. Just don’t call it gardening.

“I prefer to think of myself as a restorationist and a fuels manager,” says Charli Danielsen, who lives within walking distance of the Community Center. In fact, Danielsen is better known as a native plant guru—she started her nursery Native Here in Tilden Park a couple decades ago, and

was president of the California Native Plant Society. “In 2013,” she explains, “Dan O’Brien started making noise in the *Outlook* about how we’d let the pines in the park go, that we had not been properly tending to vKensington’s park area.”

O’Brien grew up in Kensington, and his father had planted some of those pines that had gotten out of hand. O’Brien had his own expertise to bring to the table: he worked for the National Park Service as a

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Everyone Loves Pie!

The Kensington Community Council (KCC) will host this year’s Parade and Picnic Sunday, October 18 from noon to 3:30 p.m. This year, an extra “P” gets added—Parade, Picnic, and Pie, in the form of a pie-baking contest. The winner receives the Golden Rolling Pin and a \$25 gift certificate. Entry forms are at kensingtoncommunitycouncil.org or the KCC office in Building E.

Parade participants gather at the ACE Hardware parking lot at Amherst and Arlington at 11:30 am. As a token of appreciation for years of service to our community, our Grand Marshal will be longtime resident Bob Shaner.

A young ninety, Shaner has lived in Kensington since 1948; he and his wife Ollie purchased the land from Bernard Maybeck and helped the famous architect during home-building. Former Alameda County probation officer Shaner now concentrates on fuel removal: “Ever since the Oakland fire, I have been focused on trying to alert the community to the need of reducing the fuel load along the boundary with the park district in order to help prepare a rational defense to a possible wildlands fire that could totally wipe out Kensington,” he writes via email. “I’ve been instrumental in getting some of the flammable fuel removed from the interface zone with the park.” But just to remind us of how things could have been, luckily Shaner and his wife were on the alert years ago: “The residents of Grizzly Peak Blvd. and Lake Dr. can rejoice, because, by chance, we were the first to hear about

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KENSINGTON MARKET UPDATE

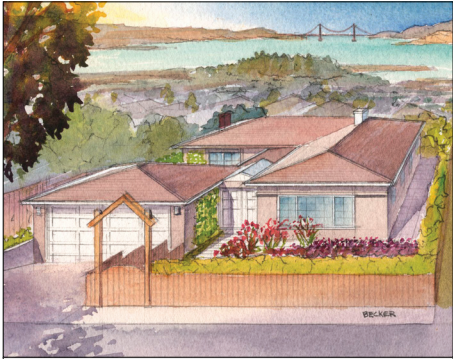


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Champagne Premature

Dear Editor:
I am confused about the KPPCSD Board’s decision to establish an Ad Hoc Committee for Governance Structure Options, as well as the *Outlook*’s decision to publish a “Forum on Contracting Out Police Services.” Was not this issue decided rather decisively by an overwhelming majority of Kensington residents in 2010 by Measure G? Is it the new Board’s intention to undermine or overturn this referendum? Will the results of the Committee’s deliberations be subject to another referendum by the citizens of Kensington? Your champagne celebration may be premature.
Bill Tilden
Marchant Court

Infertility Study Seeks Subjects

Dear Editor,
I am seeking volunteers to participate in a study that aims to explore the experiences of older age women who identify as infertile and involuntarily childless. The project offers participants the opportunity to share their stories and to contribute to a better understanding of the long-term impact of infertility and childlessness, with a goal of eventually helping health-care providers better meet the needs of their patients.

I am a clinical psychology doctoral student attending Berkeley’s Wright Institute (and also a Kensington resident!). Should any *Outlook* readers fit the study criteria and wish to contribute to a better understanding of infertility and childlessness, I would be grateful. Participants will take part in an audio-recorded interview with me (about 90 minutes), consisting of a series of questions about the subject’s

thoughts, feelings, and experiences related to her infertility and childlessness. The interview will be confidential and identifying information will be removed from study documentation and will not appear in the final results. Those eligible for this study are women age 60 and older who identify as infertile and as involuntarily childless, and who have not had biological, adopted, step-, or foster children. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in participating, please contact me.
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Think Before You Chop

Dear Editor,
Walking around the Kensington Hills, I was sorry to see that so many stands of wild fennel have been cut down—apparently because people consider it to be a noxious weed. I wonder how many of them know it is the main food source for the anise swallowtail. If you like to see big yellow butterflies flying around, you need to leave something for their caterpillars to eat.
Sincerely yours,
Willard Bohn

Correction:

Peter Nuti, manager of municipal relations for Republic Services, which contracts with Bay View Refuse and Recycling, says that Kensington residents must get a permit for hazardous waste disposal. “You get it through Bay View,” he says. “Just call. It’s very easy.” And there is no mobile pickup for seniors, because the contract for the county is different than that for surrounding cities.

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Community Education

KASEP Kensington After-School Enrichment Program

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NEW FACE AT KASEP

Carey Piech, a Hilltop parent, new KASEP teacher and a museum educator. Wow - such talent in our own backyard! Cary is teaching the kindergarten class “Artful Animals” on Wednesdays. Carey’s career exploded after obtaining her Bachelors of Arts in Art History and a Master’s in Elementary and Museum Education. You might have run into her at the Oakland Museum of California or the De Young Museum in San Francisco while she was teaching art at one of these landmark museums. Carey’s goal is to make art approachable and fun for all ages! When you see her in the grocery store or in the school hallway, give a thumbs up and a congratulation!



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To reserve the walk, call KCC at 525-0292. Limited to 25 participants. Cost is \$15.00. The tour is scheduled from 3:00-5:00pm Sunday, November 1st. RAIN CANCELS.



Kensington Parade and Picnic, Sunday, October 18th

Don’t Miss the Fun - Kensington Parade and Picnic, noon to 3:00pm

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Neighborhood Notes

Willie C. Archie: Devoted Husband and Father

William Calvin Archie was born November 9, 1942 in Bastrop, Louisiana. The family moved to Oakland in January, 1943 and joined the Beth Eden Baptist Church, which would prove a constant in Willie’s life. His involvement in Sunday school, Boy Scouts, Baptist Youth Fellowship, and the Youth Choir shaped his later years. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees for over 40 years and as a Deacon for 18 years.

Willie received a BA in business administration from San Francisco State and an MBA from Golden Gate University. He was the first African American management trainee for International Harvester but was drafted the same year. Willie learned German during his Army stint and excelled at marksmanship. In 1967, while attending an Ecumenical Conference at Asilomar, Willie met the love of his life, Angela Maria Alexander. They were married August 25, 1968 and raised two beautiful children, Raymond Calvin Archie and Renata Maria Archie.



Willie went on to become an honored employee of the University of California, Office of the President, and worked at UC systemwide for 40 years. He was also a member of the Faculty Club for 38 years. In addition to chorus and religious affiliations, Willie found time to establish his own business, Archie’s Tax Service, where he served clients for more than 40 years.

Willie’s wife, son, and daughter reflect on a man who was not only a dedicated husband but the most awesome father. He was never satisfied to hear your problems, instead challenging you to present him with several well thought-out solutions. He never stopped nurturing his wife, children, grandson, godchildren, and the community. He was a most genuine and loyal family man and friend. The Archies have lived in Kensington for over 40 years. Willie died on July 9.

William Buehring: World Traveler and Musician

William Richard Buehring, a resident of Kensington for 48 years, died January 18, 2015 at the age of 76 from prostate cancer. He was born in 1938 in Chicago, the son of German immigrants, Wilhelm Buehring and Gertrude Kozikowski. He received his BA degree from Valparaiso University in civil engineering, MA in construction engineering from Stanford, and PhD in ocean engineering from UC Berkeley. He served two years in Vicksburg, MS at the US Army Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station before resuming employment with Healy Tibbitts Construction Company in San Francisco. He designed outfall sewer pipelines, offshore oil-drilling platforms, breakwaters, dams, bridge pillars, and other underwater structures, work that frequently took him to many parts of the world including Hawaii, Alaska, Trinidad, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, the North Sea, Greece, China, Philippines, and Australia. In 1978 he started his own consulting business in Kensington, working mainly on California projects until his retirement in 2010. A local example of his early work is the design of the underwater concrete foundation and stilts supporting Skates Restaurant on the Berkeley Marina.



Throughout his adult life he played the banjo and was deeply bonded with the folk music community in the East Bay, many of whom referred to him affectionately as “Banjo Bill.” With his fellow musicians, he frequently played at the Crop Swap in North Berkeley and the annual Berkeley Street Fair. He loved camping and hiking, and eagerly took on remodeling and handyman challenges. Bill was a devoted family man and is survived by his wife Gertrude (Trudy), sisters Joann Brehm and Barbara Magill, daughters Anna and Jessica, son-in-law Kanus Ulrichs, and eight grandchildren.

Preparing for the Big One

On August 29, more than 50 Kensington Area 3 residents participated in a drill organized by citizen volunteers of the Kensington and El Cerrito Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with the cooperation of the Kensington/El Cerrito Fire Department. At 10 am, car horns honked, indicating a major earthquake in the Westminster Avenue area. Residents practiced duck-and-cover in their homes, tended to their family’s immediate needs, and then walked to the Area 3 disaster meeting spot in the backyard of Terry Morioka’s home at Westminster and Kenyon avenues. Donuts, coffee, and homemade scones were available for all.

CERT members organized neighbors into impromptu teams: first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, and logistics. George Hines served as operations officer; Stephanie Hines and Debbie Kassarian directed personnel. Knute Fisher used ham radio to contact the El Cerrito Emergency Operations Center, and Michael Kassarian was overall incident commander.

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The objectives were minimal: get to the meeting spot and organize into teams. Still, neighbors commented on how valuable it was to take this first step. One said that she couldn't see in the abstract how neighbors could help neighbors after a disaster, and the drill helped her to visualize the process. The neighborhood's next drill will involve medical triage, fire suppression, and search and rescue.



CERT member Debbie Kassarian organizes neighbors into teams during a late August earthquake drill. Photo by Michael Kassarian

CERT members passed out fliers suggesting three easy things households can do right away: store 10 gallons of drinking water per person, have a plumber install an automatic shutoff valve on gas meters—and sign up for a CERT class. For reservations and information, call 510-215-4450 or email fire@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. —Michael Kassarian

New Studio for Roszak

Longtime Kensington dance teacher Kathryn Roszak recently moved her program to downtown Berkeley, giving more students access to dance classes. Her program, Dance on Center, is associated with her professional company Danse Lumière. The new space for classes is located at 2288 Fulton at Bancroft and has wood floors, natural lighting, and a meditation room for parents. Dance on Center students will have the chance to participate in “Nutcracker Highlights” as part of the seasonal tree-lighting ceremony in downtown Berkeley.

Garden Party Supports Kensington’s Young Scholars

A local tradition and Kensington’s biggest social event of the year will take place November 21 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Mira Vista Country Club. In one evening alone, the Kensington Education Foundation (KEF) Garden Party raises nearly half of the funds needed to support Kensington Elementary students with reading and math intervention, computer and science labs, art and music classes, and so much more.

This year’s 32nd Garden Party unites current school parents as well as alumni and supporters who believe that these enrichment programs are vital to student success. Local businesses have already donated hundreds of goods and services for auction this year.

Volunteers are busy seeking more donations before the online auction catalog goes live in early November. Businesses can also sponsor the event. Masterworks Fine Art, Ruth Frassetto of the Grubb Company, Joie de Vivre Hotels, and the Mira Vista Country Club have been key supporters for many years.

Bidders have been known to walk away with a pack of four Park Hopper tickets to Disneyland, spots at the Botella Republic Wine Bar Party, and stays at vacation homes in Tahoe, Stinson Beach, and even Europe. Some focus on winning a dream getaway, while others budget for items they might purchase anyway, like summer camp registration, nail & hair salon treatments, and restaurant gift cards.

“I’ve had bidders tell me that it feels good to know that their auction purchase helped a first grader get individual support with reading or provided art instruction to all students,” says Garden Party Chair Kim Keller. “For those who aren’t able to make it to the event or those who want a sneak peek at what will be at the auction, the online catalog has been very popular in the past few years.” If you or your business would like to donate, email Kim Keller kellerkim19@gmail.com.

“The Garden Party makes it clear to me how much this community values education,” adds Kensington Elementary principal Judy Sanders. “KEF programs help give Hilltop its strong reputation.”

Tickets will be available mid-October. Buy at kensingtonhilltop.org/gardenparty and celebrate with friends, win great prizes, and dance the night away to live music.

Quote of the Month

“We’re going to go from fighting fires to filling sandbags, from fire to flood.”

– El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Chief Lance Maples on the prospect of an El Nino winter



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Fuel Reduction

...from front page

regional fire and aviation management officer.

Tony Lloyd, then chair of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District, which manages the park, called a meeting to examine the grounds. A group gathered, including Danielsen and O'Brien, and then, as Danielsen says with a smile, "People started talking." And talking...

By May 2014, Danielsen and O'Brien were raring to go. "Dan and I went through the park and identified trees that we agreed from our very different backgrounds would carry fires to structures," says Danielsen. "We decided to start where fire could go from public land to privately owned land. Then we broke it down into doable projects."

At first the two thought they could get it done in a series of workdays, but it quickly became apparent that maintaining the park is continuous—and fun. "I think the only thing we have in common is that we'd rather work than talk," says Danielsen of the core group of volunteers. "Once we discussed what political parties we belong to, and I don't think that any of us belonged to the same party. You could call us work-addicted mavericks."

O'Brien is no longer part of the crew. When he retired, he suggested that his wife pick their next zip code, and they ended up in Oregon. But a group of hardy souls show up one afternoon a week, including Katie Gluck, Gretchen Gilfillan, Ray Barazza, and Peter Liddell. "Last fall we worked in the park-

ing lot taking out old pampas grass, just terrible," Danielsen remembers. "Peter Conrad and Annette McCambrey helped with that. Mabry Benson and my husband John helped."

Others contribute in multiple ways. Ciara Wood wrote and secured a grant from Diablo FireSafe Council, and Len Welsh negotiated with the Arlington Community Church and Bay View Refuse to site a dumpster on church property. "That really helped," Danielsen says. "We fill up the dumpster with green waste and don't have to pay someone to go to the dump any longer."

Danielsen says there is plenty more to do: "There is blackberry that needs reduction, bottle brush needs to be cut down to shrub size. Then there are other sectors of the park such as the arc around the school. Below the tennis courts is great native grassland, but other vegetation is moving into that area." The group will meet October 7, from 2-4, and each Wednesday after that unless it's pouring. "We have gloves and tools, but people are welcome to bring their own," says Danielsen. Participants must sign a liability release, which are available at the Public Safety Building. Contact Danielsen at charlid@pacbell.net for more information.

"We'd love to have families with kids get involved," says Danielsen. "I told my grandson, 'You have to think like a flame.' And he said, 'Granny, flames aren't sentient, they don't think.' It's no fun alone, but it's just delightful when there are a bunch of people working together."



Restorationist and native plant expert Charli Danielsen likes to work more than she likes to talk.



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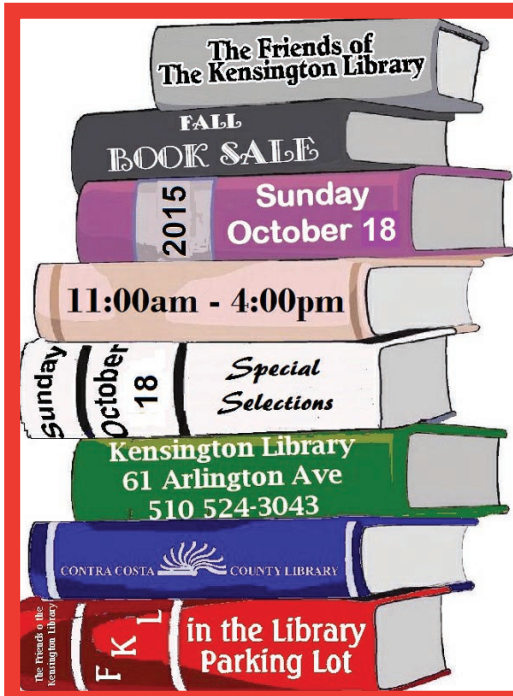
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Kensington Calendar

October 1-30 JAZZERCISE Daily M-F; 8:15-9:15am; ongoing/drop-in OK; Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

October 1, 8, 15 Baby & Toddler Storytime 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.

October 2-4: Vampires, Werewolves and Zombies Weekend at Playland-Not-at-the-Beach. \$10-\$15. Open Friday-Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm. 10979 San Pablo Ave., EC. 592-3002 www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org

support, encouragement and help. Learn new stitches, share your talents, and meet new friends. Meets on the first Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

October 6 Best of Myth at the Movies: *Field of Dreams*. View this movie before class, then come to the discussion led by Richard Stromer from 7-9:15 pm. First Tuesdays of the month through June 7, 2016. \$60 for all, \$8 each. Info: Richard Stromer, (510) 682-6302; registration: Lonnie Moseley, (510) 655-1444 or lonniemoseley@hotmail.com. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org

how to know if your home is correctly retrofitted, and safety during the quake. Questions gladly answered; free and open to all. Please respond to the Kensington Public Safety Council, kensingtonpsc@gmail.com, so we know how many will be attending.

October 17 Read to Izzie the Dog! Izzie is a registered therapy dog and she loves to have children read to her. Fifteen-minute appointments can be booked; walk-ins welcome to remaining time. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 10:00am to noon. Free. 524-3043.

October 18 Kensington Parade and Picnic Parade at noon; family event, prizes, contests, BBQ.

October 18 Martin Verhoeven, Professor of Philosophy and Religion at GTU; teaches meditation at Berkeley Buddhist Monastery. “Walden Pond and the Ganges River: The Meeting of Waters and Minds.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

October 20 Berkeley Garden Club Lecture Program 12:30-3pm. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Avenue. Lecture: “Water Reuse—Graywater System Reality” by Brian Munson, Water Sprouts, graywater workshop leader.

October 21 Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters WCCC will meet at 1:15 at 28 Camelot Court to discuss local issues. Guests are welcome. Confirm at 527-4240.

October 24 Kensington Improvement Club Annual Meeting, childcare provided. 9:30-noon, Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

October 25 Steven Herrmann, Jungian psychotherapist; author, poet and scholar. “Teilhard de Chardin & C.G. Jung: Peacemakers in an age of Spiritual Democracy.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

October 26 Kensington Library Book Club Discussion of *The Bostonians*, by Henry James. Book Club normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

October 29 Halloween “Spaghetti Skeleton” Craft Come create this sweet or spooky Halloween craft that gets kids into the bones of human anatomy! Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 3pm. Free. 524-3043.

October 30-November 1 Halloween Costume Weekend at Playland-Not-at-the-Beach. \$10-\$15. Open Friday-Sunday 10am-5pm. 10979 San Pablo Ave., EC. 592-3002 www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org

October 31 Halloween Party Come show off your costumes as you treat yourself to Halloween dances and activities. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 11am-12:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

October 31 Pierre Teilhard de Chardin’s Cosmic Christ and C. G. Jung’s Self-Concept: An Experiential Workshop. 9:30am-1pm. Led by Dr. Steven Herrmann. Suggested donation: \$25. To register, contact: Lonnie Moseley, (510) 655-1444 or email lonniemoseley@hotmail.com. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

November 1 Maybeck Estates Historical Walk, 3-5pm. Meet at corner of Kenyon and Grizzly Peak Blvd. Walking tour of Bernard Maybeck Estates on Purdue Avenue with Paul Grunland, who shares history of Maybeck, Arts & Crafts architect. Bob Shaner will share experiences of building his own home with the Maybecks. To reserve, call KCC at 525-0292. Limited to 25. Cost \$15. Heavy rain cancels.

Save the Date: November 21 32nd Annual Garden Party Kensington Hilltop Elementary School’s live & silent auction gala at Mira Vista Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., from 5-11pm.



Singer Meghan Dibble performs in “And the World Goes ‘Round”
See October 10.

KIC Annual Meeting Features John Gioia and Kevin Hart

The Kensington Improvement Club’s Annual Town Hall meeting, held at the Community Center October 24 from 9:30am to noon, provides an informal setting to meet with local representatives and community boards. This year’s speakers include Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia; Kensington GM/COP Kevin Hart; KPPCSD president Len Welsh; KFPD board vice president Nina Harmon; El Cerrito Fire Chief Lance Maples; KCC/KSEP administrator Marty Westby; KMAC chair Patrick Tahara, and a representative from the Friends of the Kensington Library.

Since 1921, KIC has been an advocate for our community at the county and state levels. KIC works on emergency preparedness and public landscaping; monitors local district board meetings and ballot issues; disseminates information to the public on vital issues; and maintains the kiosk and signboard on Arlington Avenue. KIC provides financial assistance for public projects, including those advanced by other Kensington groups. In recent years, KIC spearheaded ongoing cleanup for the Kensington paths. KIC published the popular book *Kensington, Past and Present*, which provides an in-depth historical analysis of Kensington and its governmental structure and is now being updated with information about our unique community.

The KIC Town Hall Meeting is a popular event, and all residents are invited to attend. A short annual meeting precedes the speakers. With the help of KCC, free childcare will be provided in Building E, to help parents attend this important meeting. Call (510) 525-0292 to reserve a childcare spot. KIC will provide coffee and light refreshments, so come early and meet your neighbors!

October 3-4 Native Plant Fair, Native Here Nursery Over 200 species of native plants for sale, both days. 10am-3 pm Saturday, noon-3pm Sunday. Native Here Nursery is on Golf Course Drive in Tilden Park, across the street from the golf course. On Saturday, the East Bay Regional Parks Botanic Garden will also have its fall plant sale, 10am-3pm. This is a golden opportunity to establish a native garden of non-thirsty plants that benefit our native insects and animals.

October 4 David Christopher, award-winning author and teacher of the “new story”, integrating science and spirituality. “Facing the Crises of Our Times with a New Story of Creation: Changing the Stories of Modern Mind.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302.

October 5 Travel Lecture “Armchair Travel to Bhutan” Kensington resident John Leupold, founder of Champaca Journeys, has visited Bhutan 22 times since 2007. He describes Bhutan as the most remarkable place he has ever visited. Its unique history, culture, geography, and politics will be the subject of this program with images of architecture, mountains, wildlife, and people of the region. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

October 5 Kensington Library Knitting Club “The Castoffs” All levels welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn. We will provide

October 6 and 8 Body Sculpting Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15-10:15am, ongoing, drop-in OK, Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

October 10, 17, 11, and 18 “And the World Goes ‘Round”—a Musical Revue, Saturdays at 8pm; Sunday Oct 11, 2pm; Oct 18, 4pm. It’s an uplifting revue of songs from “Cabaret,” “Chicago,” and more, with music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, directed by Donna Davis with musical direction by Bryan Baker. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington. Tix at BrownPaperTickets.com. No one turned away, wheelchair accessible. www.uucb.org/music-events or call (510) 525-0302.

October 11 Victoria Lee, psychologist and author of *Rumi Secrets and Soulful Sex*; musician and public speaker. “Rumi: Poet of the Heart and Wisdom for Our Time.” 10-11am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

October 14 Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers’ Open House. Casting lessons at 5pm, free hot dogs and soft drinks at 6pm, open house 6:30. Kensington Community Center. Contact grizzlypeakflyfishers@gmail.com to sign up.

October 15 Is Your Home Ready for the Hayward Rupture? 7pm at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Larry Guillot of Quake Prepare will discuss topics such as key ingredients to a complete retrofit,

Town Meetings

(Schedule Subject to Change – Call to Confirm.)

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

KCC - October 5 Kensington Community Council 1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

FKL - October 6 Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm (at the Library, 61 Arlington Ave.) 1st Tuesdays

KPSC - October 12 Kensington Public Safety Council Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness 2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

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

KFPD - October 14 Fire Protection District 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - October 8 Police Protection and Community Services District 2nd Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

KIC - October 26 Kensington Improvement Club 4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC (Tent.) - October 27 Municipal Advisory Council Last Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia’s office to confirm: 231-8691)

KPOA Property Owners Association Meets quarterly. 559-8232

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